

# **WORLD TEAM CUP FINAL**



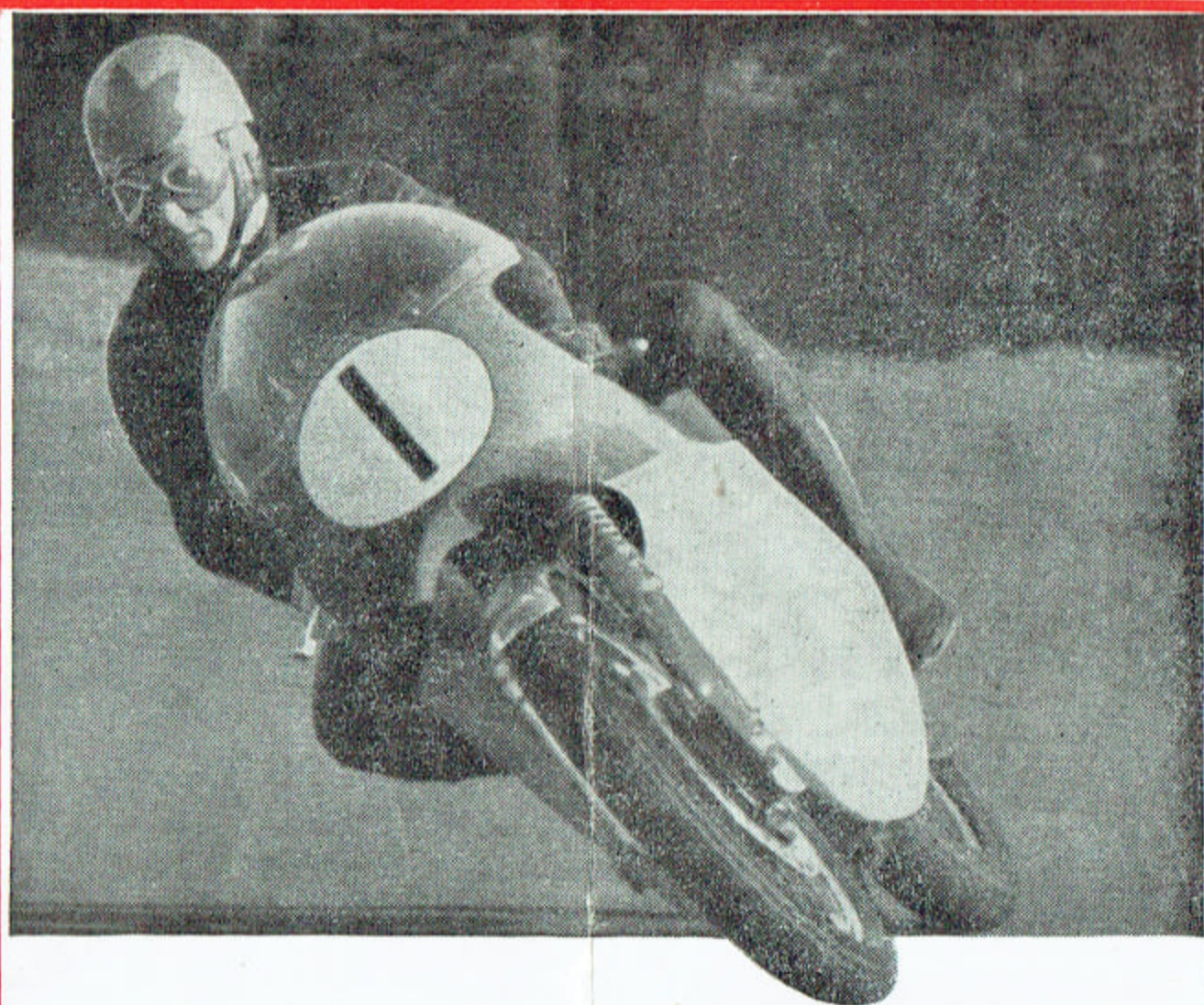
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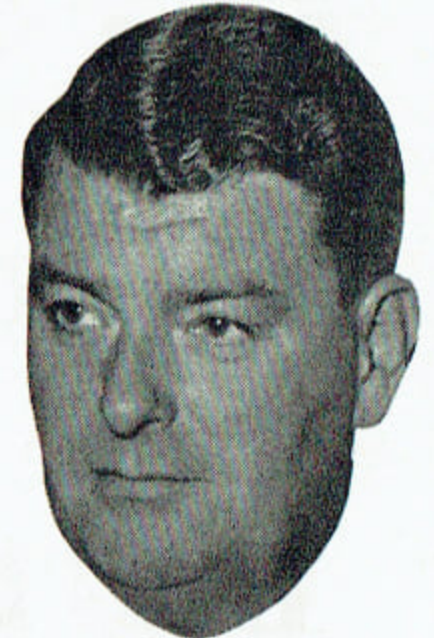
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**S**PEEDWAY history is made tonight when for the very first time, Great Britain has the honour of staging the World Team Championship. We have great pleasure in welcoming our opponents from overseas —Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Poland—and our Continental colleagues of the F.I.M., and hope that they will enjoy their visit to Britain's most famous sports stadium.

Tonight's Trophy battle and the World Individual Championship, held at Gothenburg a fortnight ago, graphically illustrate what a truly international sport speedway has become since its beginnings in Australia more than forty years ago.

## **A NIGHT TO RECALL**

**By Nelson Mills Baldwin  
Chairman Speedway Control Board**



At Gothenburg, six countries were represented: England, New Zealand, Norway, Sweden, Poland and the U.S.S.R. Add Czechoslovakia, Scotland, Australia, Denmark, Finland and East Germany to this number and few sports, soccer and athletics apart, can claim to have so many well-matched countries competing for top honours.

Another step forward in the international set-up was the formation this season of a World League. The British Speedway Control Board has given a perpetual Trophy for this competition and the first recipients are—Great Britain.

On September 12th at the RAC's Pall Mall headquarters, Mr. Emile Vorster, President of the Speedway Committee of the F.I.M., presented the trophy to Barry Briggs, Captain of the British team. This year Sweden, Russia and Poland competed in the League in addition to Britain, and, although it will make it tougher for us to retain our laurels, we look forward to other countries entering in due course.

That is in the future. The more immediate question in all our minds is who is going to win tonight? I wish you all a thrilling evening's racing and, on behalf of the Speedway Control Board, I would like to express our thanks to the Speedway Promoters' Association, the Speedway Riders' Association and Wembley Stadium for their co-operation in organising the event—as well as the numerous other persons and organisations who have all played their parts.



*The Stars of the British League*

*will gather at*

# **BELLE VUE, MANCHESTER**

*on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19*

*for the*

# **BRITISH LEAGUE RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP**

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# **WORLD TEAM CUP BADGE**

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## **To-night's Timetable**

6.15 p.m.	The Band of the Grenadier Guards (by kind permission of Col. A. N. Breitmeyer, Lt.-Col. Commanding the Grenadier Guards).
to	
7.00 p.m.	Director of Music: Major Rodney Bashford, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.M. psm.
7.00 p.m.	Introduction and parade of the riders including presentation of commemorative tankards to riders.
to	
7.20 p.m.	
7.20 p.m.	First eight races.
to	
8.00 p.m.	
8.00 p.m.	Interval: marching display by the Band of the Grenadier Guards.
to	
8.15 p.m.	
8.15 p.m.	Second eight races.
to	
9.00 p.m.	
9.05 p.m.	Deciding races if necessary.
9.10 p.m.	Presentation of awards for the meeting.

