

31st MEETING - 10th October 1964

7.30 p.m.

CRADLEY HEATH SPEEDWAY



PROVINCIAL LEAGUE
SHEFFIELD TIGERS

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME — PRICE NINEPENCE

CRADLEY HEATH SPEEDWAY

(Held under the Regulations of the Provincial Speedway Association)

Promoters: Cradley Heath Stadium Ltd.)

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ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE IN ATTENDANCE

FASTEST TIME EVER RECORDED AT THIS TRACK: IVOR BROWN (68.4 seconds)

RECORDED AT PROVINCIAL LEAGUE MATCH AGAINST NEW CROSS

ON SATURDAY, 20th JULY, 1963

OFFICIAL MEASUREMENT OF TRACK: 367 YARDS

NOTICE

Motor Sports are dangerous and all persons attending this meeting 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, the owners and lessees of the Stadium and the owners and drivers are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damages or personal injury to spectators or ticket holders. There will be no re-admission and in no circumstances will any money be refunded.

Betting is absolutely prohibited at all Speedway Meetings.

The Management reserves the right to alter this programme without notice.

In the event of abandonment of the Meeting before the 6th Heat re-admission tickets will be issued for any of the three subsequent Meetings.

No money will be refunded under any consideration.

Good Evening Everyone

I hope you are all well and that you will enjoy the evening's entertainment.

As I expected, we beat Long Eaton after an exciting tussle.

Eric Boocock showed his liking for the Cradley Heath circuit by scoring a maximum, whilst our own Ivor dropped only one point. The rest of the team all scored well. If trying only ensured a win, then Johnny Edwards would be scoring maximum's weekly.

We look forward tonight to seeing our lads tame the Sheffield Tigers.

You will see that we have a reserve 'ride off' which includes Matt Mattocks, who rode here last year for Coventry juniors against Cradley juniors. Let's see how he fares against our own Fred, Ivor and Erol. This 'ride off' may produce our reserve for the remainder of the season, so get 'cracking' you lads.

It now appears certain that George will be out for the remainder of the season as he has got to keep his wrist in plaster for at least 8 weeks before his medico will have another look at the fracture. I do not think it possible to have another season with as much bad luck through injuries as we have had this one, and I personally think that with our boys fit and well in 1965, we shall see a very different picture in the league table.

Thank you Cradley supporters for your continued encouragement and support — there appears to be more loyalty in Speedway than in Football.

The 'Lucky Programme' prize winner for Saturday, 3rd October was Mr. Eric Marsh, 7 Summit Place, Lower Gornal, Staffs. His number was 0909 and he received a transistor radio.

— FIXTURE LIST TO END OF SEASON —

Saturday, October 17th — Glasgow (home) P.L.

Saturday, October 24th — K.O. Cup Final — 2nd Leg (home)

Friday, October 30th — Wolverhampton (away) Dudley-Wolves Trophy.

Saturday, October 31st — Wolverhampton (home) Dudley-Wolves Trophy.

COMMENT

By TOM JOHNSON

(Speedway Correspondent of the Express and Star)

That was an awful blunder by the Speedway Control Board a few days before the Belle Vue final when they warned the track if they staged the championship their speedway licence would be withdrawn.

It was possible, I suppose, for the Board to take away Belle Vue's National League licence. But to have done that, even though I believe the track authorities were not bothered, would have been suicide.

The National League cannot afford to lose a single track, and the Board would have had the utmost difficulty in carrying out their threat.

And if they had wielded their big whip, they would also have had to take action against at least one other track, because Swindon made it clear they were going to ride at Belle Vue the Saturday following the championship whether the track was licensed or not.

Fortunately the Control Board had second thoughts on the matter. Common sense prevailed and a few days after the final it was announced that Belle Vue was licensed again.

The Board are to be commended on having the courage to withdraw their threat, but it was unfortunate that they acted so rashly in the first place, providing ammunition for the critics whose favourite hobby is sniping at speedway and its administration.

Certainly these critics have had a lot of fuel for their arguments this season. The trouble started nearly twelve months ago when the Control Board refused an inquiry demanded by the Provincial League promoters into the running of the sport.

