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MEETING No. 16

# SPEEDWAY NEWS

AND  
*Official Programme*

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## Speedway Royale

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CAPTAINS ALL: From left to right—Ray Revell and Len Brock who lead the Showground and Parramatta teams tonight, and then comes Alan Wall and Jack Chignell who captain the two solo teams.

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**Sydney Showground, 18th Feb., 1956**

# THE SPEEDWAY ROYALE

Direction Empire Speedways Pty. Ltd. — Phone: FA 4002

Directors: FRANK ARTHUR, J. O. SHERWOOD, A. N. PRYOR

Circumference of Track: 557 Yards

A.C.U. Track Licence No. 205 — A.C.U. Permit No. 729

A.C.U. Stewards: R. Heuschkel, R. H. White, C. Weatherby

National Speedcar Club Stewards: R. Johnson, F. Caldwell, L. Grant.

Announcer: Dick Healey of the A.B.C.

(Special Race Commentator: David O'Mara)

**Betting on Speedway Races Strictly Prohibited**

Central District Ambulance in attendance

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## Speedway Jottings

An enthusiast has written asking who is the youngest rider to win the world speedway championship. When Ronnie Moore won the 1954 title he became the youngest ever winner of the sport's blue riband. He was 21 at the time. Twenty-one year old Peter Craven equalled Moore's age record when he won last year's title.

Our track here must surely win the prize for having the best drying qualities in the world. The record rainfall which preceded last Saturday's meeting would normally have stopped any speedway or other track sporting event anywhere. But not the showground. Actually during last Saturday, we had to water the track—and this after about 12 inches of rain which only stopped at about 8.30 a.m. on the morning of the meeting.

On doubtful weather days our phone is blocked with calls from enthusiasts. It would make it much easier for all concerned if everyone rang one of the Broadcasting stations or newspaper offices. We let these sources know one way or another as soon as a decision is made.

Andy McGavin was lucky to finish and win last week's feature speedcar race. After a whirlwind drive in which he went through the field like a rocket, Andy opened up a big lead. Two laps from home he discovered a rear wheel was collapsing. He eased up slightly and hoped for the best, whilst Ray Revell had also come through the field and was overhauling him. Andy managed to last out to beat Ray by a length, but half a lap later his wheel collapsed entirely—a very near miss.

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### NOTICE

Should it be necessary, owing to rain, mechanical or electrical or through any cause whatsoever, to abandon a Speedway Meeting before the SIXTH EVENT, pass-out tickets will be issued at entrance gates for admission to any one of the next two meetings to be run.

**NO MONEY WILL BE REFUNDED UNDER ANY  
CIRCUMSTANCES WHATSOEVER**

## Event 1 — SPECIAL SOLO HANDICAP

3 Laps — Clutch Start

Rider	Colour	Handicap
Ray Liston . . . . .	Red	60 yds behind
Ray Cowling . . . . .	White	50 yds. behind
Bruce Gardiner . . . . .	Black & White	30 yds behind
Barry Baker . . . . .	Blue	30 yds. behind
Austin Dumbrell . . . . .	Yellow	30 yds. behind

1..... 2..... 3..... Time.....

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## SOLO TEAMS RACE

Decided over 4 heats on a point score basis.

3, 2 and 1 points for placegetters in each heat.

### TEAMS

(Maroon)

Jack Chignell (Capt.)  
 Bluey Scott  
 Harry O'Brien  
 Nev Graham  
 Ray Cowling (Reserve)

(Blue)

Alan Wall (Capt.)  
 Bob Sharp  
 Noel Thorley  
 Brian Collins  
 Ray Liston (Reserve)

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## Event 2 — HEAT 1

Rider	Helmet Colour	Position	Points	
			Red	Blue
Jack Chignell . . . . .	Red	.....	.....	.....
Nev Graham . . . . .	Blue	.....	.....	.....
Bob Sharp . . . . .	White	.....	.....	.....
Noel Thorley . . . . .	Yellow	.....	.....	.....

Progressive Points ..... ..

1..... 2..... 3..... Time.....