*Times subject to adjustment.*

## **Officials of the meeting**

<i>F.I.M. Steward of the Meeting</i>	...	...	W. PIETRZAK
<i>A.C.U. Referee</i>	...	...	C. H. KING
<i>A.C.U. Judge-Timekeeper</i>	...	...	H. W. SHUTTLEWORTH
<i>Measurer</i>	...	...	L. HUDLASS
<i>Announcer</i>	...	...	JACK KNOTT
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<i>Machine Examiner</i>	...	...	W. KITCHEN
<i>Medical Officer</i>	...	...	D. H. CAMPBELL, M.D., CH.B.
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<i>Secretary of the Meeting</i>	...	...	JOHN McNULTY

Permit No. SP 277

Length of track: 378 yards

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# ENGLAND'S HOPES FOR SECOND WORLD CUP

By Dave Stevens

This year, for the first time ever, the World Team Cup Final comes to England.

This is not, however, the first time that World Team Cup racing has been seen in the U.K. for in the first two years of the competition British Qualifying Rounds were held.

On both occasions England were successful. In 1960 they scored 134 points from four meetings at Belle Vue, Oxford, Swindon and Wimbledon, against 106 scored by New Zealand, the 72 scored by Australia and a team labelled The Challengers.

In 1961 only three teams contested the British round when, following matches at Coventry, Ipswich, Leicester, New Cross and Wimbledon, England scored a total of 219 points against New Zealand's 176 and Australia's 135.

Since 1962 the British authorities have continued to provide a Great Britain team for this event but so far we have failed to win the competition.

Sweden, who won the first event in 1960, have the record number of wins—five—including a hat trick in 1962, '63 and '64. The only other country to have won the title is Poland, with three wins.

Now, for the first time, this great team event comes to England and the British boys will be out to emulate their football counterparts with a World Team Cup victory. If the overall form of British riders in the World Championship is anything to go by then they stand a very good chance this evening.

The competition ranks second to the World Championship in the F.I.M.'s speedway calendar but to the riders is equally important.

Four teams contest the meeting with one member from each team competing in

each race; the rider's individual scores being totalled together for a team total.

Counting Great Britain and England teams as one, only five countries have contested the Final although many others have competed in earlier qualifying rounds.

Nordic countries—Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden—have regularly competed in the Scandinavian round whilst in the early days there were Central European and Eastern European rounds involving teams from Austria, Czechoslovakia, West Germany, Holland, Bulgaria, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, Russia and Yugoslavia.

In recent years the Central and Eastern European meetings have been combined into rounds for, with the demise of some of the lesser Eastern European countries, there has been insufficient support for the event and usually a qualifying round involving teams from East and West Germany and two other Eastern European countries has been held, with the winner going forward to a European round proper with the first and second teams from this meeting proceeding to the Final.

This year East Germany successfully defeated West Germany, Hungary and Yugoslavia in the European qualifying round but in the final at Slany on July 28 they were completely outclassed by Poland, who scored 43 points, and second place team Czechoslovakia who, in front of their own supporters, successfully eliminated Russia from the final; Czechoslovakia scoring 26 points against Russia's 19 and East Germany's 8.

There is every indication that five times World Champion—Ove Fundin—will be leading the Swedish quartet in tonight's

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## HOW THEY'VE SCORED

	England/Great Britain continued							Total
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	
B. Andrews	6							6
G. White	6							6
E. Boocock						3		3
I. Mauger				4				4
D. Fisher								4
R. Wilson						3		3
J. Gooch						1		1
C. Monk								0
T. Betts								0
B. Brett								0
C. Maidment			0					0
C. Pratt								0
								166

	RUSSIA							Total
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	
I. Plechanov					8	1	6	24
B. Samorodov					3	2	10	16
G. Kurilenko					8	0	6	10
V. Trofimov					6	2	4	10
Y. Chekranov							4	8
F. Szajurov							4	5
G. Kadirov							2	2
V. Sokolov						2		2
								77

	CZECHOSLOVAKIA							Total
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	
L. Tomicek	4	7	7	5				23
A. Kasper	5	4	10	7				19
S. Kubicek				5				5
M. Smid								4
B. Slany			4					4
J. Machac	3							3
F. Richter	3		3					3
J. Volf			2					2
K. Prusa								1
B. Bartonek								0
S. Svoboda								0
								70

	SWEDEN							Total
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	
B. Knutsson	9	7	10	11	11	11	11	70
O. Fundin	12	11	7	6	8	2	6	61
G. Nordin			4	6	6	3	11	40
R. Sormander	11	10	3	7	8		9	34
B. Jansson								17
O. Nygren	12							12
S. Sjosten			10					10
P. Soderman								10
T. Harrysson								6
L. Encrona							4	4
P. T. Svensson							2	2
L. Larsson								3
								269

	POLAND							Total
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	
A. Wyglenda					8	11	11	39
A. Woryna						9	11	30
M. Kaiser	2	10	9	1	3	11	8	22
A. Pogorzelski				0	2	7	10	22
M. Rose								19
F. Kapala			5	4				11
H. Zyto			0					11
M. Polukard	2	5	0		3			7
Z. Podlecki								6
J. Maj								5
S. Tkocz			4					5
J. Trzeszkowski								4
K. Pocijkowicz	3							4
P. Waloszek			2					3
J. Malinowski	0							2
B. Rogal								0
								186

	ENGLAND/GREAT BRITAIN							Total
	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	
B. Briggs			8	12	9	1	1	39
P. Craven	8	8	6	8	7	7	4	30
K. McKinlay	8	4			3	6		26
N. Boocock	1		0		2			14
R. How	7	3	10					12
R. Moore								11





Ove Fundin (Sweden) (above) holds off Britain's Trevor Hedge and Martin Ashby in a World League encounter at Wimbledon. (Below) a close-up of Ashby, the young Exeter rider who is one of the brightest stars in the 1968 speedway firmament.



## PAST WINNERS OF THE WORLD TEAM CUP

1960	at Gothenburg, Sweden							
	Sweden	44	England	30	Czechoslovakia	15	Poland	7
1961	at Wroclaw, Poland							
	Poland	32	Sweden	31	England	21	Czechoslovakia	12
1962	at Slany, Czechoslovakia							
	Sweden	36	Gt. Britain	24	Poland	20	Czechoslovakia	16
1963	at Vienna, Austria							
	Sweden	37	Czechoslovakia	27	Gt. Britain	25	Poland	7
1964	at Abensberg, West Germany							
	Sweden	34	Russia	25	Gt. Britain	21	Poland	16
1965	at Kempten, West Germany							
	Poland	38	Sweden	33	Great Britain	18	Russia	7
1966	at Wroclaw, Poland							
	Poland	40	Russia	26	Sweden	22	Gt. Britain	8
1967	at Malmo, Sweden							
	Sweden	32	Poland	26	Great Britain	19	Russia	19





**GREAT BRITAIN**

Some of the boys who have carried the British colours recently: back row, left to right: Malcolm Simmons, Barry Briggs, W. Maudsley (team manager), Martin Ashby and Eric Boocock; front row, left to right: Reg Luckhurst, Nigel Boocock and Trevor Hedge. (Photo by Alf Weedon.)

# GO SPEEDWAY RACING

## BRITISH LEAGUE

### BELLE VUE

Zoological Gardens, Hyde Road,  
Manchester 12.  
Saturdays — 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays — 7.30 p.m.

### COATBRIDGE

Albion Rovers Stadium, Main Street,  
Coatbridge, Lanarkshire.  
Saturdays — 7.30 p.m.  
Wednesdays — 7.30 p.m.  
Fridays — 7.30 p.m.