It was followed by the outlawing of the P.L. tracks, and that ridiculous situation at the start of the present season when riders were warned if they rode provincial they would have their licences withdrawn.

For a week or two the riders were worried. They were naturally wondering what great power the Control Board could command, and what effects it might have on their track careers.

But that reticence was soon overcome. After the first two or three meetings had been held, and a few riders had given a lead, the rest were quick to follow.

And what was the result? The Board announced that the riders' licences had been taken from them, but it did not affect the riders one iota. They continued to ride speedway, they were given their best rates of pay since the Provincial League was formed, and for many this has been the most successful season of their careers.

The Provincial League have shown themselves quite capable of running their own affairs independent of the Control Board, and there is no doubt they have emerged victors in a war they did not want.

It was forced on them by the stubborn refusal of the speedway authorities to hold the inquiry that was rightly demanded.

Too late the Board agreed to the request. By the time they said yes the season was well under way, and now we are told the R.A.C., controlling body of speedway, will open the inquiry next Tuesday, October 13.

It should have been done after the end of last season when it was first suggested. The delay has meant a season of bickering and frustration.

Undoubtedly the Provincial League have come off best. The one fly in the ointment here has been the absence of an independent controlling body, and if the P.L. carries on next year apart from the Control Board this is obviously a priority matter for consideration. And there will also have to be a new drafting of rules to govern provincial speedway.

But all speedway followers will be hoping that the official inquiry will resolve the problems which caused the rift between the two leagues.

They have all winter to sort out their differences and come to a working agreement for the benefit of speedway in general.

Let us have speedway put on a firm basis once and for all, and whether the two leagues decide to work together or independently, let us have regulations formulated and obeyed without interference.

CRADLEY HEATH

(HEATHENS)

SHEFFIELD

(TIGERS)

Team Manager: ROY MORETON

Team Manager: FRANK VAREY

Rider	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Rider	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 I. Brown							1 C. Featherby						
2 J. Edwards							2 R. Bagley						
3 E. Hockaday							3 T. Roper						
4 A. Totney							4 K. Hanscomb						
5 J. Hart							5 D. Oliver						
6 H. Bastable							6 A. Jay						
7							7 M. Brooks						

* Denotes Supplementary Reserve.

Event 1. RESERVE DECIDER

Time	Rider	Points	Substitutes	Helmet Colour	Riders Points	POINTS Home Away	Progressive Total Home Away
	Matt Mattocks	R					
	Fred Priest	B					
	Erol Brooke	W					
	Ivor Hughes	Y/B					

Event 2. PROVINCIAL LEAGUE MATCH

HEAT	RIDERS	Substitutes	Helmet Colour	Riders Points	POINTS Home Away	Progressive Total Home Away
1	1 Ivor Brown		R			
Time	2 John Edwards		B			
	1 Clive Featherby		W			
	2 Ron Bagley		Y/B			
2	3 Eric Hockaday		R			
Time	4 Alan Totney		B			
	3 Tommy Roper		W			
	4 Ken Hanscomb		Y/B			
3	5 John Hart		R			
Time	6 Harry Bastable		B			
	5 Dent Oliver		W			
	6 Alan Jay		Y/B			
4	2 John Edwards		R			
Time	7		B			
	2 Ron Bagley		W			
	7 Malcolm Brooks		Y/B			
5	5 John Hart		R			
Time	6 Harry Bastable		B			
	3 Tommy Roper		W			
	4 Ken Hanscomb		Y/B			

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HEAT	RIDERS	Substitutes	Helmet Colour	Riders Points	POINTS Home Away	Progressive Total Home Away
6	3 Eric Hockaday		R			
Time	4 Alan Totney		B			
	1 Clive Featherby		W			
	2 Ron Bagley		Y/B			
7	1 Ivor Brown		R			
Time	2 John Edwards		B			
	5 Dent Oliver		W			
	6 Alan Jay		Y/B			
8	4 Alan Totney		R			
Time	7		B			
	4 Ken Hanscomb		W			
	7 Malcolm Brooks		Y/B			
9	5 John Hart		R			
Time	6 Harry Bastable		B			
	1 Clive Featherby		W			
	2 Ron Bagley		Y/B			
10	3 Eric Hockaday		R			
Time	4 Alan Totney		B			
	5 Dent Oliver		W			
	6 Alan Jay		Y/B			
11	1 Ivor Brown		R			
Time	2 John Edwards		B			
	3 Tommy Roper		W			
	4 Ken Hanscomb		Y/B			
12	3 Eric Hockaday		R			
Time	6 Harry Bastable		B			
	1 Clive Featherby		W			
	5 Dent Oliver		Y/B			
13	1 Ivor Brown		R			
Time	5 John Hart		B			
	3 Tommy Roper		W			
	6 Alan Jay		Y/B			