## Event 3 — HEAT 2

Rider	Helmet	Position	Points	
	Colour		Red	Blue
Bluey Scott .. . . .	Red	.....	.....	.....
Harry O'Brien .. . . .	Blue	.....	.....	.....
Alan Wall .. . . .	White	.....	.....	.....
Brian Collins .. . . .	Yellow	.....	.....	.....
Progressive Points .. . . .				
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## Event 4 — SIDECAR HANDICAP

Rider	3 Laps — Clutch Start		Handicap
	Colour		
Ray Thompson .. . . .	Blue		120 yds. behind
Jack Hellback .. . . .	White		120 yds. behind
Alex Chivers .. . . .	Yellow		100 yds. behind
Harry Beahan .. . . .	Black & White		60 yds. behind
Andy Mack .. . . .	Pink		Gate
Bob Levy .. . . .	Maroon		Gate
1.....	2.....	3.....	Time.....

## Speedway Jottings

Having started racing for us when the season was well advanced, the Parramatta drivers have no chance of winning the season's point score prizes for the feature race. However, arrangements have been made to allocate the latest model S.T.C. Mantel Radio for competition only amongst the Parramatta boys. Points will be made retrospective to their first meeting and the point score at the moment stands as follows:—Len Brock 41, Ken Morton 33, Johnnie Mack 31, Merv Ward 29, Dallas James 23, Alan Demery 14, Bill Shevill 13, Syd Reed 9, N. Collier 7.

Andy McGavin's time in winning last week's feature race was 3 mins. 16-2/5th secs. Fastest time of the season so far is jointly held by Bill Reynolds and Peter Robinson at 3 mins. 12-2/5th secs., but all these times are a long way slower than the record held by Ray Revell at 3 min. 2-2/5th secs.

Last week's team race could not have been closer, so far as points were concerned, as teams finished level with 20 points each. The obvious thing was to re-match them again tonight and this we have done at the request, not only of the drivers, but also of a large number of enthusiasts.

Johnnie Peers has been going very fast during the last few meetings, and he has been brought back to 120 yards behind for payment on tonight's racing. Reason for his added speed is the fact that he has fitted a new crankshaft to his V8-60 motor.

## Event 5 — HEAT 3 — Solo Teams Race

3 Laps — Gate Start

Rider	Helmet Colour	Position	Points	
			Red	Blue
Jack Chignell .. . . . .	Red	.....	.....	.....
Nev Graham .. . . . .	Blue	.....	.....	.....
Alan Wall .. . . . .	White	.....	.....	.....
Brian Collins .. . . . .	Yellow	.....	.....	.....

Progressive Points .....

1..... 2..... 3..... Time.....

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## Event 6 — HEAT 4

Rider	Helmet Colour	Position	Points	
			Red	Blue
Bob Sharp .. . . . .	Red	.....	.....	.....
Noel Thorley .. . . . .	Blue	.....	.....	.....
Bluey Scott .. . . . .	White	.....	.....	.....
Harry O'Brien .. . . . .	Yellow	.....	.....	.....

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Final Points .....

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## Event 7 — SIDECAR SCRATCH RACE

3 Laps — Gate Start

Rider	Colour	Position
Ray Thompson .. . . . .	Red	.....
Alex Chivers .. . . . .	Blue	.....
Jack Hellback .. . . . .	White	.....

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Our official towing truck and breakdown vehicle is kindly supplied by Grimes Parking Stations, who have parking stations scattered all over the city, and also a branch at Liverpool.

## Event 8 — OPEN SOLO HANDICAP

3 Laps — Clutch Start

First three in each heat and fastest fourth to final

### HEAT 1

Rider	Colour	Handicap
Noel Thorley . . . . .	Red	100 yds. behind
Alan Wall . . . . .	White	100 yds. behind
Bob Sharp . . . . .	Yellow	80 yds. behind
Nev Graham . . . . .	Pink	60 yds. behind
Bruce Gardiner . . . . .	Black & White	30 yds. behind
Barry Baker . . . . .	Blue	30 yds. behind

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## Event 9 — HEAT 2

Rider	Colour	Handicap
Jack Chignell . . . . .	Red	110 yds. behind
Bluey Scott . . . . .	Yellow	100 yds. behind
Harry O'Brien . . . . .	Pink	70 yds. behind
Ray Cowling . . . . .	Maroon	50 yds. behind
Brian Collins . . . . .	Black & White	60 yds. behind
Ray Liston . . . . .	White	60 yds. behind
Austin Dumbrell . . . . .	Blue	30 yds. behind

1..... 2..... 3..... Time.....