### COVENTRY

Coventry Stadium, Rugby Road,  
Brandon, Nr. Coventry.  
Saturdays — 7.30 p.m.  
Wednesdays — 7.45 p.m.

### CRADLEY HEATH

Cradley Heath Greyhound Stadium,  
Dudley Wood Road, Dudley, Wores.  
Saturdays — 7.30 p.m.  
Mondays — 7.30 p.m.

### EXETER

County Ground Stadium, Church Road,  
St. Thomas, Exeter, Devon.  
Mondays — 7.30 p.m.  
Bank Holidays — 11 a.m.

### GLASGOW

White City Stadium, Paisley Road West,  
Glasgow, S.W.1.  
Fridays — 7.30 p.m.  
Wednesdays — 7.30 p.m.

### HACKNEY

Hackney Wick Stadium, Waterden  
Road, London, E.15.  
Fridays — 8 p.m.

### HALIFAX

The Shay Grounds, Halifax, Yorks.  
Saturdays — 7.30 p.m.  
Mondays — 7.30 p.m.  
Wednesdays — 7.30 p.m.

### KING'S LYNN

The Stadium, Saddlebow Road,  
King's Lynn, Norfolk.  
Saturdays — 7.45 p.m.  
Fridays — 7.45 p.m.

### LEICESTER

Leicester Stadium, Blackbird Road,  
Leicester.  
Tuesdays — 7.45 p.m.  
Fridays — 7.30 p.m.

### NEWCASTLE

Brough Park Stadium, Fossway,  
Byker, Newcastle upon Tyne.  
Mondays — 7.30 p.m.

### NEWPORT

Somerton Park Stadium, Somerton Park,  
Newport, Mon.  
Fridays — 7.30 p.m.

### OXFORD

Cowley Stadium, Cowley Road,  
Oxford.  
Thursdays — 7.45 p.m.

### POOLE

The Stadium, Wimborne Road, Poole,  
Dorset.  
Wednesdays — 7.45 p.m.

### SHEFFIELD

Owlerton Sports Stadium, Penistone  
Road, Sheffield, S6 2DE.  
Thursdays — 7.45 p.m.

### SWINDON

Abbey Stadium, Blunsdon,  
Nr. Swindon, Wilts.  
Saturdays — 7.30 p.m.

### WEST HAM

West Ham Stadium, Prince Regent  
Lane, London, E.16.  
Tuesdays — 7.45 p.m.

### WIMBLEDON

Wimbledon Stadium, Plough Lane,  
London, S.W.17.  
Thursdays — 8 p.m.

### WOLVERHAMPTON

Monmore Green Stadium,  
Bilston Road, Wolverhampton, Staffs.  
Fridays — 7.30 p.m.



<b>CZECHOSLOVAKIA:</b> Team Manager:		1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jan Holub					
2	Miroslav Verner					
3	Jaroslav Volf					
4	Lubos Tomicek					
Res	Antonin Kasper					

<b>GREAT BRITAIN:</b> Team Manager: R. W. Greene, M.B.E.		1	2	3	4	Total
1	Ivan Mauger					
2	Barry Briggs (C)					
3	Nigel Boocock					
4	Martin Ashby					
Res	Norman Hunter					

## DIVISION TWO

**BELLE VUE**  
Zoological Gardens, Hyde Road,  
Manchester 12.  
Wednesdays — 7.30 p.m.

**BERWICK**  
Shielfield Park, Tweedmouth,  
Berwick-on-Tweed, Northumberland.  
Saturdays — 7 p.m.  
Fridays — 7.30 p.m.

**CANTERBURY**  
Kingsmead Stadium, Kingsmead Road,  
Canterbury, Kent.  
Saturdays — 7 p.m.

**CRAYFORD**  
Crayford & Bexley Heath Stadium,  
London Road, Crayford, Kent.  
Wednesdays — 7.45 p.m.

**MIDDLESBROUGH**  
Cleveland Park Stadium, Stockton  
Road, Middlesbrough, Yorks.  
Thursdays — 7.30 p.m.

**NELSON**  
Seed Hill Stadium, Carr Road, Nelson,  
Lancs.  
Saturdays — 7.30 p.m.

**PLYMOUTH**  
Pennycross Stadium, Pennycross,  
Plymouth, Devon.  
Fridays — 7.45 p.m.

**RAYLEIGH**  
Rayleigh Weir Stadium, Arterial Road,  
Rayleigh, Essex.  
Saturdays — 8 p.m.

**READING**  
Reading Greyhound Stadium,  
Oxford Road, Reading, Berks.  
Mondays — 7.30 p.m.

<b>POLAND:</b> Team Manager: Jozef Olejniczak		1	2	3	4	Total
1	Pawel Waloszek					
2	Henryk Glucklich					
3	Edward Jancarz					
4	Andrzej Wyglenda					
Res	Jerzy Padewski					

<b>SWEDEN:</b> Team Manager: Arne Bergstrom		1	2	3	4	Total
1	Ove Fundin					
2	Anders Michanek					
3	Bengt Jansson					
4	Torbjorn Harrysson					
Res	Olle Nygren					

Riders and riding positions identified by helmet colours:—  
R=Red (Inside), B=Blue, W=White, Y=Yellow (Outside).

Heat	No.	Name	Remarks	Colour	Points	Progressive Scores			
						Cz	GB	P	S
1 Time	1	Jan Holub (Cz)		R					
	2	Barry Briggs (GB)		B					
	3	Bengt Jansson (S)		W					
	4	Andrzej Wyglenda (P)		Y					
2 Time	1	Ivan Mauger (GB)		R					
	2	Miroslav Verner (Cz)		B					
	1	Henryk Glucklich (P)		W					
3 Time	1	Ove Fundin (S)		Y					
	1	Pawel Waloszek (P)		R					
	2	Anders Michanek (S)		B					
	3	Jaroslav Volf (Cz)		W					
4 Time	4	Martin Ashby (GB)		Y					
	4	Torbjorn Harrysson (S)		R					
	3	Nigel Boocock (GB)		B					
	3	Edward Jancarz (P)		W					
4 Time	4	Lubos Tomicek (Cz)		Y					



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						Cz	GB	P	S
5 Time	2	Anders Michanek (S)		R					
	3	Edward Jancarz (P)		B					
	1	Jan Holub (Cz)		W					
	1	Ivan Mauger (GB)		Y					
6 Time	1	Pawel Waloszek (P)		R					
	4	Torbjorn Harrysson (S)		B					
	2	Barry Briggs (GB)		W					
	2	Miroslav Verner (Cz)		Y					
7 Time	3	Nigel Boocock (GB)		R					
	3	Jaroslav Volf (Cz)		B					
	3	Bengt Jansson (S)		W					
	2	Henryk Glucklich (P)		Y					
8 Time	4	Andrzej Wyglenda (P)		R					
	1	Ove Fundin (S)		B					
	4	Lubos Tomicek (Cz)		W					
	4	Martin Ashby (GB)		Y					

