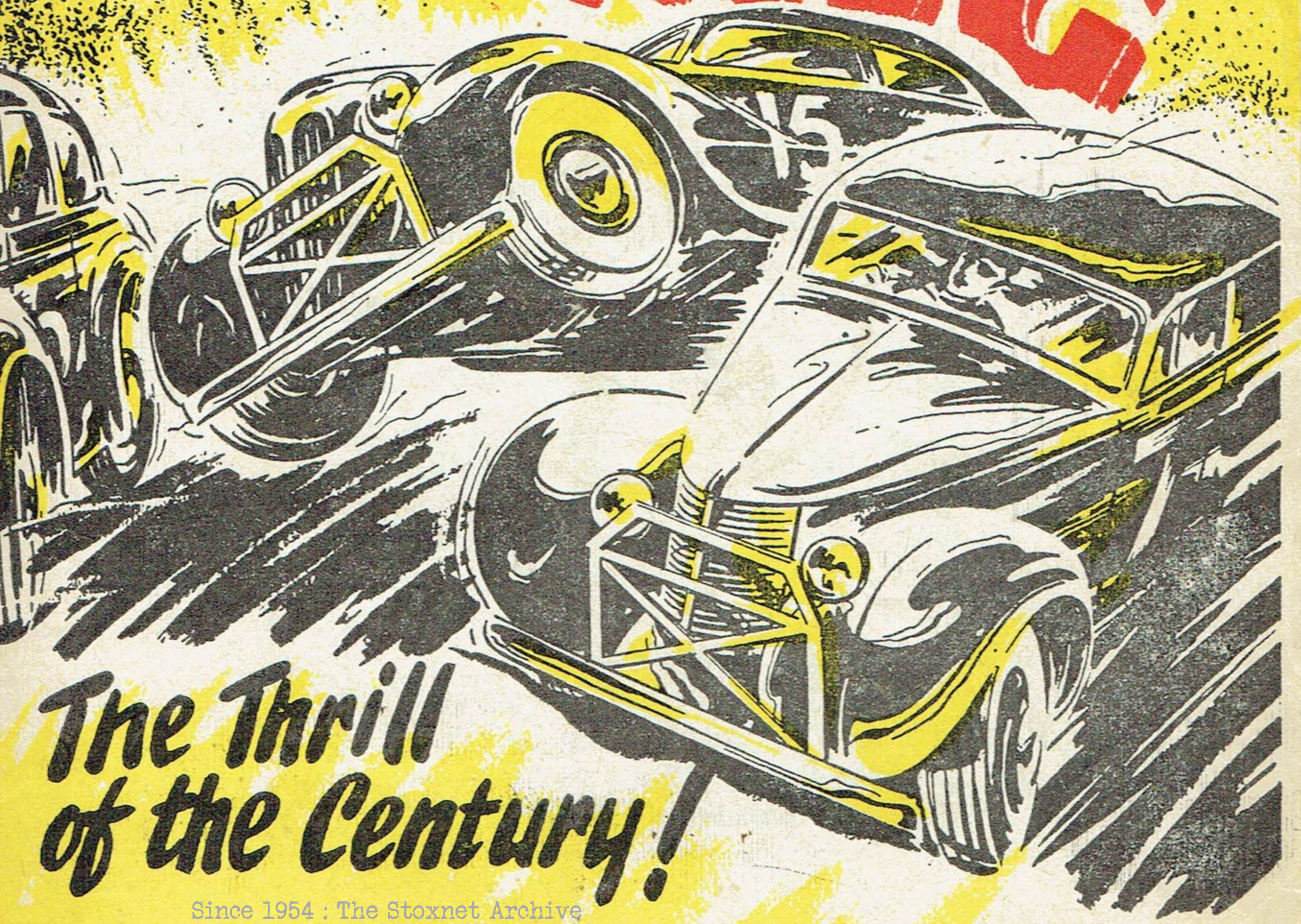


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MEETING No. 1 1959 SEASON
COWLEY STADIUM OXFORD
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1959
7.45 p.m.

WE'RE BACK AGAIN

After some very enjoyable evenings together at the end of the 1958 season, it only seemed right and proper that we should want to get together again at the tail end of this season. Speedway racing commitments have been completed—and here we are, ready and willing to show what can be done with some fast motor cars.

Tonight is the first of our four scheduled meetings—meetings that we feel sure will maintain the high standard of speed and thrills set by those we enjoyed last October.

Once again we have gathered together the top drivers in the country—and it is surprising how many want to 'have a go' here at Cowley. (Word must have got around.)

Since the end of last season, a new ruling has been adopted—which has helped to further the interest in the racing. All drivers in the country have been graded according to their ability. There are four grades: Star, A, B and C grades—denoted by roof colourings—Red, Blue, Yellow and White. Starts are also graded—and this gives an extra incentive to the less experienced drivers. Racing has certainly improved since this was adopted.

Cars are better prepared than ever before and much more reliable. This is all to our advantage. It means that more cars stay the course. More incidents. More thrills.

