

Thanks **Marlene**. Your poem wasn't so hot.

Arthur Price failed to turn up last Saturday. No apology — no 'phone call. I can see him coughing up a fine to the Riders' Benevolent fund to which all fines go.

St. John Ambulance Brigade were delighted to receive the splendid amount of £75 — from last week's collection. The money came in just when they badly needed some urgent extras. Thanks folks. You were most generous.

Brian Foote who once rode for the "**Crusaders**" is getting married today. We sent a telegram to **Mr. and Mrs. Foote**. "Congratulations. May you have many sons. Best wishes from the "**Crusaders**".

CANTERBURY SPEEDWAY SUPPORTERS' CLUB

We have come to the end of another season, so on behalf of the Club and Riders I would like to say thank you for the support you have given us during the season both by buying tote tickets and goodies from the hut. After all without your support we couldn't help the riders, who in turn, need a Supporters' Club to help when spares are needed. So on behalf of the Supporters' Club and the Riders many thanks. We look forward to seeing you all next season. Here are a few dates for your diaries.

27th Nov.—Presentation Dance.

18th Dec.—Children's Party.

22nd Jan.—New Year Dance.

28th Jan.—A.G.M.

11th Mar.—Pre-Season Dance.

Draw Results: 1st (4687) £8.50; 2nd (8646) £5.10; 3rd (4418) £3.40.

Johnnies wine to Ash fan.

ON SALE AT THE FAN CLUB KIOSK (near entrance) —

Badges Year Bars (1968, 69, 70) 5p. (1971) 8p. Pens 5p.

Pennants 13p. Transfers 5p. Club Ties 75p.

Crossed Swords Tie Pin 13p. Children's Jackets — just like the "**Crusaders**" wear.

NEXT MERRY MEETING

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th, 1972

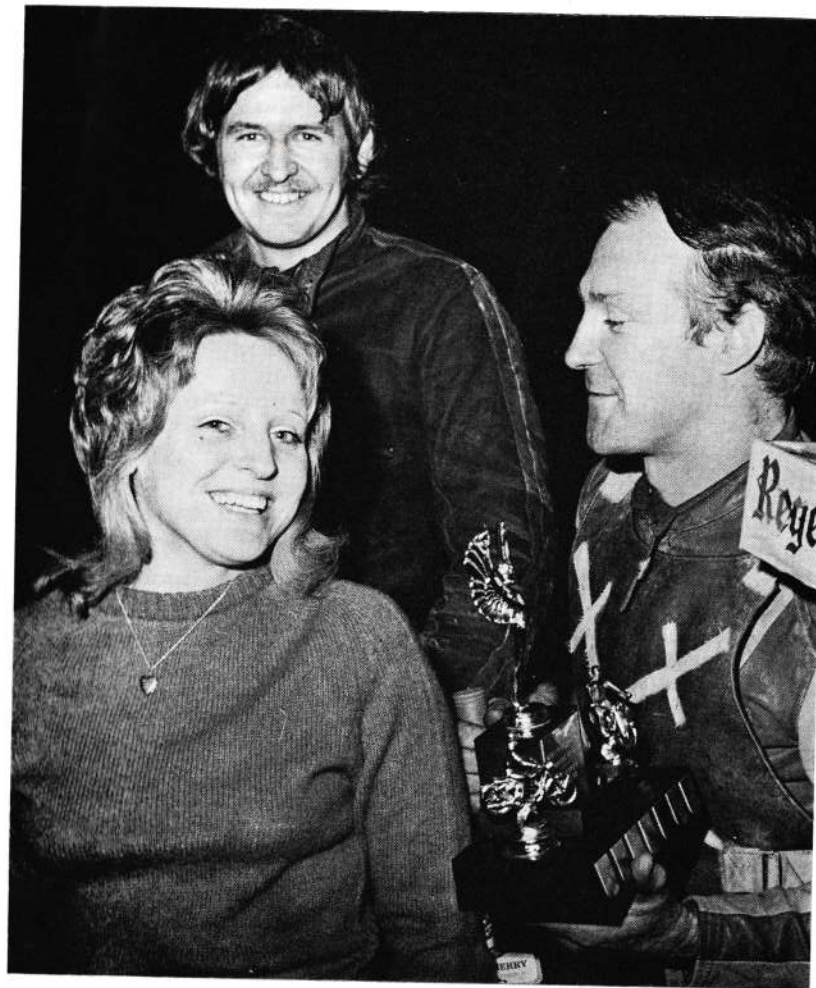
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Same Old Thrill.