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						Cz	GB	P	S
9 Time	4	Torbjorn Harrysson (S)		R					
	2	Henryk Glucklich (P)		B					
	4	Martin Ashby (GB)		W					
	1	Jan Holub (Cz)		Y					
10 Time	2	Miroslav Verner (Cz)		R					
	3	Nigel Boocock (GB)		B					
	4	Andrzej Wyglenda (P)		W					
	2	Anders Michanek (S)		Y					
11 Time	2	Barry Briggs (GB)		R					
	3	Edward Jancarz (P)		B					
	1	Ove Fundin (S)		W					
	3	Jaroslav Volf (Cz)		Y					
12 Time	4	Lubos Tomicek (Cz)		R					
	1	Ivan Mauger (GB)		B					
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	3	Bengt Jansson (S)		B					
	2	Miroslav Verner (Cz)		W					
	3	Edward Jancarz (P)		Y					
14 Time	1	Ove Fundin (S)		R					
	1	Jan Holub (Cz)		B					
	1	Pawel Waloszek (P)		W					
	3	Nigel Boocock (GB)		Y					
15 Time	3	Jaroslav Volf (Cz)		R					
	4	Andrzej Wyglenda (P)		B					
	1	Ivan Mauger (GB)		W					
	4	Torbjorn Harrysson (S)		Y					
16 Time	2	Henryk Glucklich (P)		R					
	4	Lubos Tomicek (Cz)		B					
	2	Anders Michanek (S)		W					
	2	Barry Briggs (GB)		Y					

## THE SPEEDWAY CONTROL BOARD

THE sport of speedway racing is controlled by the Speedway Control Board, comprising two representatives of the Royal Automobile Club and two of the Auto-Cycle Union. The present members of the Board are:

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## WINNERS OF THE WORLD INDIVIDUAL SPEEDWAY CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1936—Lionel Van Praag (Australia) 1, Eric Langton (England) 2, "Bluey" Wilkinson (Australia) 3.
- 1937—Jack Milne (U.S.A.) 1, Wilbur Lamoreaux (U.S.A.) 2, Cordy Milne (U.S.A.) 3.
- 1938—"Bluey" Wilkinson (Australia) 1, Jack Milne (U.S.A.) 2, Wilbur Lamoreaux (U.S.A.) 3.
- 1949—Tommy Price (England) 1, Jack Parker (England) 2, Louis Lawson (England) 3.
- 1950—Fred Williams (Wales) 1, Wally Green (England) 2, Graham Warren (Australia) 3.
- 1951—Jack Young (Australia) 1, Split Waterman (England) 2, Jack Biggs (Australia) 3.
- 1952—Jack Young (Australia) 1, Fred Williams (Wales) 2, Bob Oakley (England) 3.
- 1953—Fred Williams (Wales) 1, Split Waterman (England) 2, Geoff Mardon (New Zealand) 3.
- 1954—Ronnie Moore (New Zealand) 1, Brian Crutcher (England) 2, Olle Nygren (Sweden) 3.
- 1955—Peter Craven (England) 1, Ronnie Moore (New Zealand) 2, Barry Briggs (New Zealand) 3.
- 1956—Ove Fundin (Sweden) 1, Ronnie Moore (New Zealand) 2, Arthur Forrest (England) 3.
- 1957—Barry Briggs (New Zealand) 1, Ove Fundin (Sweden) 2, Peter Craven (England) 3.
- 1958—Barry Briggs (New Zealand) 1, Ove Fundin (Sweden) 2, Aub Lawson (Australia) 3.
- 1959—Ronnie Moore (New Zealand) 1, Ove Fundin (Sweden) 2, Barry Briggs (New Zealand) 3.
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- 1961—Ove Fundin (Sweden) 1, Bjorn Knutsson (Sweden) 2, Gote Nordin (Sweden) 3.
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- 1965—Bjorn Knutsson (Sweden) 1, Igor Plechanov (U.S.S.R.) 2, Ove Fundin (Sweden) 3.
- 1966—Barry Briggs (New Zealand) 1, Sverre Harrfeldt (Norway) 2, Antoni Woryna (Poland) 3.
- 1967—Ove Fundin (Sweden) 1, Bengt Jansson (Sweden) 2, Ivan Mauger (New Zealand) 3.
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**PAUL PARISH looks at some  
of the top speedway riders in  
the four countries competing  
tonight.**

### GREAT BRITAIN - team picked itself

THE British team virtually picked itself but in speedway team selection is rarely that simple. Britain's four World Finalists—**Barry Briggs, Ivan Mauger, Nigel Boocock** and **Martin Ashby**—were the quartet in question for not only had they reached the World Final but they also held down the top four positions in the British League averages.

Then came the news of Barry Briggs' illness. Barry was taken ill with what was suspected to be a virus infection 24 hours before the World Final in Gothenburg. He spent half the night at the Ullevi Stadium wrapped in a blanket in an effort to combat the fever. To his credit Barry finished second in the World Final but on the return journey the infection became worse.

At his Southampton home doctor's diagnosed septicaemia and warned Briggs not to get out of bed for two weeks. The two weeks end today!

Then there was Nigel Boocock, who despite scoring only one point in the World Final, is enjoying one of his best ever seasons. The Coventry rider has won the Internationale and the Midland Riders Championship even though a broken collarbone kept him out of action in mid-summer.

But Nigel is a tough guy. He rode through the World Championship rounds, in internationals and in British League

matches with his collarbone far from properly healed. There was still a weakness in the collarbone and when Nigel spilled during the World Final it cracked again.

The courage and tenacity of Briggs and Boocock, both determined to bring the World Team Cup back to Britain for the first time, is well known. But can they fight back to fitness in time for tonight's event?

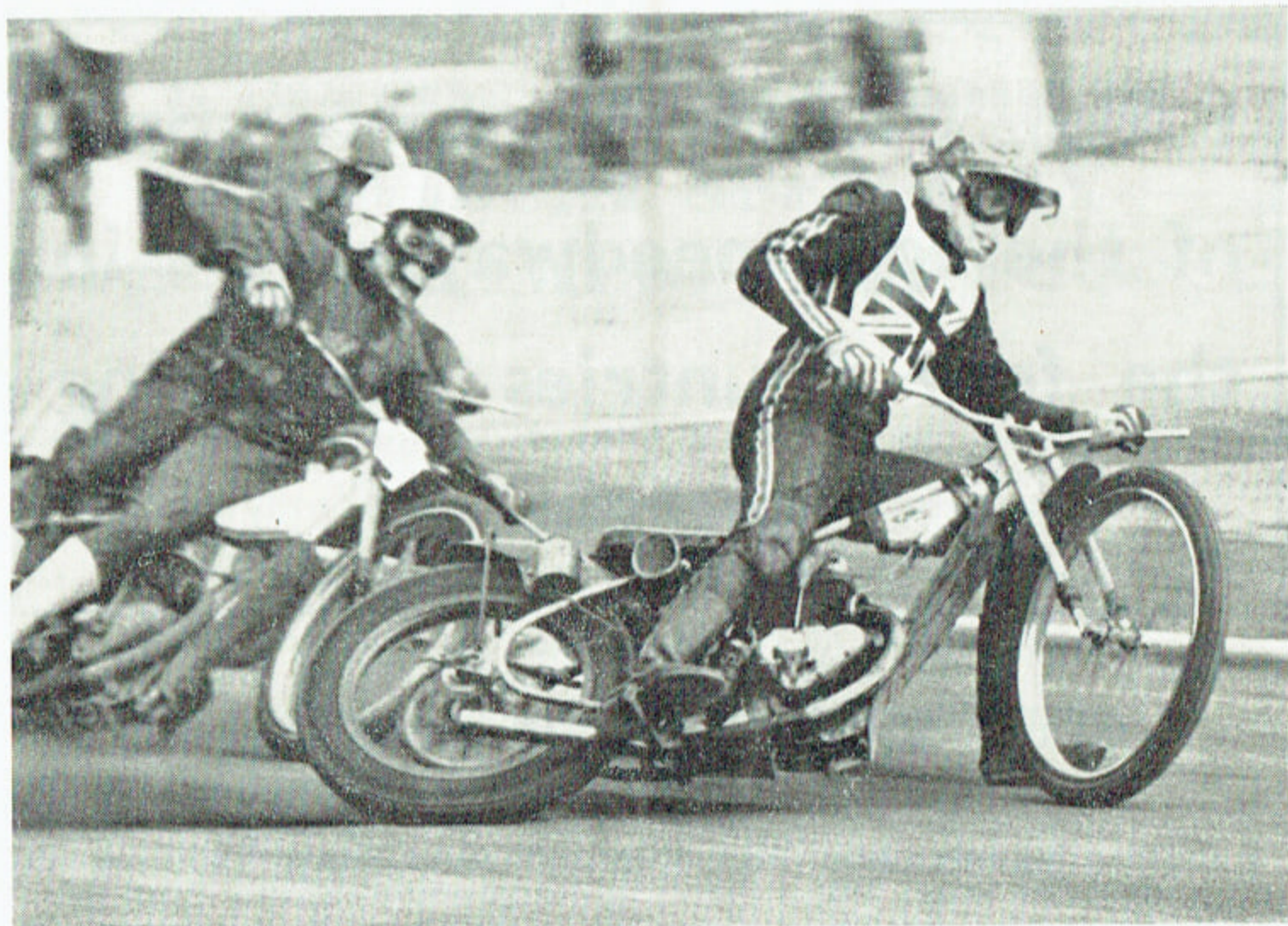
At least Britain will be riding with the new World Champion in their midst. Ivan Mauger, who so magnificently won the World crown with a maximum in Gothenburg, will spearhead Britain's attack on the World Cup.

