

WEST HAM SPEEDWAY

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Don Smith

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OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

MEETING No. 23
SATURDAY, 27th AUG., 1966, at 7.45 p.m.

BRITISH SPEEDWAY LEAGUE MATCH

**WEST HAM vs.
LONG EATON**

Held under the Regulations of the Speedway Control
Board. Track Licence No. 66/14 Permit No. 1338
Track Length 415 yards.

BETTING STRICTLY PROHIBITED

*Home of the
Happy "Hammers"*



behind the Hammers with **dave lanning**

Our victory at Hackney, fightingly and brilliantly achieved, once and for all wiped the slate clean for the defeats we suffered at the hands of the 'Hawks' in 1965..... and virtually proved that we at least are still masters of the Metropolis.

As we write, the destination of the London Cup still lies in the balance. It now appears that the matter rests on how heavily the weakened Hackney team fares against Wimbledon. With a crushing victory against the 'Hawks', Wimbledon can still snatch the trophy.

If this is so, then surely even the staunchest Don supporter will agree it is a hollow achievement; we were robbed by the cruellest stroke of fortune at Plough Lane of a draw that would have wrapped up the competition. For we aptly gained revenge over the Dons in the return, and rattled up the heaviest home defeat since re-opening (by our reckoning, any way) on our rivals from Waterden Road.

This is more like the Championship form we've been waiting to see all season; the talent we *knew* was abundant, yet, through ill-fortune and injury, has not truly shown itself until this last month.

It was a fine *team* performance that brought us our long-awaited first triumph at Hackney; our heat leaders led; our second strings responded; reserve Don

Smith chipped in with a fighting second place just at the right time.

A memorable evening; a somewhat tempestuous evening. And in the midst of our triumph, we must pay tribute to Hackney for a stout fight under severe handicaps. Without Gerald Jackson, with Colin Pratt riding against doctor's orders, and with Poyser and Davies still on the way back following nasty injuries, the Hawks showed all the fight and spirit we know is evident in every Cockney side.

We trust they will be in a happier state when we visit them later in the season for our Pride of the East End clashes; for now we go to Eastway confident. We haven't been beaten there this year. The Hawk bogey has been well and truly laid.

Tonight we return to blood-and-thunder British League racing on a Saturday that has all the portents of turning out to be something really spectacular. For the Long Eaton side that parade our arena tonight bear absolutely no relation to the Derbyshire outfit we crushed so mercilessly during our big championship push last year.

We shall be very interested to see this new Swede, Leif Encrona in action. He comes on the crest of a big build-up, and appears to be a very great crowd-pleaser indeed. Well, we at West Ham have always appreciated a whole-hearted entertainer, be he Hammer or not. And the Long Eaton side have well-worth-watching riders like England's young tearaway, Ray Wilson, the boy we were very interested in signing during the last close season, and our former Hammer, Australian Ray Cresp, now one of speedway's well-respected administrators with the Speedway Riders Association.

It's also a pleasure to welcome their team manager Ron Wilson to West Ham for the first time as Archers' co-promoter. He will find us friendly, but in no mood for giveaways.

Finally, may we remind you of the European Final at Wembley Stadium, now only seven days away, **Next Saturday**,

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HAMMERAMA



Norm the Storm cut a tyre specially for our Hackney clash.....and discovered an unexpected short cut to success! For in the so-doing, he sliced the tops on two fingers. Rode in plasters. Said afterwards: "My finger tips didn't half tingle. But it really sharpened up my gating". Which, in the circumstances at Hackney, was just as well.....

Fashion note. **The Hurri-Ken** at Hackney took one look at **Our Dave** in his natty light grey summer wear and exclaimed: "Strewth, now we've got a beach-comber for a manager"!

All the boys were knocked out by the support at the home of the Wicky Gnomes. "Just like riding in a home match", said **The 'eart-throb**. He always seems to love winning away from home. The rest of the boys take it with typical English, Alf Ramsey-type dignity; but Sverre absolutely jumps for you. "Excitable foreigner", grinned **The Phantom Waver**.

Sverre, incidentally, is sporting a very healthy-looking sun-tan these days. In his fashionable Scandinavian gear he looks just like a Continental playboy or something.

As if you needed reminding, Newcastle are here on Tuesday and it ain't gonna be no picnic. 'Diamonds' have **Ivan Mauger**, currently ranked number two in Britain to **Barry Briggs**; **Brian Brett** will be back; and they've a whole lot of strength down the order. Bound to be a rip-snorter. So keep a'coming, people.

