

**Official Programme**

**THE STADIUM SOUTHAMPTON**  
**MOTOR CYCLE**  
**SPEEDWAY RACING**  
**BANISTER COURT**

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★ **TUESDAY, JULY 28th, 1959 at 7.30** ★  
**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**“SAINTS” versus POOLE**



## Good Evening Ladies & Gentlemen

What a story lay behind the arrival of Bjorn Knutsson before last week's match with Wimbledon.

As soon as we knew that Geoff Mardon was going to be out of action for a time, we realised that unless Southampton could get an immediate replacement of the top class, our chances in the match would be virtually nil—but more important we needed the strength for the next round of the National Trophy.

Knutsson was the first name which sprang to mind, especially as he has been granted permission to sign for Bristol next season, and would be wanting all the racing he could get on English tracks. Having made up our minds to seek him out, the next question was—where in Sweden do we find him? A telephone call was put in to Gothenburg Stadium, where Bjorn had ridden in the World Championship, and the good folk at that track went to a lot of trouble to find out just where we could get in touch with him.

More telephone calls to Sweden (at 16/- a time) and finally, being unable to get him on the line, a telegram achieved the desired result.

While all this was going on, we had to be in constant touch with both the Speedway Riders Association and the Speedway Control Board, who were both most helpful and agreed that Bjorn could sign for the Saints *during the absence of Geoff Mardon*. Finally on the Monday morning came a telegram from Bjorn which read "Arriving London Airport 21/7, Flight 511, 13.15." As the telegram did not reach us until almost ten o'clock, we had about three hours to get organised and get to London. In the meantime, Bjorn's Work Permit had failed to arrive at the Stadium, and without this he would be unable to pass the Immigration Authorities. I had to pay a rush visit to the G.P.O. (Southampton) where they were all most helpful in sorting through all the morning's mail—but without success. This meant another call to Major Fearnley, who arranged for a duplicate copy to be sent direct to the Airport. At twenty minutes to eleven, Chum Taylor and Jack Knott set out in a hurry for London, arriving at the airport at ten minutes to one. There they had to check up that the duplicate papers were in the hands of the right authorities (which they were) and a few minutes later Bjorn's plane came gliding in. Customs formalities were simple. Bjorn had two little bags only, one containing his boots and leathers and the other his pyjamas. Bert Croucher had guessed that he would not have had time to get his bike transported and had been hard at it building up another machine. Arriving at Southampton at four o'clock, Bjorn got straight into his leathers for a few practice laps—and that's the story.

Or nearly all of it, for Bjorn was under an obligation to ride in Stockholm last Sunday, and on Friday he was off by plane to Sweden, returning again yesterday.

The total cost of this little venture will be in the region of £150, and whilst present "gates" at speedway hardly justify this kind of spending, I am as determined as ever to keep speedway in Southampton, and to keep giving you all the best that effort and money can produce.

Given any sort of break this season, we should have had a winning team now; but to use a golfing term, we cannot seem to get the "rub of the greens". We have had Brian Crutcher out for a time, Brian Hanham injured for about six weeks, and now Geoff Mardon *hors de combat*. The fact still remains, however, that we have enjoyed some wonderful racing on our Tuesday nights—and don't forget that we are still **very** interested in the National Trophy and the World Championship, and we have plenty of excitement ahead of us.

The most recent piece of great news was, of course, that Southampton is to get an official Test Match. This is scheduled for September 8th, and will be the first in the series of three England v Australasia matches. The Saints will have every chance of getting representative honours for two or three riders, on one side or the other. We shall be getting full details of the Tests within a short time, when all details will be given in this programme.

The immediate concern, however, is the National Trophy, and the general feeling in the camp is that we have a very good chance of getting through to the semi-finals. That is not to suggest that we think Norwich is an easy task. Far from it, for any side with a rider of the class of Fundin in it immediately becomes a big obstacle. There will be some hard riding, and no doubt some equally high excitement, but we have a sneaking feeling that we may just be able to edge them out on aggregate. Anyway, we

shall see but you can take it from me that all the boys will be trying their hearts out to get through.

After the Trophy it's back in the thick of the World Championship. The semi-finals will be upon us and there will be some hectic racing as the thirty-two boys left in go for those last ten places. Each rider will ride at two meetings (there are four semi-finals) but as the draw for tracks did not take place until this morning we will have to give you the information over the P/A tonight. We will naturally be hoping that the Saints qualifiers will be in action at home with a very special wish that Geoff will recover in time to take the place that he so well deserves.

Anyway, back to the matter of the moment, and tonight it's another battle with our local rivals from Poole. This team, unspectacular at the start of the season has slowly and unobtrusively run into great form. They are now lying third in the League, and in the last few weeks have been "scalping" all and sundry—including a great win over Wimbledon. Their Reserve team, too, is going great guns, and is so far unbeaten. We extend them a really warm Southampton welcome—and look forward to another grand evening's racing.