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CANTERBURY SPEEDWAY



Sue Lancefield, Graeme Stapleton, Ross Gilbertson.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 1971, 7 p.m.

"**Crusaders**" v. Romford "**Bombers**"

ALSO

"**Speedway Supporters' Trophy**"

STRICTLY NO BETTING

SEVEN NEW PENCE

CANTERBURY SPEEDWAY

CANTERBURY CITY FOOTBALL GROUND
STADIUM KINGSMEAD ROAD
Telephone: 61244 (Saturdays Only)

Promoted by and under direction of
Canterbury Speedway Ltd.

Telephone Herne Bay 5932
Secretary: Pauline Osbourn. Tel. Canterbury 51409

Meeting held under the auspices of the
Speedway Control Board

Length of Track 390 yards

4 Laps Track Record: Ross Gilbertson 75.76 sec. 23.10.71

1 Lap rolling start: G. Smith 18.5 sec. 11.7.70

A.C.U. Referee

K. J. HILL

Clerk of the Course

J. S. HOSKINS

S.C.B. Timekeeper

G. R. COX

Announcer

MALCOLM MITCHELL

Team Manager

RUSS OSBOURN

Machine Examiner

R. T. J. MCKINNON

Pit Marshal

BOB BEENY

Starting Marshal

R. HUBBARD

Permit No.: 68/22

Licence No.: SP215

Medical Officers

Dr. VERNON

Dr. ROBINSON

St. John Ambulance Brig.

Johnnie's Jottings



If there had been a prize for the best meeting in the whole country last week we should have walked it.

Those riders just never let up: They came from the back, they passed on the straight and on the corners to provide another of those meetings which has made our little "Castle by the river Stour" so famous.

Young Trevor Barnwell's duel against Kevin Holden had the crowd on its feet yelling all the way. Coming out of the last corner he was still leading but with less and less space ahead of the Star of Romford. With only a split part of a second to go the experienced Kevin snatch victory right on the line.

With the memory of many such races to revive round the fireside during the winter months we merge into the farewell meeting of the 1971 season.

What though we finished way down the League table, and brought no trophies home this season. Who cares? We fought a terrific task with the gallant few left after losing all our top points getters and being forced to start team building all over again from scratch. Once or twice the team went down by a few points at home, but always after a titanic struggle, and sometimes by sheer bad luck.

We shall be in there fighting again next March and we are already looking over the list of those who want to ride for us to find just one more heat leader.

Until mid-January when the Promoters gather for their two-day exchange of ideas, when the air becomes heated with argument, electrified with new proposals and decisions finally made.

Some tracks will be going out, others coming in, but none so far promoted to first, nor any demoted into second division.

All sorts of ideas are being banged around to straighten out the rule books, and give a fairer deal to all.

We shall keep you posted as to the way the wind is blowing and in the meantime try to get the best team ever, some more covered accommodation and more comfort for our merry followers of the "Crusaders" fortunes.

In closing let us say thanks for the all-round team effort by Supporters, Riders, Officials, and everyone.

To mention all by name is quite impossible, to single out a few would be unpardonable, so let us just say, "Young folks, old folks, boys and gals, we appreciate your efforts, your loyalty, your support and your wonderful behaviour at times when excitement has run high.

We congratulate Ross Gilbertson the Captain of the side and all his merry men.

When winter is over and March comes round again may we all be together feeling the joy of Spring, fit and frisky and ready to go, go, go, to the top of the League once more.

Thank you good friends for everything and may you prosper during the winter, may your health be wonderful, and may your home radiate happiness and laughter and goodwill to all. We shall drink a toast to you on Christmas Day.

