

NEWPORT 1972 FIXTURE LIST

(Home meetings in bold capitals)

MARCH

Friday 24th Hackney (BL)
Monday 27th Exeter (CH)
FRIDAY 31st **COVENTRY (CH)**

APRIL

MONDAY 3rd **HACKNEY (BL)**
FRIDAY 7th **VAGARNA (CH)**
Saturday 8th Halifax (BL)
Wednesday 12th Poole (BL)
FRIDAY 14th **GLASGOW (BL)**
FRIDAY 21st **LEICESTER (BL)**
Saturday 22nd Swindon (BL)
FRIDAY 28th **OPEN**

MAY

Tuesday 2nd Leicester (BL)
FRIDAY 5th **EXETER (BL)**
Monday 8th Reading (BL)
FRIDAY 12th **SWINDON (CH)**
FRIDAY 19th **POOLE (BL)**
FRIDAY 26th **WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP QUAL. RND.**

JUNE

FRIDAY 2nd **BELLE VUE (BL)**
Saturday 3rd Kings Lynn (BL)
FRIDAY 9th **READING (BL)**
FRIDAY 16th **COVENTRY KO. 2.**
FRIDAY 23rd **CRADLEY HEATH (BL)**
Saturday 24th Cradley Heath (BL)
FRIDAY 30th **KINGS LYNN (BL)**

JULY

FRIDAY 7th **HALIFAX (BL)**
Wednesday 12th Glasgow (BL)
FRIDAY 14th **SWINDON (BL)**
Thursday 20th Ipswich (BL)
FRIDAY 21st **SHEFFIELD (BL)**
FRIDAY 28th **SOUTHERN RIDERS CHAMPS. QR**

AUGUST

FRIDAY 4th **WIMBLEDON (BL)**
Thursday 10th Sheffield (BL)
FRIDAY 11th **PRINCE OF WALES TROPHY**
Thursday 17th Oxford (BL)
FRIDAY 18th **COVENTRY (BL)**
FRIDAY 25th **IPSWICH (BL)**
Saturday 26th Coventry (BL)
MONDAY 28th **WOLVERHAMPTON (BL)**

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY 1st **WELSH OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**
FRIDAY 8th **OXFORD (BL)**
Saturday 9th Belle Vue (BL)
FRIDAY 15th **OPEN**
Monday 18th Exeter (BL)
FRIDAY 22nd **OPEN**
Thursday 28th Wimbledon (BL)
FRIDAY 29th **OPEN**

Result

NEWPORT SPEEDWAY

Grand Challenge Match

NEWPORT v. COVENTRY

'WASPS'

'BEES'

FRIDAY, 31st MARCH, 1972, at 7.45 p.m.

MEETING No. 1

9th SEASON



NEWPORT SPEEDWAY

Promoters:
SPEEDWAY ENTERPRISES LIMITED
(P. Lansdale, P. Tapson)
Company Secretary: Maurice Morley

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OFFICIALS:

Clerk of the Course ... **M. E. Morley**
ACU Referee **A. Mellors**
Medical Officers **Dr. D. J. Heffernan**
 Dr. J. Merrick
Team Manager **P. Tapson**
Timekeeper **K. Harris**
Machine Examiner **R. Zeal**
Pit Marshal **K. Beckett**
Starting Marshal **A. King**
Announcer **G. Rogers**
Colour Marshal **A. Whitworth**

BETTING STRICTLY PROHIBITED

Held under the Regulations of the
SPEEDWAY CONTROL BOARD LTD.

SCB Licence No. 72/34
ACU Permit No. SP
Track Length 376 yards.
Track Record 66.6 seconds
Martin Ashby (Swindon) 5.7.1968.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE
IN ATTENDANCE

MEETING No. 1 9th SEASON

Hello Wasps . . .



Indeed a hearty welcome to Somerton Park for our 9th season of Speedway at the home of the 'Wasps' and as you can see there have been quite a few changes both on and off the track.

Firstly we must apologise for the increase of both admission and programme prices, and we are sure that you will appreciate that with rising costs we have at last to do this.

You will too notice that we have a new fence on the third and fourth bend and each straight, and a new track has been laid though we will tell you now that a new top surface of red shale will be put on after the new track has settled down which will take a few weeks.

As a lot of you will have read team changes have been made, and in so doing we have lost the services of Sandor Levai (at his own request) whilst our Swede Tommy Johansson is now doing his national service in Sweden and will not be available until around June. We had got Toby Harrysson all set to join us this season when the Swedish authorities stepped in to say that he had to have his plate out before they would allow him to recommence racing in England.

Bob Hughes was moved from us, allocated to Wimbledon who did not require his services and he was all set to join a second division club when Reading applied. However on the home front we have signed the young former Leicester lad Graham Plant who will be the skipper for the 1972 season, and along with him we have former West Ham, Oxford and Wembley rider Tony Clark.

From West Ham we have got from his home town of Swindon the bearded Barry Duke, and the return from Australia and Exeter Neil Street add these lads to our resident members Ted Laessing and Ronnie Genz and the team starts to take shape, and to them all we welcome them to Somerton Park and wish them well.