Mauger, the New Zealander who rides for Newcastle, has been in superb form this year and in addition to the World title has also collected the British and Nordic-British titles. His league performances have given him an average of almost 11½ points out of a possible 12 per meeting.

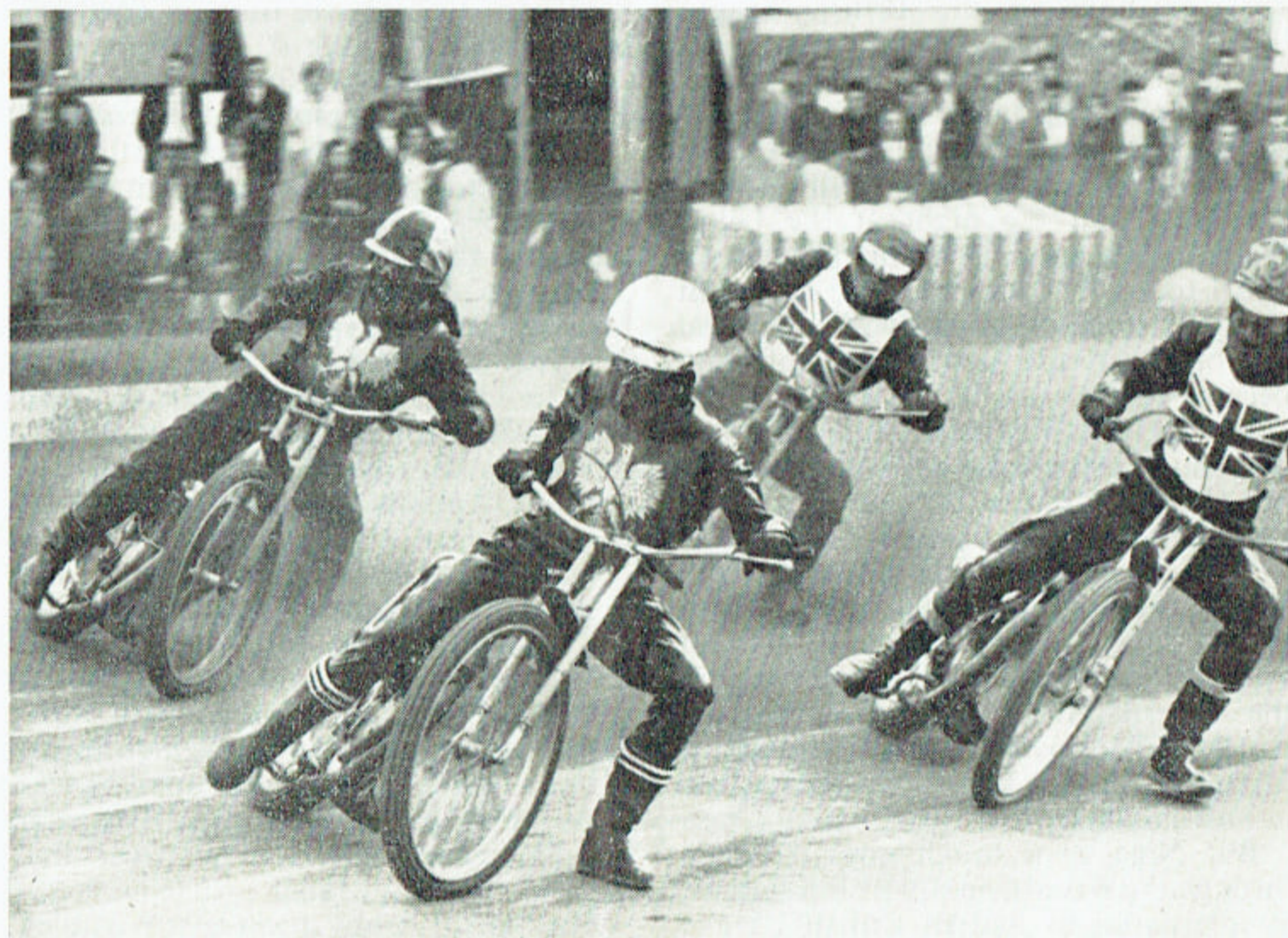
Ivan, who had finished fourth and third in his two previous World Finals, first rode in Britain, for Wimbledon, in 1957, but it wasn't until he returned to Britain in 1963 and linked up with Newcastle that he began to hit the high spots. Ivan has made two previous appearances at Wembley. In 1966 he won the European Championship, here and last year was third in the World Final.

For Martin Ashby it will be a Wembley





Barry Briggs leads his Swedish opponents in the Great Britain v. Sweden World League match at Wimbledon, but (below) Terry Betts and Norman Hunter have a fight on their hands in the Polish match at Coventry. Britain ended up as 1968 World League champions.



debut. A debut that will complete a wonderful season for this modest man from Marlborough. Martin switched from Swindon to Exeter during the close season and subsequently there has been a dramatic improvement in his form. It wasn't long before his form attracted the attention of the international selectors and he became a regular this year in Britain's World League teams.

It was also Martin's first time in a World Final. He ended the evening at Gothenburg with five points.

What will happen if Briggs and Boocock fail in their bid for fitness?

Into the reckoning will come a host of international class riders from whom the selectors must pick two. There's **Eric Boocock**, younger brother of Nigel, who reached the European Final this year but had to withdraw after a severe attack of air sickness on the trip to Poland. Eric made his Wembley debut last year and

was top scoring Englishman in the World Final.

Other 1968 European Finalists **Trevor Hedge** and **Terry Betts** must also come into consideration. Trevor appeared at Wembley in the 1964 British Final but Betts has yet to make an appearance here. Hedge has been in fine form for Wimbledon recently while Betts is consistently hitting double figure scores for the King's Lynn Stars.

**Norman Hunter**, who lived in Wembley, until last year has never ridden on this track but his tremendous form for West Ham and a European Final reserve position must bring him into the reckoning.

Then there are riders like **Charlie Monk** and **Ray Wilson** who failed in their bid to reach either European or World Final but who have high averages in the British League or a record for good international achievement in the past.