JOHNNIE HOSKINS

GOSSIP, FACT AND FANCY

Many times this year, rightly or wrongly we have hurled abuse at the Referee. As we close for the season I would like to praise a Referee, **Mr. S. J. Mellish**, for having the courage and good sense to change his mind.

This was not a League match. It was a keenly contested open meeting and so the Referee had no fire-eating "My team, right or wrong" manager to contend with.

Last week **Graeme Stapleton** fell and was disqualified for causing the race to be stopped. Fair enough?

I did not know the reason for the fall. Neither did the Referee nor any of the spectators. **Graeme** protested that he had to throw his motor down because **Graham Banks'** machine had seized and stopped right in front of him. To carry on meant colliding with **Graham** and causing injury to both or throwing his motor down. Like the sportsman he is **Banksie** confirmed this. The Referee heard the complaint and permitted a re-run.

No other rider complained. No visiting team manager screamed to high heaven, "We wuz robbed!"

I have on occasion apologised to Referees for appealing against a decision which on investigation I have found to be the right one. Recently a Referee apologised to me for a mistake he had made. Theirs is a job I would never ever care to undertake. Let us give praise where it is due.

A magistrate who presides over Traffic Court offences is reputed to have said, "All motorists are liars".

I sometimes wonder if Referees are not tempted to complain, "All Team Managers are guilty of the sin of Ananias".

Graham Banks who usually has faultless equipment had his worst night ever. His motor quit on him from

the start and he had a miserable night.

A booking at Wimbledon on Thursday somewhat consoled him. I accepted an invitation to accompany **Monty** and **Graham** to see the Final night jamboree at the **Don's** posh Stadium, where **Graham** was down for a couple of rides.

Graeme Stapleton with a brilliant second to **Ross Gilbertson** at last week's gathering says, "It's Wimbledon or Canterbury for me next season. It could be on the same agreement as this season". Thanks **Graeme** for your help this year, and good luck down under.

Steve Davies wore a long pullover. You know why? The zip ripped off his leather britches and his shirt showed through the gap. A modest lad is **Steve**. Imagine how you'd have felt.

Our good friends of the **City Football Club** are hoping to have the new Refreshment Room open soon for all kinds of functions during the winter months. Our relations with them have been very cordial and co-operative. The Refreshment room will fill a much needed requirement to Patrons' comfort. We hope to see lots of Speedway friends at football matches at Kingsmead.

To the **Canterbury City Council** we extend our grateful thanks for their continued assistance. Their Officials of all Departments have been most helpful in many ways with their advice and suggestions for which we are exceedingly grateful.

With large crowds of motorists coming from all directions on Speedway nights the traffic control by the **Police Department** has been faultless. Many visitors have commented on

CLUTCH STARTS — Four Laps — 1st - 3 points; 2nd - 2 points; 3rd - 1 point

CRUSADERS" v. ROMFORD "BOMBERS"

	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
"Crusaders"						
1. ROSS GILBERTSON (Capt.)						
2. DAVE PIDDOCK						
3. GRAHAM BANKS						
4. TREVOR BARNWELL						
5. GRAEME STAPLETON						
6. BRIAN KENNETT (Res.)						
7. TED HUBBARD (Res.)						
Romford "Bombers"						
1. KEVIN HOLDEN						
2. MIKE SAMPSON						
3. STAN STEVENS						
4. REG TROTT						
5. CHARLIE BENHAM						
6. IAN GILLES (Res.)						
7. TED SPITTLES (Res.)						
Team Manager: Maurice Morley. Colours: R.A.F. Roundel on White.						

HEAT	Helmet Colour	Rider or Substitute	Points Scored by Riders	Crusaders Team Points	Opponents Team Points	Progressive Total Crusaders	Opponents
1 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Ross Gilbertson 2 Dave Piddock 1 Kevin Holden 2 Mike Sampson		4	2	6	2
2 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	6 Brian Kennett 7 Ted Hubbard 6 Ian Gilles 7 Ted Spittles		3	3	9	5
3 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	5 Graeme Stapleton 4 Trevor Barnwell 5 Charlie Benham 4 Reg Trott		4	2	11	7
4 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Graham Banks 6 Brian Kennett 3 Stan Stevens 7 Ted Spittles		5	1	16	8
5 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	5 Graeme Stapleton 4 Trevor Barnwell 1 Kevin Holden 2 Mike Sampson		5	1	21	9
6 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Ross Gilbertson 2 Dave Piddock 3 Stan Stevens 6 Ian Gilles		4	2	25	11
7 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Graham Banks 6 Brian Kennett 5 Charlie Benham 4 Reg Trott		4	2	29	13
8 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	2 Dave Piddock 7 Ted Hubbard 2 Mike Sampson 7 Ted Spittles		5	1	34	14