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## Speedway Jottings

In answer to an enquiry regarding the method of payment to speedcar drivers. Available prizemoney for the night is split in half—fifty per cent is allocated to appearance money for each car, and individual payment varies according to the yardage handicaps. The remaining fifty per cent is split up as prizemoney for individual placings in each event.

Aub and Don Lawson and Bill Bryden are competing in the Queensland Solo Championship in Brisbane tonight. Last night they were scheduled to contest the Darling Downs title race at Toowoomba, so that they are having a pretty busy weekend.

Both Jack Hellback and passenger Johnnie Morris were very lucky to escape serious injury when their outfit hit the fence very hard last week and turned a few somersaults. Johnnie was taken to hospital for examination and will be out for about two weeks with a leg injury, whilst Jack got off scot free.

Highest point scorers in last week's speedcar match were Dallas James and Johnnie Peers each with a first and a second, a total of 7 points. Len Brock and Ray Revell were surprisingly well out of the picture but it was found later that both of their cars were having a bit of engine trouble.

## Event 10 — SECOND SIDECAR HANDICAP

3 Laps — Clutch Start

Ray Thompson . . . . .	Red	120 yds. behind
Jack Hellback . . . . .	Blue	120 yds. behind
Alex Chivers . . . . .	White	100 yds. behind
Harry Beahan . . . . .	Black & White	60 yds. behind
Andy Mack . . . . .	Yellow	Gate
Bob Levy . . . . .	Pink	Gate

1..... 2..... 3..... Time.....

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## Event 11 — FINAL, SOLO HANDICAP

Rider	Colour	Handicap
.....	Red	.....
.....	Blue	.....
.....	White	.....
.....	Yellow	.....
.....	Pink	.....
.....	Black & White	.....
.....	Maroon	.....

1..... 2..... 3..... Time.....

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## Speedway Jottings

Next Saturday the Junior Solo Championship will be held—always a most keenly contested event amongst the younger and less experienced. Excluded from this event will be any rider who has ridden overseas, or any rider who has previously won a Junior Championship.

Most disappointed driver of recent meetings has been Bill Reynolds, whose car has been giving nothing but trouble lately. Once recognised as the most reliable vehicle in racing, his Barnes-Holden special has really become temperamental, and Bill as a result hasn't won a race for a long time. Both owner Harold Barnes and driver William are hoping that all their troubles are behind them and that the Reynolds—No. 3 combination will again be in the limelight tonight.

A good win for Ken Morton in the semi-main scratch race last Saturday. He started from the rear of the big field and weeded his way right through to the front like a champion. His Holden engined No. 10 is most reliable and Ken obviously likes the big Showground track.

Youthful driver Bill Bacon will be missing for several meetings, as he has gone into camp for a fortnight's army training. No doubt he will be glad to get back into his speedcar after many miles of marching in heavy army boots.

# INTER-TRACK TEAMS' RACE

Each heat to carry 4, 3, 2, and 1 points

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PARRAMATTA

Ray Revell (Capt.)  
Andy McGavin  
Bill Reynolds  
Johnnie Peers  
Peter Robinson (Reserve)

Len Brock (Capt.)  
Bill Shevill  
Dallas James  
Merv Ward  
Ken Morton (Reserve)

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## Event 12 — HEAT 1

3 Laps — Rolling Start

Driver	Car No.	S	Points	P
Ray Revell (S)	Aust. 1	.....	.....	.....
Bill Reynolds (S)	3	.....	.....	.....
Len Brock (P)	P1	.....	.....	.....
Merv Ward (P)	P4	.....	.....	.....

Progressive Total .....

1..... 2..... 3..... Time.....

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## Event 13 — HEAT 2

3 Laps — Rolling Start

Driver	Car No.	S	Points	P
Andy McGavin (S)	4	.....	.....	.....
Johnnie Peers (S)	12	.....	.....	.....
Bill Shevill (P)	P3	.....	.....	.....
Dallas James (P)	15	.....	.....	.....