INTERVAL

Event 3. ST. ANNES STAKES

Winners of Heats 1, 2 and 3 with Fastest Second to Final

1	Eric Hockaday	R				
Time	Tommy Roper	B				
	Alan Jay	W				
	Harry Bastable	Y/B				

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2 Time	Ivor Brown	R				
	Clive Featherby	B				
	Alan Totney	W				
	Dent Oliver	Y/B				
3 Time	John Hart	R				
	Ken Hanscomb	B				
	John Edwards	W				
	Ron Bagley	Y/B				

Event 4. JUNIOR STAKES

Winners and Seconds of Heats 1 and 2 to Final

Cradley No. 7 rides in Heat 1. Three Non-Qualifiers from Event 1 ride in Heat 2

1 Time	Malcolm Brooks	R				
	Vince Mann	B				
	Barry Chandler	W				
		Y/B				

FINAL — ST. ANNES STAKES

Time	.....	R				
	.....	B				
	.....	W				
	.....	Y/B				
2 Time	Brian Pawson	R				
	.....	B				
	.....	W				
	.....	Y/B				

FINAL — JUNIOR STAKES

Time	.....	R				
	.....	B				
	.....	W				
	.....	Y/B				

The Management reserves the right to alter, amend or consolidate
any or all of the above Heats.

The right to refuse admission to any person is reserved by the management with-
out assigning a reason for doing so. The right is also assigned to the manage-
ment to insist on any person leaving the Stadium when so requested on repayment
of the admission money.

NEXT HOME MATCH —

SATURDAY, 17th OCTOBER, 1964

PROVINCIAL LEAGUE MATCH

GLASGOW WHITE CITY

TREVOR REDMOND, MAURIE MATTINGLEY, CHARLIE MONK,

RIDERS' AVERAGES OVER LAST SIX OFFICIAL MEETINGS

	Rides	Points	Bonus	Match Av.	Race Av.
Ivor Brown	28	72	1	12.16	2.60
George Major	27	55	3	9.66	2.14
John Hart	23	34	4	6.33	1.65
Eric Hockaday	25	31	7	6.33	1.52
Harry Bastable	25	31	5	6.00	1.44
Alan Totney	20	19	4	3.83	1.15
John Edwards	22	14	3	2.83	0.77

SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

With the 1964 Speedway Season drawing to a close, arrangements have
already been made by the Supporters' Club Committee for the following functions
during the close season.

FRIDAY, 6th NOVEMBER — END OF SEASON DANCE —

Civic Hall, Old Hill, with Jerry Allen & his A.T.V. Orchestra (from Lunch
Box) — Tickets 8/6 — on sale tonight.

SATURDAY, 12th DECEMBER — CHRISTMAS PARTY DANCE —
at Civic Hall, Old Hill.

SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY, 1965 — DINNER DANCE.

FRIDAY, 26th MARCH — OPENING OF 1965 SPEEDWAY SEASON DANCE
at Civic Hall, Old Hill.

If you wish to keep in contact with the Cradley Riders during the close
season you may do so by attending the above functions. The Cradley Riders,
along with Wolverhampton and Long Eaton Riders are always in attendance at
our close season functions. So why not come along and meet them personally.
Many more Saturday evening socials are also being arranged. So please watch for
announcements in the 'Speedway Star' during the close season for our club news.

In response to the many enquiries received from supporters to join the Club.
The cost of joining is: Badge and Membership, 2/6; Date Bars, 1/-, 1964/63/62
(still available). Also on sale are Club souvenir pens, 3/6 each. Photographs 9d.
each; Rosettes, 2/- each; Calendars, 3/- each (either the Cradley team or in-
dividual Cradley riders). These are on sale from the photo board, which is
brought round the track by our committee members.