HELLO WASPS cont.

You will notice that we have one vacant spot which is allocated to Hasse Holmqvist who is unable to join us until our match against Vagarna on 7th April and in the meantime we will be using guests.

However in respect to Bill Andrews we have been in contact with him and have offered him his team place if he can get over here, meanwhile Ed has moved to Exeter owing to long track commitments abroad which means he has to be in Germany for practices on Saturday mornings.

The new track has cost a lot of hard cash and thanks must go to Brian Manley, Tony Webb, Pete and Colin for working so hard to get the stadium ship shape for tonight's off, and with the adverse weather it has been a fight against time to be ready, and as these notes are being compiled we are still wondering if we will beat the deadline.

Tonight we commence our season with a challenge from our old friends from the Midlands the 'Bees' from Coventry, once again led by Nigel Boocock, and as we know from the past they have always given us a tough match, so fireworks are on the cards tonight.

We would conclude by saying that it's not been easy getting riders for the 72 season and there are a lot of clubs worse off than we are in this respect. And finally to allow Pete more time to concentrate with the team and instil his own prowess onto the lads we welcome Maurice Morley who will be officiating as Clerk of the Course.

So now folks settle down and let battle commence and may the best team win (Newport of course) and don't forget that our next meeting is on Monday 3rd April at the usual time when we take on Hackney for a League match.

Up the Wasps, PETE & PAT.

NEXT MONDAY'S GREAT ATTRACTION !

British League Division One

NEWPORT v. HACKNEY

'Wasps'

'Hawks'

ON MONDAY, 3rd APRIL at 7.45 p.m.

featuring

BENGT JANSSON . BARRY THOMAS
HUGH SAUNDERS . LAURIE ETHERIDGE
DAVE KENNETT . EDDIE REEVES
ROGER WRIGHT

Can we beat the team that took our League Record off us !

NOTICE

Motor sports events 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 including the owners and lessees of the stadium and the owners and riders of motorcycles are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damages or personal injury to spectators or ticket holders.

RAINED OFF - CANCELLED.

— GRAND CHALLENGE MATCH —

NEWPORT 'WASPS' v. COVENTRY 'BEES'

Wasp on Gold

Yellow with Fighting Bee

Team Manager: PETE LANSDALE

Team Manager: MICK BLACKBURN

Riders are identified by their helmet covers: Red, Blue, White, Yellow and Black.
Points: 1st, 3; 2nd, 2; 3rd 1. Four laps clutch start.

TRACK SIGNALS — Flags displayed during the course of a race mean: Yellow — Riders entering last lap; Black and white Chequered — Race is finished; Black — individual rider's exclusion. Red Lights around the track indicate that a race has been stopped.

RIDERS INDIVIDUAL SCORE CHART

NEWPORT	1	2	3	4	5	6	T	BP	COVENTRY	1	2	3	4	5	6	T	BP
1. Graham Plant (C)									1. Nigel Boocock (C)								
2. Ronnie Genz									2. Roger Hill								
3. Gary Middleton									3. Tony Lomas								
4. Neil Street									4. Les Owen								
5. Tony Clark									5. Jan Simensen								
6. Ted Laessing									6. Rick France								
7. Barry Duke									7.								
TOTAL									TOTAL								

EVENT 1

Heat	Riders	Substitute	Col	Points	Team Points New.	Vis.	Prog. Totals New.	Vis.
1	1 Graham Plant		R					
	2 Ronnie Genz		B					
.....	1 Nigel Boocock		W					
Time	2 Roger Hill		Y					
2	6 Ted Laessing		R					
	7 Barry Duke		B					
.....	6 Rick France		W					
Time	7		Y					
3	5 Tony Clark		R					
	4 Neil Street		B					
.....	5 Jan Simensen		W					
Time	4 Les Owen		Y					
4	3 Gary Middleton		R					
	6 Ted Laessing		B					
.....	3 Tony Lomas		W					
Time	7		Y					
5	5 Tony Clark		R					
	4 Neil Street		B					
.....	1 Nigel Boocock		W					
Time	2 Roger Hill		Y					
6	1 Graham Plant		R					
	2 Ronnie Genz		B					
.....	3 Tony Lomas		W					
Time	6 Rick France		Y					
7	3 Gary Middleton		R					
	6 Ted Laessing		B					
.....	5 Jan Simensen		W					
Time	4 Les Owen		Y					
8	2 Ronnie Genz		R					
	7 Barry Duke		B					
.....	2 Roger Hill		W					
Time	7		Y					

9	5 Tony Clark		R				
	4 Neil Street		B				
.....	3 Tony Lomas		W				
Time	6 Rick France		Y				
10	1 Graham Plant		R				
	2 Ronnie Genz		B				
.....	5 Jan Simensen		W				
Time	4 Les Owen		Y				
11	3 Gary Middleton		R				
	7 Barry Duke		B				
.....	1 Nigel Boocock		W				
Time	2 Roger Hill		Y				
12	1 Graham Plant		R				
	4 Neil Street		B				
.....	3 Tony Lomas		W				
Time	5 Jan Simensen		Y				
13	3 Gary Middleton		R				
	5 Tony Clark		B				
.....	1 Nigel Boocock		W				
Time	4 Les Owen		Y				

— SHORT INTERVAL —

All Records played at this meeting are supplied and obtained from
THE MUSIC CENTRE, Skinner Street, Newport. Pop, Classic, in fact all you require.