Progressive Total .....

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# Event 14 — SEMI-MAIN SPEEDCAR SCRATCH RACE

7 Laps — Rolling Start

Driver	Car No.	Position
Johnnie Mack	P2	.....
Ken Morton	P10	.....
Norm Collier	P22	.....
Spike Jennings	P30	.....
Peter Cuneen	P18	.....
Gwes Bowen	0	.....
Peter Robinson	6	.....
Glen Cobcroft	17	.....
Tony Smith	16	.....
Norm Rogers	7	.....
Ern Meagher	73	.....

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5..... 6..... 7..... 8.....

9..... 10..... 11..... 12.....

Time.....

**HERE**

**NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT**

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**OF N.S.W.**

**THRILLING 15 LAPS CLASSIC EVENT**

**ALSO**

**JUNIOR SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP**

## Event 15 — INTER-TRACK TEAMS' RACE

### HEAT 3

3 Laps — Rolling Start

Driver	Car No.	S	Points	P
Ray Revell (S)	Aust. 1	.....	.....	.....
Bill Reynolds (S)	3	.....	.....	.....
Bill Shevill (P)	P3	.....	.....	.....
Dallas James (P)	15	.....	.....	.....

Progressive Total .....

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## Event 16 — INTER-TRACK TEAMS' RACE

### HEAT 4

3 Laps — Rolling Start

Driver	Car No.	S	Points	P
Andy McGavin (S)	4	.....	.....	.....
Johnnie Peers (S)	12	.....	.....	.....
Len Brock (P)	P1	.....	.....	.....
Merv Ward	P4	.....	.....	.....

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Total .....

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## Event 17 — ENCOURAGE SPEEDCAR RACE

3 Laps — Rolling Start

Driver	Car Make	No.	Position
Glen Cobcroft	'A' Ford	17	.....
Ern Meagher	S/c Jeep	73	.....
Peter Cuneen	Holden	18	.....
Tony Smith	'A' Ford	16	.....
Gwes Bowen	'A' Ford	0	.....
Nick Collier	Vanguard	22	.....

1..... 2..... 3..... 4..... Time.....

## Event 18 — SPEEDCAR FEATURE RACE

9 Laps — Rolling Start

For Season's Point Score Trophy and Purse of £20

Present points position: Reynolds 68, Greve 52, Robinson 46, Rogers 46, Revell 46, Mack 31, Peers 39, Brock 41, Ward 29, Morton 33, Bacon 24, James 23, Coberoft 15, Hagger 15, Demery 14, McGavin 30, Shevill 13.

Driver	Car Make	No.	Position
Ray Revell	Offenhauser	Aust 1	.....
Andy McGavin	Marshall-Holden	4	.....
Bill Reynolds	Holden Special	3	.....
Len Brock	2 Cyl. Special	P1	.....
Bill Shevill	2 cyl. Special	P3	.....
Johnnie Peers	V8 '60' Ford	12	.....
Dallas James	Holden Special	15	.....
Johnnie Mack	2 cyl. Special	P2	.....
Merv Ward	2 cyl. Special	P4	.....
Peter Robinson	'A' Ford	6	.....
Ken Morton	Holden	P10	.....
Spike Jennings	2 cyl. Special	30	.....
Norm Rogers	"A" Ford	7	.....

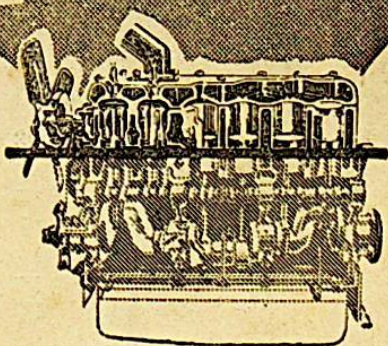
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### SPEEDWAY PHOTOGRAPHS

Official Photographer for the Showground Speedway Royale is Frank Le Breton, 113 Wangee Road, Lakemba. Phone UL 3658. Copies of flash-light photographs taken each Saturday night, and other Speedway photographs, may be purchased on application to special photograph office under Members' Stand.

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