Letters. And how about this for boldness. **Mr. F. Van Beest**, of Maitland Park Road, London, N.W.3 writes: "I am a Wimbledon supporter used to watching speedway in a good stadium. I visit West Ham every week mainly to see them defeated by whichever team happens to be there. I look forward to your next home defeat by Wimbledon and trust not too many tears will be shed when you realise you have lost all three trophies which you won last year".

Charming type, eh? Wonder where he was t'other Tuesday when we walloped the Dons? And we haven't lost all our three trophies yet, Mr. Van Beest.....and at least we *had* three to lose, which is three more than Dons!

One of our loyal fans suggests we should have a pre-match presentation at the Tote End. "The people on the straights get all the jam", he writes. 'Tis an idea which we'll try before the end of the season, that's a promise.

David Bond, of Thorpe Road, East Ham, wants to split up the Hunter-Simmons pairing.

Straight
shooting
young
"Archer"

**NORMAN
STORER**



Team pairings he suggests are: Ken & Male; Sverre & Reg; Norman & Brian. Thing about these pairings is that we experimented a bit early on, but the general opinion was to return to the 1965 formula—or the nearest thing to it—as quickly as possible. But we're always open to suggestion.

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'HAMMERS' BRITISH LEAGUE RECORDS (Up to and including 20th August)

Rider	Mtchs.	Rides	Pts.	Bonus	Tot.	Calc. Ave.
Ken McKinlay	21	87	200	8	208	9.56
Sverre Harrfeldt	13	57	119½	7	126½	8.88
Norman Hunter	23	99	190	13	203	8.20
Don Smith	2	4	5	2	7	7.00
Malc Simmons	21	84	101	29	130	6.19
Ray Wickett	3	6	6	2	8	5.33
Reg Trott	23	83	82	15	97	4.68
Brian Leonard	21	76	76	12	88	4.63
Ted Ede	16	39	25	10	35	3.59
Terry Stone	8	19	8	3	11	2.32

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West Ham Speedway

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— Officials —

Clerk of the Course: Dave Lanning

A.C.U. Referee: P. B. Ryall

Timekeeper: R. J. Rowe

Speedway and Team Manager: Dave Lanning

Announcer: Brian Meggison

Machine Examiner: Phil Bishop

Starting Marshal: Ron Wiltshire

Pit Marshal: Alf Carter

Colour Marshal: J. Murphy

Medical Officer: Dr. White, M.B.

St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance

Track Grader by courtesy of Jessups (Stratford) Ltd.

Old Track Record: (Four Laps, Clutch Start) Jack Young (West Ham) 70.6 secs. 1st June, 1954

New Track Record: (Small Wheel) Nigel Boocock (Coventry), 72.4 secs. August 31st, 1965

Fastest Time this Season: Norman Hunter (West Ham) 73.0 secs. August 4th, 1966

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

23rd MEETING(3rd Season) SATURDAY, 27th AUGUST, 1966

EVENT 1 — BRITISH SPEEDWAY LEAGUE MATCH

WEST HAM v. LONG EATON

(Red, Blue, White Hammers)

(Yellow, Red Archer)

Team Manager: Dave Lanning

Team Manager: Ron Wilson

Match Points: Win—2 points; Draw—1 point

4 Laps. Clutch Start, Match decided on Race Points: 1st—3, 2nd—2, 3rd—1

Riders identified by Helmet Colours

Home Riders, Red and Blue; Visitors, White and Yellow & Black

Heat	RIDERS Grid	Substitute	Helmet Colours	Points Scored by Riders	Result	Points Scored W.H. L.E.
1 1 Time 2	Ken McKinlay (C) Reg Trott 1 Ray Wilson 2 Dennis Newton		Red Blue White Y. & B.		1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....	
2 3 Time 4	Sverre Harrfeldt Brian Leonard 3 Ray Cresp (C) 4 Vic White		Red Blue White Y. & B.		1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....	Prog. totals
3 5 Time 6	Norman Hunter Malcolm Simmons 5 Norman Storer 6 Leif Eneccrona		Red Blue White Y. & B.		1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....	Prog. totals
4 2 Time 7	Reg Trott Don Smith 2 Dennis Newton 7 Greg Kentwell		Red Blue White Y. & B.		1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....	Prog. totals
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13 1 Time 5	Ken McKinlay Norman Hunter 3 Ray Cresp 6 Leif Eneccrona		Red Blue White Y. & B.		1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....	Final totals

— INTERVAL —

In Which Anything Can Happen !

INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

WEST HAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot.	LONG EATON	1	2	3	4	5	6	Tot.
1 K. McKinlay(C)								1 R. Wilson							
2 R. Trott*								2 D. Newton							
3 S. Harrfeldt								3 R. Cresp (C)							
4 B. Leonard								4 V. White*							
5 N. Hunter								5 N. Storer							
6 M. Simmons								6 L. Eneccrona							
7 D. Smith (R)								7 G. Kentwell (R)							
Total West Ham Match Score								Total Long Eaton Match Score							

(C) Captain (R) Reserve *Supplementary Reserve †Substitute Rider

Tactical Substitute: After Heat 4 a team six or more points in arrears may use a substitute rider.

Nos. 7 (Reserves) may be used as substitutes at any stage, irrespective of score.

A Tactical Substitute may not be used to replace a Reserve.

PROGRAMME SECOND HALF — SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

EVENT 2 SEVENPENNY SCRAMBLE 14th Race

Time	Riders	Substitute	Helmet	Points	Result
.....	Ted Ede	Red	1st.....
.....	Don Smith	Blue	2nd.....
.....	Vic White	White	3rd.....
.....	Greg Kentwell	Y. & B.	4th.....

EVENT 3 FIND-A-HAMMER HANDICAP 15th Race

.....	Ted Ede	20 yds.	Red	1st.....
.....	Don Smith	20 yds.	Blue	2nd.....
.....	Neville Slee	10 yds.	White	3rd.....
.....	Mike Stevenitt	Scr.	Y. & B.	4th.....
.....	Keith Curtis	Scr.	G. & W.	5th.....

EVENT 4 THE BULLS-EYE BURN-UP 16th Race

Heat 1

(Heat Winners and Second in Fastest Heat to Final)

.....	Ken McKinlay	Red	1st.....
.....	Brian Leonard	Blue	2nd.....
.....	Ray Wilson	White	3rd.....
.....	Norman Storer	Y. & B.	4th.....

EVENT 4 Heat 2 17th Race

.....	Norman Hunter	Red	1st.....
.....	Reg Trott	Blue	2nd.....
.....	Ray Cresp	White	3rd.....
.....	Leif Enecona	Y. & B.	4th.....

EVENT 4 Heat 3 18th Race

.....	Sverre Harrfeldt	Red	1st.....
.....	Malcolm Simmons	Blue	2nd.....
.....	Dennis Newton	White	3rd.....
.....	Greg Kentwell	Y. & B.	4th.....

EVENT 5 THE CUSTOM HOUSE KIDS KANTER 19th Race

.....	Brian Curtis	Red	1st.....
.....	Bart Walker	Blue	2nd.....
.....	Keith Curtis	White	3rd.....
.....	Mike Stevenitt	Y. & B.	4th.....

EVENT 4 THE BULLS-EYE BURN-UP 20th Race

— GRAND FINALE —

.....	Red	1st.....
.....	Blue	2nd.....
.....	White	3rd.....
.....	Y. & B.	4th.....

GOOD-NIGHT HAMMERS. Gather again on Tuesday for the great League clash against NEWCASTLE and the controversial IVAN MAUGER.

HAMMERAMA—cont.

This Long Eaton bunch are quite a cosmopolitan crowd, aren't they? A Swede, an Aussie, in fact, two Aussies, the South African champion, and young Ray Wilson, perhaps the best young prospect in England. Interesting, very interesting.

August Monday? Looking for something to do? Four of the boys are booked in at Kings Lynn for the London Select. The Hurri-Ken, The 'cart-throb, The Phantom Waver, and The Hairstyle. Also riding that day: Norm the Storm, down at Exeter in the morn.

Which leaves poor old Brian and Malc with nothing to do all day! Any suggestions girls?

Don't forget then: Tuesday, Newcastle. And in only ten days time we have Kings Lynn with Terry Betts and Peter Moore, and old Bana-Legs himself, Stan Stevens. Bet the bar takings go down that night!

BEHIND THE HAMMERS—cont.

September 3rd. Everyone knows by now that we have two representatives, Ken McKinlay and Sverre Harrfeldt, and that we are very confident that both will qualify for the Final at Gothenberg later in the month.

We have also written to the authorities to remind them of our suggestion that the whole Hammers side should be honoured

in some way on this Big Night for their outstanding achievements in 1965. So far, we have heard nothing in reply.

But we know every Hammer supporter will turn out at Empire Stadium if it is certain their favourites will be permitted a lap of honour on the Big Night. And for this reason alone, we shall keep pushing on towards our aim.