By the way, after that Wimbledon defeat last Tuesday, we are going to challenge them to a return later in the season, when the Saints are at full strength. So that's one more great fixture to add to the season.

Cheerio, CHARLIE.

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## Good News of Geoff Mardon

Last Thursday we popped down to Poole to see the last of the Qualifying Rounds of the World Championship, and while there, had quite a long chat with Ronnie Moore, who was able to give us the very latest news of Geoff's progress.

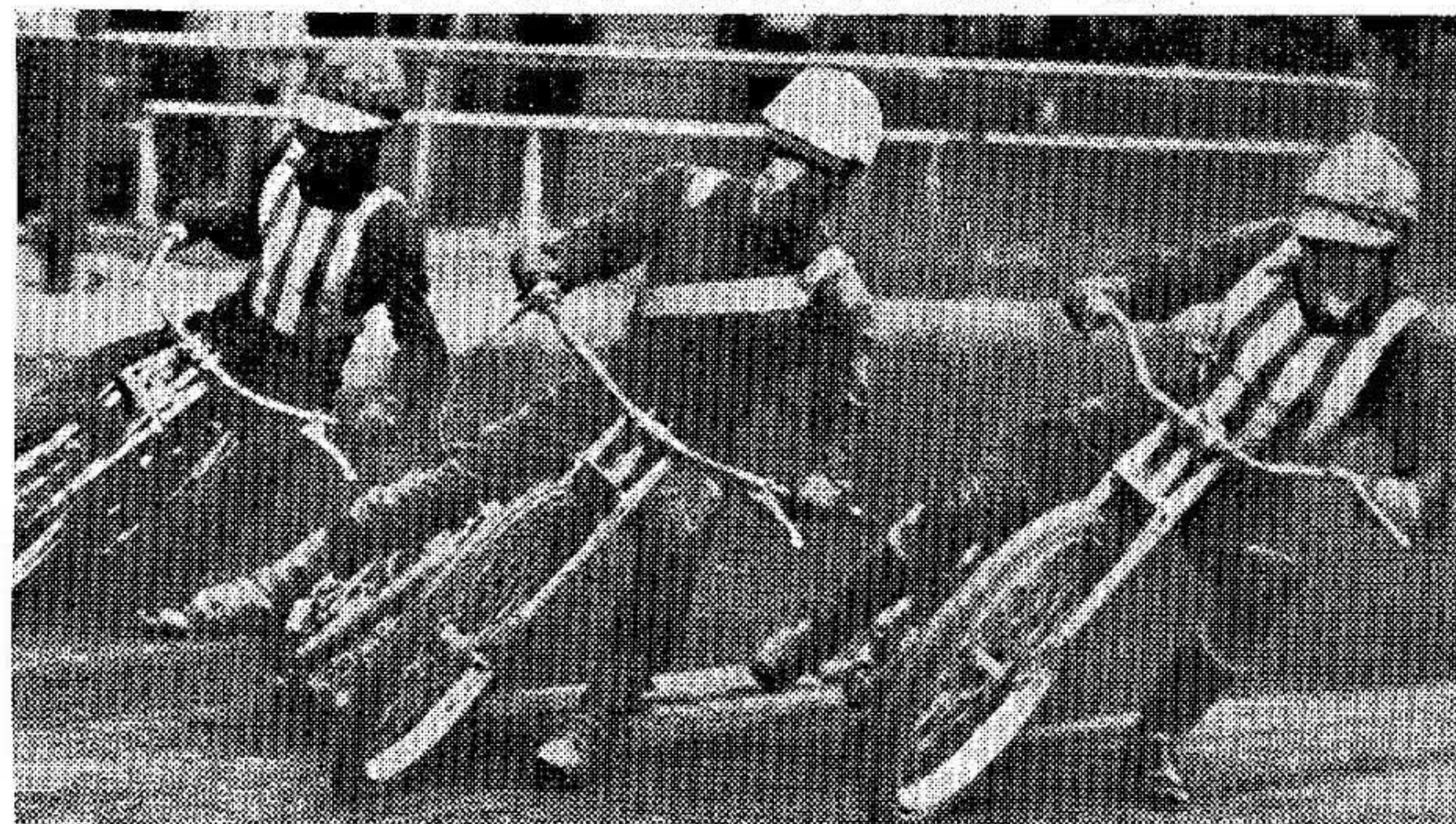
Geoff is now home again, and, apart from the fact that he is still wired up, is as lively as ever. The swelling and bruising on his face has almost disappeared, and the broken jaw appears to be knitting well.

Ronnie told us that Geoff had every intention of riding tonight, but even last Thursday we thought he was a bit optimistic.