## SWEDEN - can give the old one-two

**J**UST over 12 months ago here, at the Empire Stadium, British speedway fans were stunned as Swedish riders gave us the old one-two in the final of the World Championship. The two riders in question, **Ove Fundin** and **Bengt Jansson**, are riding tonight just as a reminder to home fans that British chances of success in this competition are by no means certain.

Fundin the fantastic just loves Wembley. Four of his five World Championship victories have been scored beneath the famous twin towers. Now he leads the Swedish team into very much of a revenge, both personal and national, battle.

Ove was dreadfully disappointed with the seven points he scored in his 13th World Championship Final at Gothenburg. And the Swedes in general were not too delighted that Ivan Mauger and Barry Briggs of New Zealand and Edward Jancarz of Poland walked off with the top honours.

Fundin, who rides for Kaparna in

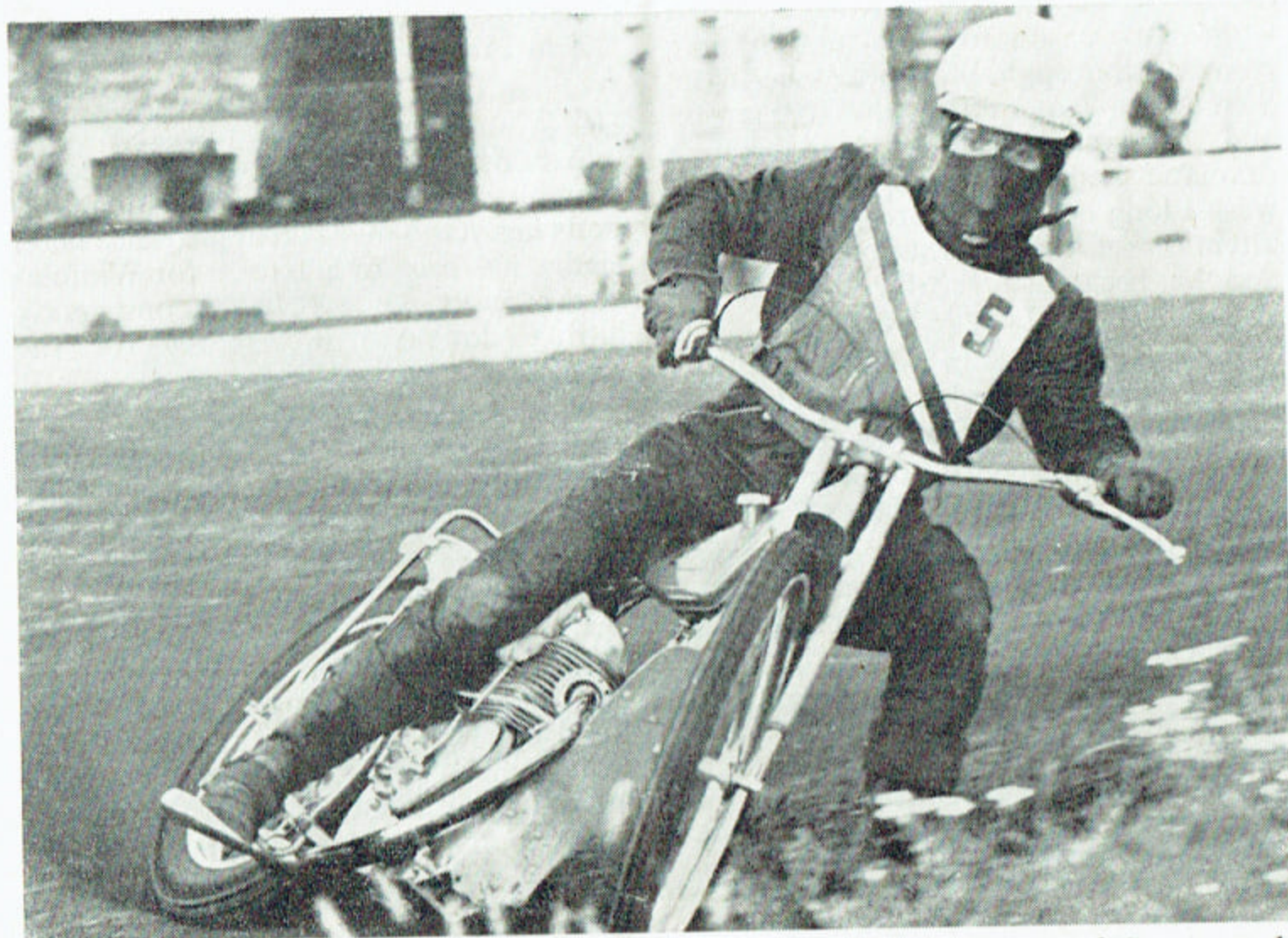
Sweden, is no stranger to British speedway. For a decade he was the delight of East Anglia with his prolific point scoring for Norwich Stars. When Norwich closed in 1964 Ove returned to Sweden but he has since made two brief stays with British League teams—at Long Eaton and Belle Vue. It was while he was a member of the Belle Vue team that Ove won the World title for the record breaking fifth time and also led Sweden to their fifth win in the World Team Cup.

There is little more that one can say of this incredible man other than the fact the European Championships, Nordic Championships and Swedish Championships have all been his prizes in the past.

Jansson has proved that he can ride the Wembley circuit as well as anyone on his two previous visits—oddly enough the only World Final appearances he has made.

In his debut in 1965 Jansson finished a creditable fourth and was the only rider





Veteran Czech Antonin Kasper who, at 35, is one of the most experienced Continentals in the game (above). (Below) the Swedish international team (left to right): S. Sjosten, Olle Nygren, Charles Ringblom (manager), Bengt Jansson, Bernt Persson, Anders Michanek, Torbjorn Harrysson and (on bike) Ove Fundin.



to beat the winners that evening, **Bjorn Knutsson**. Bengt improved upon that performance last year when he forced Fundin to a run-off before the championship was decided. Many at Wembley last year felt that Jansson was the star of the evening for on a difficult track he gained most of his points from the back.

Jansson first appeared in Britain as a West Ham rider in 1964 and had a spell with Edinburgh two years later. Since then Bengt has returned to London as a member of the Hackney team. His performances in East London this year have greatly helped put the Hawks on top of the British League.

Linking up with Fundin and Jansson to make a formidable foursome are **Anders Michanek** and **Torbjorn Harrysson**. Michanek appeared at Wembley in the 1967 World Final and scored nine points.

Michanek was a close season signing for the Long Eaton Archers in 1967. Previous to that he was little known in this country but the chance of extra rides in Britain saw a rapid improvement in Michanek's riding. In Sweden he is a member of Getingarna—the same team

as Bengt Jansson.

This year Michanek reached his second World Final and, though strongly fancied to upset many of the more famous names, he had to be satisfied with an almost identical performance to last year with another nine points. In common with the rest of the Long Eaton team Anders switched to Leicester Lions this term.

For diminutive Torbjorn Harrysson it will be a first ever chance to ride at Wembley. Toby, as he is affectionately known at Newport, his British League home, shot to fame in 1966 when he finished fifth in his maiden World Final in Gothenburg. It was the best performance by a Swede—a feat which he repeated at the final, once again in Gothenburg, earlier this month.

Harrysson missed out in last year's championship qualifying rounds and so didn't reach Wembley.

Apart from being the top Swede in the 1968 World Final Toby linked up with Fundin to win the World Best Pairs Championship in Germany three weeks ago. Harrysson is a member of the famous Vargarna Wolves team in Sweden.