HEAT	Helmet Colour	Rider or Substitute	Points Scored by Riders	Crusaders Team Points	Opponents Team Points	Progressive Total Crusaders	Opponents
9 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	5 Graeme Stapleton 4 Trevor Barnwell 3 Stan Stevens 6 Ian Gilles		5	1	39	15
10 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Ross Gilbertson 2 Dave Piddock 5 Charlie Benham 4 Reg Trott		4	2	43	17
11 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Graham Banks 7 Ted Hubbard 1 Kevin Holden 2 Mike Sampson		4	2	47	19
12 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Ross Gilbertson 4 Trevor Barnwell 3 Stan Stevens 5 Charlie Benham		5	1	52	20
13 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Graham Banks 5 Graeme Stapleton 1 Kevin Holden 4 Reg Trott		5	1	57	21

INTERVAL

FIREWORK DISPLAY — BY ASTRA.

GRAND ANNUAL PRESS RACE

Red	Malcolm Mitchell (Kentish Gazette)
Blue	Tom Maitland (Kent Herald)
White	Victor Mensaod (Atomic Power News)
Y and B	Freddie Smith (Kentish Express)
Black	Christopher Cook (Kentish Observer)
Yellow	John Cousins (Kent Messenger)

Also
JUNIOR EVENT
if time.

RESERVES' RACE (3 Laps)

Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Brian Kennett Ian Gilles Ted Hubbard Ted Spittles
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"KENTISH EXPRESS" TROPHY (3 Laps) (1st and fastest 2nd to Final)

1 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Ross Gilbertson Charlie Benham Steve Davies Stan Stevens	R	B	Y	W
2 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Graham Banks Reg Trott Les Rumsey Dave Piddock	Y	B	W	Y
3 Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Graeme Stapleton Mike Sampson Trevor Barnwell Kevin Holden				

"KENTISH EXPRESS" TROPHY FINAL (3 Laps)

Time	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1st	2nd	3rd
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SPEEDWAY SUPPORTERS' CLUB TROPHY

For the highest points scored in combined Team and Trophy races by a "Crusader" tonight.

their courteous and most helpful methods of dealing with rush hour problems. We have pleasure in adding our appreciation.

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Any hope of first division promotion is rather hopeless until we get more seating accommodation, and at the moment we are considering a small grandstand, and a method of financing the project over a period of years. This would need the all-round co-operation of Football Club, Speedway and all who use the Stadium.

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Ross Gilbertson held his hand out in the Board Room in case I had forgotten that record-breaking. As he kissed the fiver fondly he winked at the gentlemen of the Press and said, "We must do this again, but not by too much at a time."

I began to wish I had let the old record stand, phoney or not. Still, it's nice to keep the record in the family.

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The much sought after **Martyn Piddock Memorial Trophy** was won by **Ross Gilbertson**, second **Graeme Stapleton**, and third **Malcolm Ballard**. **Ross** and his wife have opened a Guest House near Poole and no doubt the handsome trophy will be seen by many visitors before being handed back for competition again next year.

Graeme Stapleton won a lovely fur-lined coat to keep out the cold in the far South of N.Z., where it can really freeze. **Mrs. Stapleton** received a canteen of cutlery from Wimbledon Supporters, and **Malcolm Ballard** had a whisky decanter and glasses for his hard-earned third prize.

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Big **John Hammond** with a point in every race is most useful to have around. He has his own business in Southampton, but Speedway is his recreation and he hopes to be here again next term.

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David Piddock's machine reared like a bucking bronco at the start. **Dave** was thrown heavily and had to withdraw from his next ride. A brilliant

win in one race and second in another showed us that **Dave** is back on the trail to Stardom.