However, it certainly looks as though he is going to be in the World Championship fight. So best of luck Geoff. We are all keeping our fingers crossed for you.

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## SPEEDWAY AT SOUTHAMPTON



An outstanding action-photo of Geoff Mardon, Arne Pander & Chum Taylor taken in a recent match v. Oxford



# Programme of 18th Meeting, 1959

A.C.U. Track Licence No. 5/47.  
Held under the Speedway Regulations of the Control Board.

## OFFICIALS

Hon. Medical Officer: **Mr. G. BIAGI, F.R.C.S.** Direction: **G. KNOTT**  
Announcer: **J. L. KNOTT** A.C.U. Referee: **C. H. KING**  
Hon. Clerk of the Course: **S. SELVES, M.B.E.** A.C.U. Judge: **A. E. TERRY**  
St. John Ambulance in Attendance—Voluntary Service

## The National League

15 Heats, 4 Laps—Clutch Start. Points: Heat Winners, 3 pts.; 2nd, 2 pts.; 3rd, 1 pt.  
TACTICAL SUBSTITUTES:—After Heat 4, the Team 6 or more points in arrears may use a Substitute Rider.

## SAINTS versus POOLE

Manager: **BERT CROUCHER**

Manager: **VIC GOODEN**

SOUTHAMPTON	RIDES							POOLE	RIDES						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	TL		1	2	3	4	5	6	TL
Brian Crutcher								Ray Cresp							
Brian Hanham								Les McGillivray (Cp)							
Chum Taylor								Jack Unstead							
Dick Bradley, Capt.								Terry Small							
Bjorn Knutsson								Birger Forsberg							
Alby Golden								Jim Squibb							
Brian Brett								Trevor Blokdyk							

## PARADE OF RIDERS

Heat	SOUTHAMPTON (Red and White)				POOLE Blue and White				Time
	Riders	Points	Heat	Score	Riders	Points	Heat	Score	
1	Brian Crutcher Brian Hanham	R B	3 2	5 5	Ray Cresp Les McGillivray	W Y	1 1	1 1	63 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
2	Chum Taylor Dick Bradley	R B	2 1	3 8	Jack Unstead Terry Small	W Y	3 3	4 4	64 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
3	Bjorn Knutsson Alby Golden	R B	3 3	3 11	Birger Forsberg Jim Squibb	W Y	1 2	3 7	64 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
4	Chum Taylor Dick Bradley	R B	2 3	5 16	Ray Cresp Les McGillivray	W Y	1 1	8 8	65 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
5	Bjorn Knutsson Alby Golden	R B	2 1	3 19	Jack Unstead Terry Small	W Y	3 3	11 11	65
6	Brian Crutcher Brian Hanham	R B	3 2	5 24	Birger Forsberg Jim Squibb	W Y	1 1	12 12	63 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
7	Bjorn Knutsson Alby Golden	R B	3 2	5 29	Ray Cresp Les McGillivray	W Y	1 1	13 13	65
8	Brian Crutcher Brian Hanham	R B	3 1	4 33	Jack Unstead Terry Small	W Y	2 2	15 15	64 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
9	Chum Taylor Dick Bradley	R B	2 2	35	Birger Forsberg Jim Squibb	W Y	1 3	4 19	65 <sup>4</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
10	Bjorn Knutsson Brian Hanham	R B	3 2	5 40	Ray Cresp Terry Small	W Y	1 1	20 20	68 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub>

■ INTERVAL ■

Heat	SOUTHAMPTON (Red and White)				POOLE Blue and White				Time
	Riders	Points	Heat	Score	Riders	Points	Heat	Score	
11	Brian Crutcher Dick Bradley	R B	3 3	43	Jack Unstead Jim Squibb	W Y	1 2	3 23	68 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
12	Chum Taylor Alby Golden	R B	2 1	3 46	Birger Forsberg Les McGillivray	W Y	3 3	26	
13	Bjorn Knutsson Brian Hanham	R B	2 2	48	Jack Unstead Jim Squibb	W Y	3 1	4 30	70 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>5</sub>
14	Chum Taylor Alby Golden	R B	2 3	5 53	Ray Cresp Terry Small	W Y	1 1	31	
15	Brian Crutcher Dick Bradley	R B	3 2	5 58	Birger Forsberg Les McGillivray	W Y	1 1	32	

## EVENT 2 RESERVE LEAGUE MATCH

### SAINTS RESERVES v. POOLE RESERVES

SAINTS RESERVES: Brian Brett, Peter Vandenburg, Johnny Hole, Jack Scott.