Dave Lanning

CURRENT BRITISH LEAGUE TABLE

(Up to and including 22nd August)

	HOME				AWAY				Pts
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	
Coventry	27	15	0	0	4	1	7	39	
Swindon	23	12	0	0	4	0	7	32	
Halifax	24	11	0	1	5	0	7	32	
Exeter	31	13	1	2	2	0	13	31	
Wimbledon	24	11	0	1	4	0	8	30	
Glasgow	25	13	0	0	1	0	11	28	
Belle Vue	26	14	0	0	0	0	12	28	
Poole	27	11	0	2	2	2	10	28	
Newcastle	23	11	0	1	3	0	8	28	
Edinburgh	28	12	0	1	1	0	14	26	
Wolverhampton	23	11	0	1	1	1	9	25	
Hackney	30	11	1	2	1	0	15	25	
Sheffield	25	12	0	0	0	0	13	24	
Oxford	23	10	1	1	1	0	10	23	
West Ham	24	8	0	3	2	1	10	21	
Newport	30	10	1	4	0	0	15	21	
King's Lynn	27	9	0	3	1	0	14	20	
Long Eaton	28	9	1	4	0	0	14	19	
Cradley Heath	28	8	0	6	0	0	14	16	



Trio of "Hammers" — happy at defeating "Hawks".
Left to Right: Norm Hunter, Malc Simmons and Don Smith.

APRIL				Wed. 6 A		BSL	Poole	L361-411
Tues. 5 H	CH	Hackney	W44-34	Tues. 12 H	A	Int	England v S. Russia	71-37
Fri. 8 A	BSL	Glasgow	L38-39	Tues. 19 H	BSL	Coventry		L36-42
Mon. 11 A	ST	Wimbledon	L38-40	Sat. 23 H	BSL	Poole		W43-35
Tues. 12 H	ST	Wimbledon	W42-36	Tues. 26 H	H	KO	Wolverhampton	W61-35
Mon. 18 A	BSL	Newcastle	L34-44	AUGUST				
Tues. 19 H	BSL	Oxford	Rained off	Thur. 4 H	H	CM	Vargarna, Swdn.	W45-33
Sat. 23 A	BSL	Halifax	L37-41	Sat. 6 A	A	KO	Halifax	L44-52
Tues. 26 H	BSL	Glasgow	W43-35	Tues. 9 H	H	BSL	Edinburgh	W50-28
Sat. 30 A	BSL	Cradley Heath	W44-33	Sat. 13 A	A	LC	Wimbledon	L47-49
MAY				Tues. 16 H	H	LC	Wimbledon	W53-43
Tues. 3 H	BSL	Cradley Heath	W48-29	Fri. 19 A	A	LC	Hackney	W53-43
Wed. 4 A	BSL	Kings Lynn	Rained off	Sat. 20 A	A	BSL	Coventry	L36-42
Tues. 10 H	BSL	Belle Vue	W44-34	Mon. 22 A	A	BSL	Exeter	L37-41
Sat. 14 A	BSL	Belle Vue	L28-50	Tues. 23 H	H	LC	Hackney	W63-33
Tues. 17 H	BSL	Hackney	W45-33	Sat. 27 H	H	BSL	Long Eaton
Wed. 18 A	BSL	Hackney	D39-39	Tues. 30 H	H	BSL	Newcastle
Tues. 24 H	WCh	Qual. Round	B. Briggs	SEPTEMBER				
Tues. 31 H	BSL	Swindon	W41-37	Fri. 2 A	A	BSL	Newport
JUNE				Tues. 6 H	H	BSL	Kings Lynn
Sat. 4 A	BSL	Long Eaton	W40-37	Thur. 8 A	A	BSL	Sheffield
Tues. 7 H	KO	Exeter	W59-37	Fri. 9 A	A	BSL	Edinburgh
Sat. 11 A	BSL	Wimbledon	L38-40	Tues. 13 H	H	BSL	Sheffield
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Tues. 21 H	BSL	Halifax	L37-41	Tues. 27 H	H	BSL	Wolverhampton
Tues. 28 H	BSL	Newport	W48-30	Fri. 30 A	A	BSL	Wolverhampton
JULY				OCTOBER				
Sat. 2 A	BSL	Swindon	L35-43	Tues. 4 H	H	BSL	Oxford
Tues. 5 H	BSL	Poole	Rained off	Fri. 7 A	A	PEE	Hackney
				Tues. 11 H	H	PEE	Hackney

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