## POLAND - rapid improvement

**T**HE rapid improvement of Polish speedway during the last four or five years is clearly illustrated by their performances in the World Team Cup. Apart from success on their home ground in the competition in 1961 the Poles had not enjoyed great international success until 1965.

Then the new wave of Polish riders took over and Poland won the title in 1965 and again the following year. Last year the Poles were second in Sweden.

At the time this programme went to press the Poles had not picked their team but one can forecast who the Poles might be expected to bring.

Surprise packet of the 1968 World Final was 22-year-old Pole **Edward Jancarz**. He had made his first visit to Britain this year with the Polish tourists and had impressed as a steady rider with a

bright future. No one forecast how immediate success would be. Jancarz raced into third place behind Ivan Mauger and Barry Briggs in the World Final to send the Poles home in high spirits.

But Jancarz may not have finished in third place had his compatriot **Pawel Waloszek** not fallen in his first ride. Waloszek hit back to score 10 points from his remaining four rides and finish in fifth position. He is one of the more experienced Poles who had not enjoyed great individual success until the last couple of years.

Waloszek is well known to British fans having spent a short period with the old Leicester team a few years back. On this year's tour to Britain Pawel once again showed his liking for British circuits with some very fine riding.



**Antoni Woryna** was the first Pole to really snatch the individual limelight. Woryna has always impressed with his performances in this country as a stylish and clever rider and it surprised few people when he finished third in the 1966 World Championship Final. In fact Woryna has appeared in the last four World Finals but his form since 1966, affected by injury, has not quite lived up to expectations.

Woryna's third place in the 1966 European Final was the best performance by a Pole at Wembley—a track which hasn't, in the past, suited their style.

One would expect that Jancarz, Waloszek and Woryna are virtually automatic selections for the Polish side. From there on forecasting their selection is less straightforward.

It wouldn't be a surprise to see the Poles include **Henryk Glücklich** in their party even though his World Championship form this year was a disappointment. Glücklich made his first visit to Britain this year with the Polish World League squad and after being omitted from the first match proceeded to make up for lost time with some truly fine riding. It looked as if Henryk liked British tracks and on

that score Poland may decide to leap-frog him into tonight's team at the expense of riders who have done better in European competitions.

**Jerzy Padewski** scored nine points from four rides in the European Final but as he came into the meeting after **Konstanty Pocięjkowicz** had withdrawn after one ride his points did not make eligible for a World Final place. The Poles were not pleased by this decision and they may feel that Padewski should be given the chance to prove what he might have done in the World Final by riding in this meeting.

Then there is **Jerzy Trzeszkowski** who reached the World Final for the second time this year. Trzeszkowski, however, has never been at his best in tours to Britain and was not particularly impressive in the recent World Final.

Finally there are riders like **Andrzej Wyglenda** and **Edmund Migos** who have both had Wembley experience—Migos beat Barry Briggs here in the 1966 European Final—though it is unlikely that **Andrzej Pogorzelski**, a man who has ridden well in Britain in the past, will be included. Big "Pogo" now appears to be out of the international reckoning.

and only World Final appearance. **Lubos** has been the most consistent Czechoslovakian rider during the 1960's and has won the national title on many occasions.

**Tomicek** has captained the Prague tourists on both their trips to Britain but this year his point scoring was lower than usual because of the after effects of a broken wrist.

**Tomicek's** broken wrist and **Kasper's** commitments in Britain meant that the Czechs went into the World Team Cup qualifying round at Slany without their two most experienced riders. It says much for the four other short-listed riders that they won their way through to Wembley.

**Jan Holub** has attracted a good deal of interest with British promoters who have noted how quickly **Kasper** has settled down to point scoring business in this country. Holub has impressed on two visits to Britain for Prague and has met with considerable World Championship success these last couple of years. His best performance was qualifying as reserve for the 1967 World Final but a broken arm, sustained a week before the big night, forced him to withdraw.

There seems little doubt that **Ledecky**

is the most improved rider this season in Czechoslovakia. He has toured with Prague twice but British fans noted a great improvement this year on the form he showed in 1967. **Ledecky** is certainly one of the most promising of the East European riders.

**Miroslav Verner** is another rider who has toured twice to Britain with Prague but he has yet to show his best form on our tracks. But his performance in the qualifying round of the World Team Cup proved that Verner could mix it with the top men from Eastern Europe.

It is one of speedway's tales of courage that brings **Jaroslav Volf** to Wembley. In 1964 this husky young man was soaring up the ladder of success and became the first Czech to compete in a World Final. Little more than 18 months later he received severe head injuries in a track crash in Poland. It was feared that he would never ride again. But Volf made a comeback during last season and has continued his improvement in 1968. He made his first appearance in Britain last month for Prague and justified his international recall with a typically gritty performance in the World Team Cup Qualifying meeting.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA - first World Team final in 5 years

IT'S five years since Czechoslovakia reached the final of the World Team Cup and only two of their short-listed squad of six riders have appeared in a final. **Antonin Kasper** and **Lubos Tomicek** are the experienced duo and the Czechs have named **Jan Holub**, **Frantisek Ledecky**, **Miroslav Verner** and **Jaroslav Volf** to complete the list from which their team will be chosen.

**Kasper**, who this year has become the first Czechoslovak to ride in British League speedway, is one of the best riders never to have reached a World Final. The beaming **Kasper**, who has improved immensely popular since linking up with **Coventry** earlier this year, has come close.

In 1963 he was World Final reserve but visa trouble meant that he was forced to miss the big night.

His 10 points in the 1963 World Team Cup Final in Vienna, when Czechoslovakia finished a best ever second, was probably the top performance of his career. **Antonin** made his first appearance in Britain in 1967 when he was a prolific scoring member of the Prague tourists. It was his form on that tour that finally tempted **Coventry** to sign him as a replacement for their injured heat-leader, **Ron Mountford**.

**Tomicek** is the only member of the Czech squad to have ridden at the Empire Stadium. He was here in 1965 in his one

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meeting. It will be interesting to see following his eclipse in the World Championship if he can go on tonight to take the record as the highest point scorer in the World Team Cup racing.

**Fundin** is the only rider to have competed in every World Team Cup Final but, at the present time, trails nine points behind fellow countryman **Björn Knutsson**. **Fundin** will need 10 points tonight to overtake **Knutsson** who, in seven World Team Cup Finals has scored as many points as the combined total of the Czechoslovakian team in their four appearances from 1960 to 1963.