POOLE RESERVES: Trevor Blokdyk, Gerry Bridson, Reg Duval, Norman Strachan

1	Brian Brett Peter Vandenburg	R B	5	Trevor Blokdyk Gerry Bridson	W Y	1
2	Johnny Hole Jack Scott	R B	4	Reg Duval Norman Strachan	W Y	2
3	Johnny Hole Jack Scott	R B	4	Trevor Blokdyk Gerry Bridson	W Y	2
4	Brian Brett Peter Vandenburg	R B	5	Reg Duval Norman Strachan	W Y	1
5	Nominated Riders			Nominated Riders		
	1. Brett	R	3	3. Strachan	W	5
	2. Scott	B		4. Blokdyk	Y	

## Event 3 NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Qualifying Round)

### FOUR HIGHEST POINTS SCORERS FROM LEAGUE MATCH

1. Crutcher ... (Red)
2. Knutsson ... (Blue)
3. Saylar ... (White)
4. Unstead ... (Yellow)

Winner..... 2nd..... 3rd..... Time.....



## Supporters' Club Notes

Early announcement is made of a trip to Norwich on Saturday 8th August. The fare will be 27/6 for adults and 14/- children. The trip is in connection with the second leg of the National Trophy. Departure time will be at 9 a.m. sharp. Bookings can be made at the kiosk tonight or next Tuesday, or as usual, direct to Mr. Sturney at 15 Shayer Road, Shirley, Southampton.

On behalf of all club members a letter was sent to Geoff Mardon last week, in which we expressed the condolences of one and all and extended the hope of his speedy recovery to full health after his unfortunate injury at Oxford. Incidentally we did mention that everyone would be terribly disappointed if he was forced to miss his semi-final of the World Championship and what we are sure would be a place in the line up at Wembley.

On the topic of Wembley and the announcement last week that we were ready to accept bookings for transport to the World Final at 11/6 for adults and 6/- children (each price inclusive of gratuities), we were besieged on Tuesday night, unfortunately most people only wanted their names and addresses taken with a promise to pay later. This procedure cannot be adopted and in future we must insist on payment being made at the time of booking. Whilst we should not be harsh enough to retain the transport fare in a genuine case of inability to travel, we have found in the past that verbal bookings have been made and that is the last we have heard in the matter. Don't forget! pay your money and you are in.

A Lady member has left with us a further pile of old Speedway periodicals and has expressed the desire that these be distributed to young patrons who were too young to appreciate the activities of the older stars mentioned. So any young patron can collect an old copy from us tonight until the stock is exhausted.

We have good news! S-h-h! the club coat badges have arrived and will be on sale tonight, price 2/6.

Last weeks Charity draw was very good but was well short of the £100 aim. However tonight the Star prize will be a suite of furniture and we are determined to reach that target. The racing must have been too exciting for two people to check their tickets last week as we find that prizes for tickets numbered 14296 (green) and 19306 (green) were not claimed. If the holders will present them to us at the kiosk tonight, prizes may be claimed from the usual large selection. One winner last week selected as a prize a large doll, and, knowing him personally we thought he was going "round the bend." However he was not so daft as we thought for he immediately handed it back with the request that it be given anonymously to Mrs Welsh at the "Speedway Hall" for presentation to the most deserving Spastic child in her care. Thanks a lot anonymous, your wishes were respected and I was asked to convey the grateful thanks of Mrs. Welsh to you.

Yours sincerely, BILL WILLIAMS, Hon. Sec.

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**Tuesday, Aug. 4 - Norwich - Nat. Trophy**

**Tuesday, Aug. 11 - World Championship  
SEMI-FINAL**

**Tuesday, Aug. 18 - Swindon - Nat. League**

**Tuesday, Aug. 25 - Norwich - Nat. League**

**Tuesday, Sept. 1 - Belle Vue - Nat. League**

**Tuesday, Sept. 8 - 1st Official Test —  
England v Australasia**

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**TONIGHT'S STAR PRIZE**

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# Next Tuesday, August 4

# THE NATIONAL TROPHY

## ROUND TWO

# A GREAT ALL-ACTION CLASH for the RIGHT TO ENTER THE SEMI-FINAL

# “SAINTS” v.

# NORWICH

## 18 TERRIFIC HEATS - 8-Rider Teams

*Don't miss this &* **tell all your friends**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 11th** ★

# The CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD

# ★ SEMI-FINAL ★

# 10 PLACES FOR WEMBLEY

# IT'S SURE TO BE A GREAT MEETING

***Make it a Date - - NOW***

**TRACK RECORD, June 23rd. 1959—RUNE SORMANDER (Sweden)**  
**" " " OVE FUNDIN (Sweden & Norwich)** } **60½ seconds**

**BETTING IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED**

In the event of a meeting being ABANDONED before the holding of the Sixth Event in the Programme, re-admission tickets will be issued available for free admission to any Meeting within one month of the day of issue.

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