Monday, May 15, 1978 at 7.30 p.m. STANDARD MOTORISTS' CENTRES GOLDEN HELMET SUNDAY MIRROR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (in association with Volkswagen) * * * VOLKSWAGEN GRAND PRIX (in association with the Daily Mirror) SOLVENIR MAGAZINE OF EXETER SPEEDWAY 15p



BOARDROOM BANTER



The weather seems determined to put a damper on our bright start to the 1976 season. For two weeks now we have not seen a see at the Courty Ground and we can only the Courty Ground and we can only the Courty Ground and we can only covered the Courty Ground and the Courty Ground and we can only covered the Courty Ground and the Court

John Richards & Wally Mawdsley.

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We believed that there was a void in the sport's calendar that could be filled by a major competition of national significance.

And we were anxious to add a new dimension to the conventional knock out principle of individual competitions like the world championship.

Our aim was to introduce a points system that would allow riders to have one poor meeting and still recover to win the competition overalt.

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the Daily Mirror Super Six.

's Golden Jubilee Year. It is a time for celebration. And the Mirror will be tage. Stay with us. And we will help you to make a fine sport GREAT.





STANDARD MOTORISTS' CENTRES GOLDEN HELMET MATCH RACE CHAMPIONSHIP [supported by the Daily Express]

MAY CHALLENGE: COUNTY GROUND STADIUM, EXETER,



PETER COLLINS [HOLDER] SCOTT AUTREY [CHALLENGER]



Heat 1: defeated Time
Heat 2: defeated Time
Heat 3: defeated Time Results of challenge: Peter Collins Scott Autrey Result of 1st leg at Belle Vue on Saturday, May 6: Peter Collins 2 Scott Autrey 0.

Only to be raced if each rider wins a heat. If after tonight's challenge each rider has won
one leg of the competition then the deciding race-off will be at Swindon on Thursday, May
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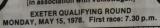
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just returned from an Australian tour with the English Lions.
Nigel Boocces: Born Wakerlied, Vortshire, September 17,
1937, One of the most popular visitors to the County Ground.
In his second season at Eastville after being persuaded to join
them early last year.
Robert John Colina had the spells with the Falcons, the
most recent being last season. Moved to Bristol during the
winter but has remained on loan to National League
Midenhall where he has a splendid record as club captain.

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Philip John Crump: Born Mildura, Australia, February 9, 1952. Was third in the 1978 World Final but since then has suffered with the 1978 World Final but since then has suffered semi-final at Sheffield last September. Had a metal premoved in February after being eliminated from the 1978 World Champlonship because of mechanical problems.

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Milchael Brian Sampson; B. 8.8.1945, Exeter, Devon, Former Falcon who was released to join National League Eastbourne in 1975. Has found his best form since then and was a major reason for White City Gulf Oil British League championship success lasty year.



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CHAMPIONSHIP SHAKE-UP....

h competitor has three rounds — generally including one

Sunday

on his home track — with qualifiers at all nineteen Guif Oil British League venues.

The double interest should ensure healthy competition at this juncture as every point is vital to every competitor. While a British plant is concerned (available, reme) beer, to the top ten placed riders only the heat points accord a his final race could quite easily decide whether or not he rer fains in this year's Sunday Mirror World Championship. On the even diers NOT involved in tonights World Championship chase here's a run-down on their tile progress. Scott Autrey (heading the American qualifiers for the inter Continental Final), Mike Farrell (an Inter-Continental semi-innals select and Jan Verner (through to the Continental in Australasia during the winter). Peter Prinston and Championship).

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Fact and figures used in The Falcon are courtesy of the 1978 Speedway Yearbook which is now on general sale.

A Season Ago....

County Ground Stadium
Volkswagen—Daily Mirror
Grande Prix Qualifying Round
[Monday, September 19]: 1
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The first thought I have is the in-depth strength and spirit of the '78 Faicons. Our spirit is such that if one visits the dressing room after a defeat (hopefully there won't be too many this year) you would more than likely come upon some pretty long faces.

Not that we haven't been that way before - but this year we all seem to be just that bit re anxious to prove our worth.

I feel that we have a good chance of making an honest challenge for this ye championship. Of course luck also enters into it, but certainly on paper we look the te

The spirit is great (in the pits and on the terraces) and, like I said, I feel like we've got everything going for us. All we now need is a bit of luck as our number eight!

I guarantee you we will be doing everything in our power to win, including changes team positions. That has functuded moving Vaclav and Jan up into heat one aropping me down to number three.

We couldn't come up with a definite answer as to why (you really can't blar just one of us) but we're making an effort as to finding a solution.

Hopefully we can stop this and next time we are leading by ten points we can

I will keep this article 'alive' and hope to drop everyone a line or two ever few weeks to keep you informed on what's going on in the pits.

IN CHARGE ON THE TRACK AND

....IN THE BOX

Clerk of the Course Peter Oakes
SCB Limekeeper Fred Vigers
Medical Officer Dr. M.R. Mole
Pits Marshal Sud Stone
Start Marshal Dudley Garotine
Machine Examiner. Tervor Dark
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St. John Ambulance Brigade in attendance.