This evening we extend a welcome to our many friends from the Sheffield
Supporters' Club. They never fail to come and cheer on those "Tigers". All
Cradley Supporters hope your visit will be as enjoyable as those we have when
we come to Owlerton Stadium.

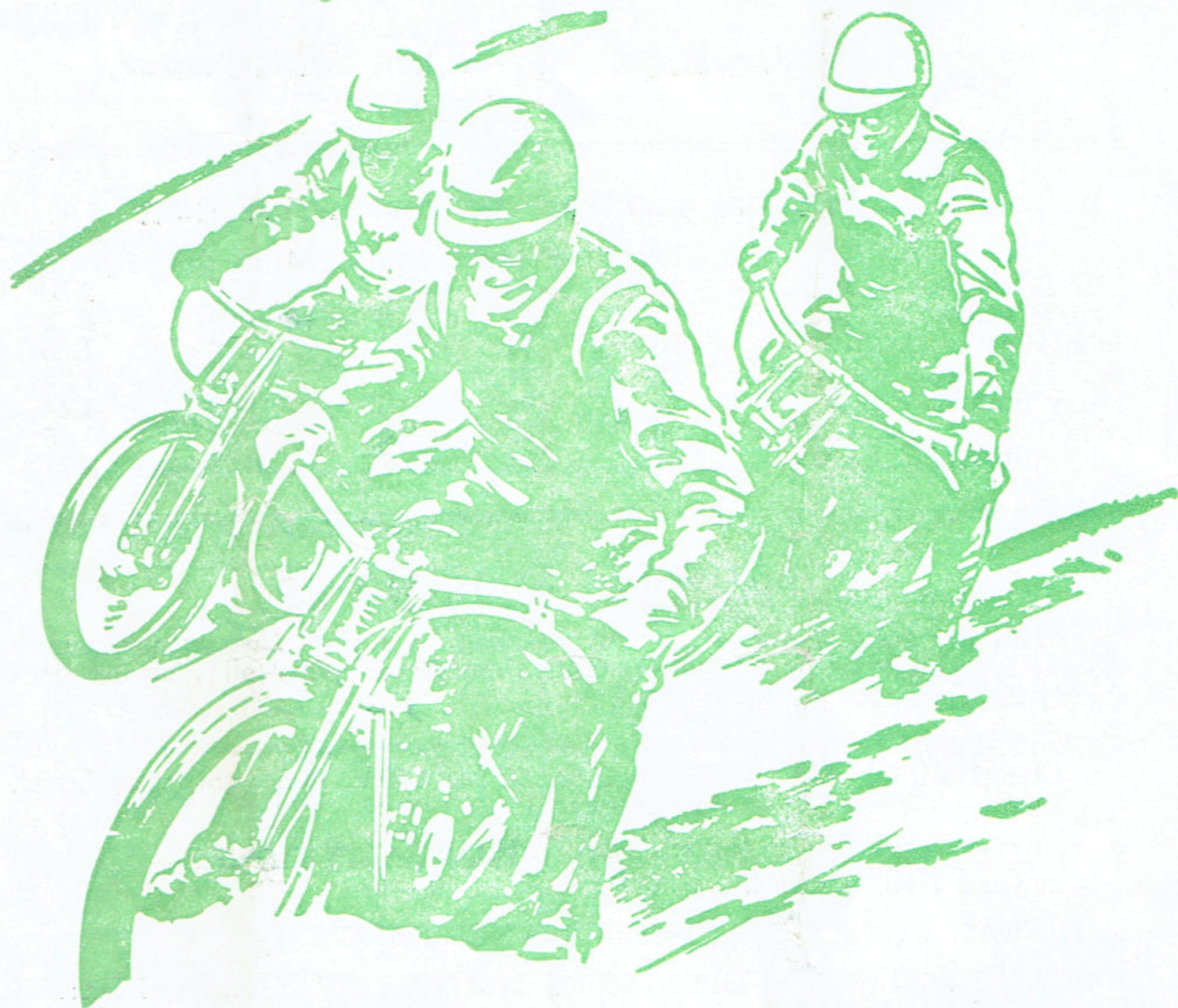
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