EVENT 2 — JUNIOR JUMP

			R		1st
			B		2nd
.....			W		3rd
Time			Y		

EVENT 3 — RESERVES RAMPAGE

(Winner to Event 4 Heat 3)

	Ted Laessing		R		1st
	Barry Duke		B		2nd
.....	Rick France		W		3rd
Time			Y		

EVENT 4 — RIDER OF THE NIGHT

(Heat Winners and Fastest 2nd to Final)

Heat 1	Gary Middleton		R		1st
	Ronnie Genz		B		2nd
.....	Nigel Boocock		W		3rd
Time	Les Owen		Y		
Heat 2	Tony Clark		R		1st
	Ian Gills		B		2nd
.....	Tony Lomas		W		3rd
Time	Roger Hill		Y		
Heat 3	Graham Plant		R		1st
	Neil Street		B		2nd
.....	Jan Simensen		W		3rd
Time			Y		

EVENT 5 — RIDER OF THE NIGHT FINAL

			R		1st
			B		2nd
.....			W		3rd
Time			Y		

GOODNIGHT FOLKS — SEE YOU ON MONDAY !!

NEWPORT NEWS PAGE . . .

Tonight we welcome to Somerton Park our Company Secretary MAURICE MORLEY who takes over the duties as Clerk of the Course and general factotum. Maurice who runs West Ham was a former rider in the north in the 50's but has excelled himself on the administration side and is reputed as one of the top track craftsmen and he will be putting a lot of his time in here at Newport.



Tonight we welcome as our guest the former Hackney skipper GARY MIDDLETON who has now linked up with Oxford. Controversial Gary has come a long way from his early days and proved his worth as a fine fiery rider who never gives up.

Now sunning in Majorca with his wife and family is former West Ham favourite REG LUCKHURST, Reg was allocated back to his former track Wimbledon this season but has opted to go to the sunshine isle to teach the Spanish lads the art of speedway for former British Promoters Ian Hoskins and Bernard.



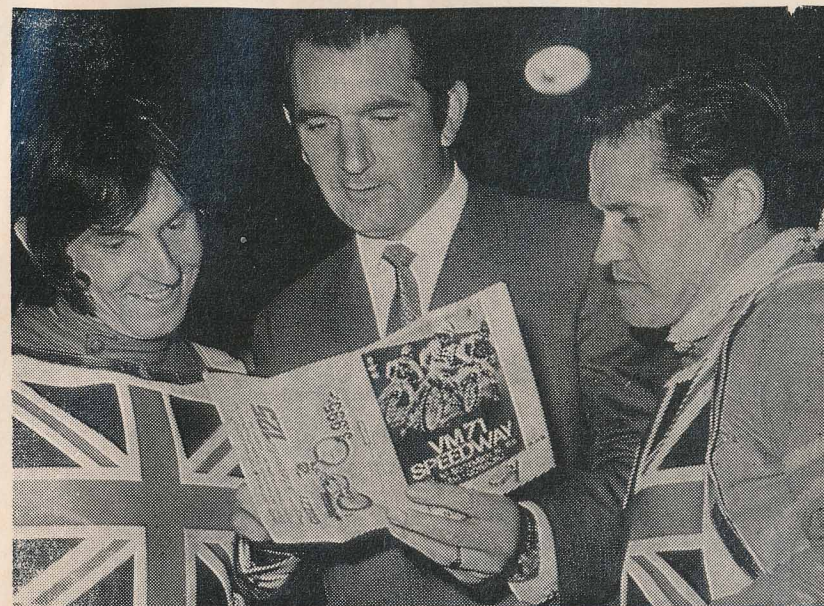
'HAGGIS' BERT HARKINS with the closure of the famous Wembley team has been moved to take the place of Aussie Jim Airey at Sheffield, however it is on the cards that when Wembley re-open their doors for the 73 season Bert will return to the 'Lions'.

The one that got away BRIAN LEONARD has twice been allocated to Newport and twice opted out of joining the 'Wasps', why we do not know, probably as we are not one of his favourite tracks, however he has now gone to near neighbours Swindon, and no hard feelings we wish the boy a good season and a happy married life as Brian is on the point of getting married.



NOTE: The Management reserves the right to alter this Programme. Should it be necessary through any cause to abandon the Meeting prior to the start of the sixth race in the programme, re-admission tickets issued at entrances (available for any one of the next three meetings) will become valid. In no circumstances will any money be refunded. Rights of admission reserved.

TONIGHT'S VISITORS



Our visitor tonight popular Nigel Boocock, seen with promoter Reg Fearman and Leicester's Ray Wilson.



Les Owen



Rick France



John Harry

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NEWPORT DEVELOPMENT FUND JACK-POT TICKETS

FROM THE SELLER — PRICE 2½p EACH

FOUR!!

**FABULOUS PRIZES TO BE WON
EACH WEEK**