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Hurricane Hubbard didn't win a lot of races, but he was in there hot on the trail of the Stars all the way and all the time. Five points in last week's Company is plenty good.

★ ★

Brian Kennett never races so well as against his brothers. Taking a point off first Division **David** was a real achievement. **Brian** broke the tapes in his eagerness to get away in his first race. Then brought in six points. Make it ten tonight **Brian**. It's a long hard winter.

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Our local newspapers have been wonderful, and after tonight's Press race when we have such a representative entry we can be sure of some much enlightened comment.

Look over the entry and pick the winner if you can. A bottle of the best whisky goes to 1st and 2nd and wine for the runners-up.

Both **Dr. Vernon** and **Dr. Robinson** wanted to enter, but they were outvoted on the score of establishing a precedent. They were disappointed.

We think a lot of our track **Doctors**. They are as familiar to the Supporters as any rider. They visit the dressing-room before the meeting in case a rider needs advice or help. They are on the spot at the gallop if there is a fall, and after the meeting they mingle with Press, riders, and everyone just in case someone needs medical attention. Besides, they have been with us since the very first meeting and have never once been late or missing. If one cannot make it because of Hospital duties, the other is certain to be here.

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Miz Rable writes:

Now the season's over what shall I do?

I'll get the programmes and look 'em all through,

I'll check off the scores and laugh at the rhymes,

I'll sit by the fire recalling old times.

How about inviting us to sit with you. We'll bring a bottle.

★ ★

Team Manager **Russ Osbourn** is busy chasing round for all the borrowed bits from the track spare machines. He wants to get a good start with at least one good spare machine next season.

He is also scouting round the practice tracks and grass tracks for new talent.

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Graham Miles our old "Red Knight" is determined to get here tonight. Knowing **Graham**, he'll make it. He will also, despite everything, prove lots of dismal people wrong by recovering from his accident. For weeks he has been in hospital with a broken back. He has no sense of feeling from the waist down, but he won't give in. He refuses to be helped into or out of a car. He sort of rolls in and out, to and from his wheelchair. We admire his courage and his faith and cheerfulness. "How are you feeling, **Graham**?", he was asked. "Where I can feel I'm fine, where I can't feel doesn't matter," he replied with a smile. What a man. Welcome home, **Graham**.

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Secretary **Pauline Osbourn** is already having inquiries from new Supporters about season tickets next year. We shall have to wait to see if our expenses climb any higher, and we might have another Grandstand, or something, so it will be February before we are really ready to go. There is no harm though in getting your name on the list if you wish.

We have not seen much of our Beauty Queen **Miss Carol Clews** of Whitstable, this year, but she is making a presentation for the "Kentish Express" tonight.

WARNING.—Speedway racing is dangerous and all persons attending this Stadium do so entirely at their own risk. It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the meeting, including the owners and lessees of the Stadium and the owners and drivers of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damages or personal injury to spectators or ticketholders.

SPECTATORS PLEASE NOTE

Should it be necessary owing to rain, mechanical or electrical defects or through any other causes whatsoever, to abandon a Speedway Meeting before the SIXTH HEAT—Tickets available for the re-run of that particular match (or any of the subsequent four meetings only) will be issued at the Exit Gates. No money will be refunded under any circumstances whatsoever. The right of admission is reserved. The Management also reserve the right to change the programme as circumstances dictate.

Carol told me she papered her bedroom to match her lovely crown and ribbon.

Les Rumsey with his first win and a couple of points in the main event is feeling fine. He's a Tiger on grass tracks and just watch him next season.

Norman Capstick is bashing on slowly. All our juniors need is a lot of racing.

Phil Pratt's injured arm is still in plaster, but he's still smiling, and planning ahead for 1972.

Mrs. Marlene Poynter of Wye, writes. "Yes we lost the Cup but let nobody dare say our boys didn't give the "Birds of prey" (**Eastbourne**) a fright because they did. Wherever our boys go our hearts go with them, we love them all and I hope we have the same team again next season."

We thank **Mrs. Patrick** for donating all souvenir trophies for "Crusaders" 1971 season.

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