Tonight's referee is MICK BARNES TRACK DETAILS

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FORTHCOMING ATTRACTIONS

Remember those titanic struggles against the double Gulf Oil British League Champions? Yes — the Witches are back at the County Ground

GULF OIL BRITISH LEAGUE EXETER FALCONS V IPSWICH WITCHES

with
Scott Autrey, Vaclav Verner, Reidar Eide, Peter Prinsloo, Jan Verner, Mike Farrell,
Steve Koppe, Billy Sanders, Tony Davey, John Louis, Mike Lanham, Ted Howgego,
Kevin Jolly and Colin Cook

First round of the brand new

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COUNTY GROUND STADIUM, MONDAY, MAY 22, 7.30 p.m.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 11 a.m. Gulf Oil British League EXETER FALCONS v BRISTOL BULLDOGS



TRAVEL TO THE 1978 WORLD FINAL IN COMFORT ON THE 'FLYING FALCON'

- Special Rail Trip to the World Final.

 Train leaves Plymouth early morning Saturday, September 2, stopping at Newton Abbot, Exeter and Taunton.

 An afternoon's sightseeing in London and then on to Wembley for the World Final.
- Train returns from Wembley Central at approx. 11 p.m. stopping at Taunton, Exeter, Newtor Abbot and Plymouth.
 Full refreshment service available.
- All-in price includes rail fare and London Transport Underground fare Paddington Wembley Park.

Plymouth ... £10. Newton Abbot ... £9.50. Exeter and Taunton ... £9. Wembley tickets can also be booked.

Full details from Exeter Speedway, Wembley Special, 1, Piermont Place, Dawlish, Devon. To eserve train seat send £5 deposit.

FANFARE Your supporters' club page.

Squibb Kenn's Column

Wembley tickets will not be available until the first week in July and as yet the prices are not decided. As soon as they to give it a blast over the tendency of the soon as they to give it a blast over the tendency of the soon as they off for this great event—and that there are a few of the Falcons in action at Wembley that night.

On sale tonight — they should have been available to you on May Day and again last week but obviously many of you did not know that — are tendency of you did not know that — are tendency of your did not know that — are tendency of your did not know that — are the soon as the soon as

SOCIAL

Last week's heavy rain affected the attendance at our disco — but those who went along to Zhivago's seemed to enjoy themsetyen. It might be worth mentioning now that even if a meeting is postponed because of the weather we will still go alhead with the disco as the room has been booked and we would still have to pay for it even if we didn't use it.

Most of the Falcons came along with our skipper Sout Autrey proving to be the life and soul of the party and all our usual prize sponsors — Mandrake Motors, Dairy Crest, Ricard and Kentucky Fried Chicken gave us their support.

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WASHED OUT

Because of the bad weather last week we did not take the registration numbers of cars displaying an Exeter Speedway sticker.

But don't worry you aren't going to miss out because tonight we will be looking for four car numbers and they will be printed in next week's edition of The Falcon.

Anyear showing an Exeter sticker (any sort of sticker) will be eligible and you could get lucky. Next week we will also be publishing some more winning names from the Kentucky Fried Chicken free dinner offer.

PRESENTATION

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Tonight we will be presenting the riders with either leather bags or bike coverts—from the profits of previous social events—Each rider was asked to make his own choice and some have gone for the leather bags—and others for the bike covers.

If the weather is too bad though the presentation will be put back until a dry night—and we don't seem to be getting many of those this season do we?

SCENE

Falcons Facts & Figures	SCOTT AUTHEY	REIGAM EIDE	MIKE PARKELL	PETER PRINGLOO	JAN VERNER	VACLAV VERNER	STRVE KOPPE	MALCOLM BECKOBER	BOB WATTS	ROB WILSON	LES PLANSEY				QUEST'S	ости	CONCREMENTS	WINNER
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THE WEEK AHEAD

For the first time in Exeter's history we are competing in the Inter-Divisional Knock-out Cup. And our first round draw takes us to a new venue for most of the Falcons — National League Peterborough.

In the first round the National League track is automatically drawn at home so it will make something of a change to ride a fairly new track.

Of the Falcons Vacals and Jan Verner have ridden at Alwalton in the past and obviously Steve Koppe knows his way around because of his Canterbury exploits.

But for the rest of the boys it will be yet another track to add to their list. The meeting is on Friday May 19 and the track itself is at the East of England Showground a few miles oinside Peterborough and only a couple of hundred yards sway from the A1.

It's a competition that the Falcons are anxious to win and your support would be appreciated. In the past National League tracks have—caused a few upsets — in 1976 Workington knocked out both Ipswich and King's Lynn — and Peterborough will be keen to become the latest giant killers.

Their side includes former Ipswich rider Dave Gooderham and several Young England internationals. They are one of the strongest in the National League and last year put up a very good fight against Belle Yue so it will be no walk-over for the Falcons.

NOTICE TO PATRONS

BETTING AT ANY SPEEDWAY MEETING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.

GULF NEWS

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Take no notice of
Exeter's lowly placing in
the current Gulf Oil British
the fisture arrangement —
mainly to make sure the
Falcons don't have to race
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the Verner brothers — they
have had a lean league
programme so fair.
The falcons will
have caught up on their
away fixtures.

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OVERALL 1978 AVERAGES

Scott Autrey	9	37	91	3	94	10.16
Vaclav Verner	8	33	64	7	71	8.61
Reidar Eide	9	33	58	4	62	7.52
Mike Farrell	7	28	36	9	45	6.43
Peter Prinsloo	9	36	48	9	57	6.33
Jan Verner	8	26	37	4	41	6.31
Steve Koppe	7	26	31	6	37	5.69
Les Rumsey	2	4	2	1	3	3.00
Bob Watts	1	5	2	0	2	1.60
Danny Kennedy	1	2	0	0	0	0.00

Averages include Gauntlet Spring Gold Cup, Speedway Star Knock-out Cup and Gulf Oil British League matches up to last night.

Speedway with Graham Baker in the

DAILY