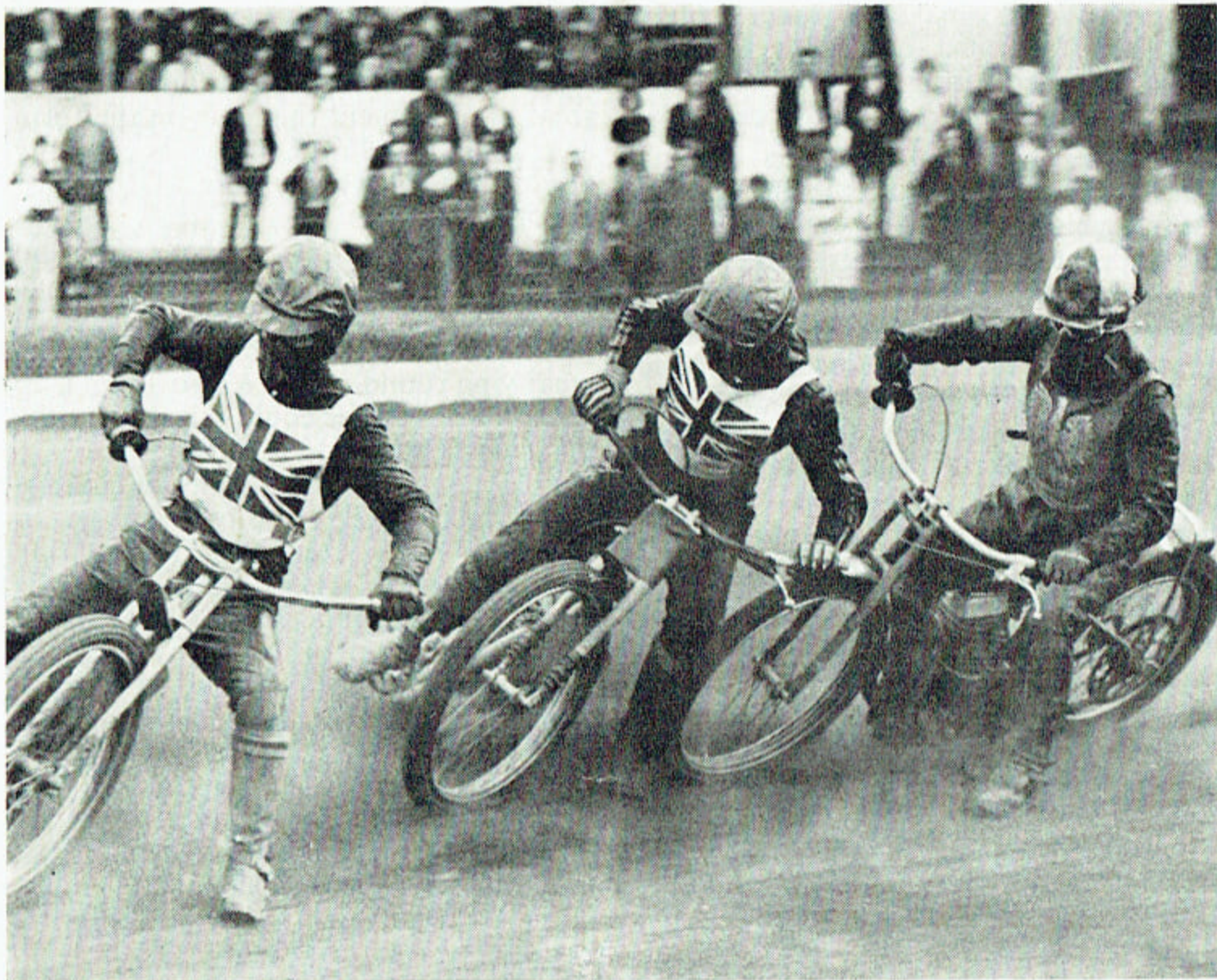
The record score in the final so far is 44 points which Sweden scored on the first occasion that the event was staged in 1960.

Maximums have been a rarity in the final. **Barry Briggs** collected one in 1963 in Vienna, whilst **Fundin** and **Olle Nygren** both scored 12 points at Gothenborg in 1960. Since then **Nygren** has not been selected for Sweden and at the moment holds the record as the only unbeaten rider . . . if there are any new finalists tonight there's certainly one record that they can go for!

### FRONT COVER PICTURE

*Martin Ashby, Antoni Woryna, and Ivan Mauger bunch up on a bend during the first heat of the England - Poland match at Coventry.*





"You're on my toe"—Ken McKinlay, Ron Wilson, battle it out with Polish rider Edward Jancarz during Gt. Britain v Poland match at Coventry.

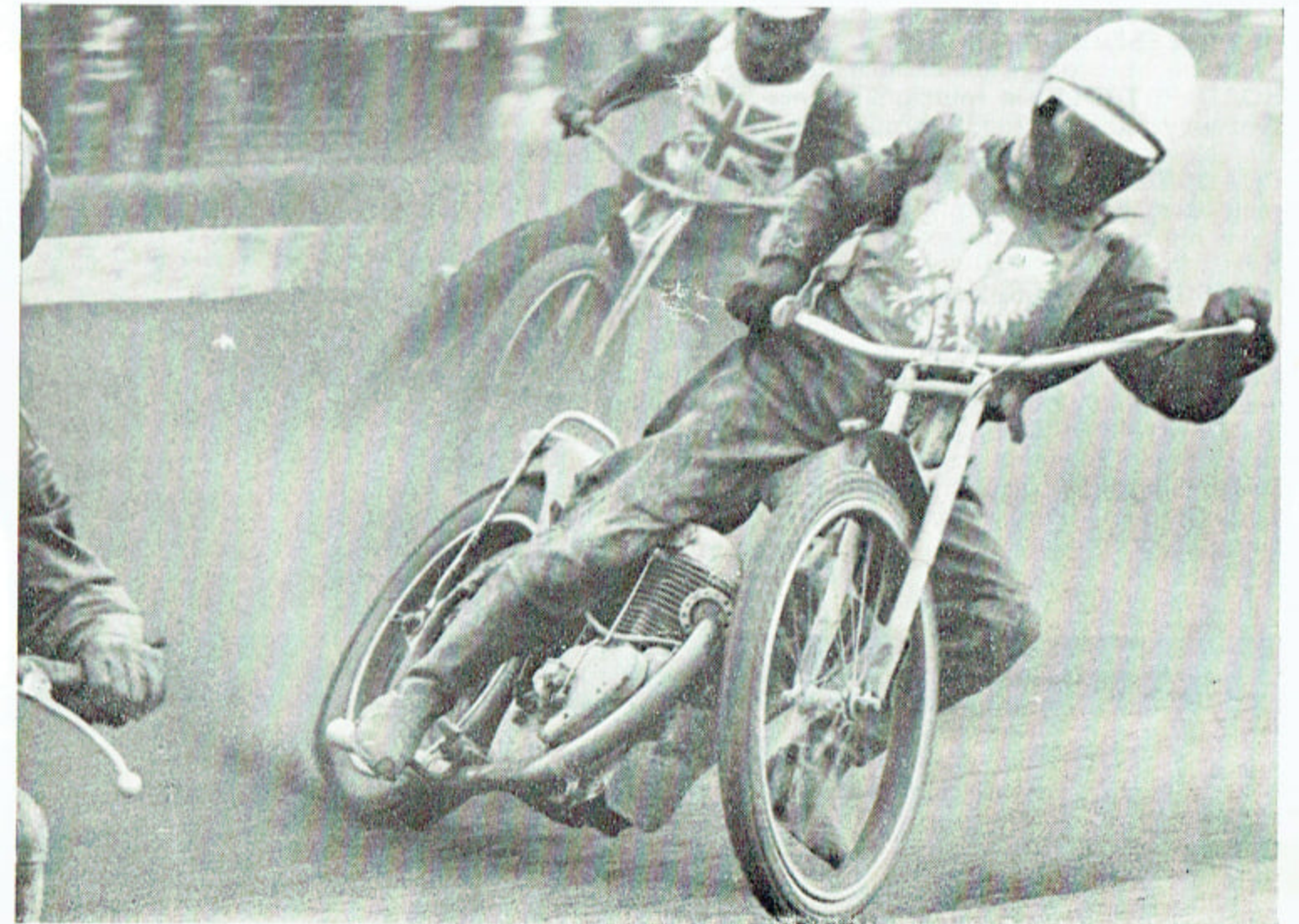


Two of the world's top speedway stars in action. In the top picture is British ace, Nigel Boocock; below, Polish crack Pawel Waloszek riding against Great Britain at Coventry. These and the other thrilling action photographs in tonight's programme are the work of Alf Weedon.

### Additional Races to decide Ties

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