We have a very special event to open the new season—a match race between the first and second in the recent World Championship Final, held at Belle Vue, Manchester. Winner was Johnny Brise, and second place man was our great local favourite, winner of two finals here last year—Freddie Mitchell. This should be a really great race—for both have terrifically fast cars—and know the track. Brise was driving here way back in 1954 and '55—as was Freddie, of course. Fourth man Ken Freeman joins them in this great event for the Challenge Trophy.

With top men competing, we feel sure that we are in for another night of thrills—so prepare to cheer and laugh and have a bottle of smelling salts handy in case anyone near you should faint. It can be frightening!

MEET THE DRIVERS . . .

with PETER ARNOLD

SID FARNDON (224) a garage man from Birmingham, who only started racing this season. Already one of our top performers. Has a very fast motor, and neat, low car. Won final at Coventry last month.

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ELLIS FORD (183) baker form Stratford-on-Avon. Only one-legged driver in the sport. Finds this no handicap and is always among the thrill providers. Jaguar engined Ford coupe, has twin-tone horn fitted to blow is successful, hope we hear it tonight.

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GORDON PASSEY (317) Car breaker from Newbury. Never stuck for spares for his stock car. Brother MICK drives to-night too.

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PAT WILLIS (25) a garage mechanic from Eton. Secretary of the Drivers' Association and a real hare-'em-scare-'em type of driver. Drives perhaps the most modern car in the sport—A 1949 Customline Ford saloon.

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JOHNNY BRISE (103). Comes from Dartford in Kent, is a pig farmer Won World title in 1955 and again this year. Was British champion in 1958. One of the few pioneers still left racing. At one time held 7 World Records in Formula One racing. Drives a special car based on a Mercedes chassis, fitted with an Oldsmobile 'Rocket' engine—that really goes. A clever, skilful, shrewd driver worth watching.

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FRED MITCHELL (38). Oxford driver who has been at the top for the past four years. Happy-go-lucky approach to sport reflects in his driving. A winner of many finals, National point scoring champion and holder of more trophies than he cares to remember. Has a Ford 'Thunderbird' powered special. Second in the 1959 World championship.

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VIC FERRIDAY (73) London. Drove in the first meeting in this country—and was in the pioneering group who toured the country visiting all tracks. Was most successful driver of 1954/55 years, and has consistently been at the top ever since. Garage proprietor.

RACE RESULTS

Official Results will be declared only after the Lap Scorer has completed the Continuity Check. It is stressed that the Commentator's Opinion does not Constitute Official Placings.

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 1959

The Management reserve the right to omit, alter or amend any item in the programme.

DON'T FORGET

NEXT MEETING :

THURSDAY, 8th OCTOBER

at 7.45 p.m.

EVENT ONE—Heat One

Car No.	Driver	Town	Grade
37	DON EVANS	Oxford	B
108	LES DESMOND	Southam	C
143	TONY GODFREY	Cassington	C
242	PHIL GRIFFIN	Staines	C
243	CHRIS YOUNG	Bournemouth	C
266	ALF GOSLING	Reading	C
317	GORDON PASSEY	Newbury	C
326	MIKE BOULTER	Oxford	C
328	TAFFY JONES	Thurmaston	C
329	VIC JONES	Thurmaston	C
374	CLIFF JONES	Sonning	C
377	MERVIN KIRBY	Chesterton	C
384	ALAN JUDD	Reading	C
387	RON HARMSWORTH	Reading	C
394	PETER WATERS	Cassington	C
400	MICK WHITE	Chichester	C
487	MIKE PASSEY	Benson	C

Result—1st. 47 2nd. 326 3rd. 108 4th. 80 5th. 384 6th. 242

(Transfer first Six to Final, remainder to Consolation)

EVENT TWO—Heat Two

Car No.	Driver	Town	Grade
6	JOHNNIE KING	Hammersmith	Star
7	DARKIE WRIGHT	London	Star
29	GEORGE FOULGER	Norwich	Star
38	FREDDIE MITCHELL	Oxford	Star
61	KEN FREEMAN	Sunbury	Star
73	VIC FERRIDAY	London	Star
85	PETE TUCKER	Wembley	Star
103	JOHNNY BRISE	Dartford	Star
104	TED PANKHURST	Slough	Star
131	JOCK LLOYD	Staines	A
138	ALLEN BRIGGS	Chingford	A
255	VIC MUGGERIDGE	Billinghurst	Star
386	BARRY van der OCTELAAR	Reading	A

Result—1st. 138 2nd. 61 3rd. 5 4th. 7 5th. 93 6th. 0

(Transfer first Six to Final, remainder to Consolation)

EVENT THREE—Heat Three

Car No.	Driver	Town	Grade
25	PAT WILLIS	Eton	B
28	JOHN GOODY	London	B
33	VIC WEBB	Bristol	C
62	CHIPPIE WESTON	Rugby	B
80	JOHNNY SWIFT	Loughborough	C
98	DON MASON	Chichester	A
136	DARCY MIALL	Dunstew	B
159	DICK COTTERILL	Oxford	B
160	KEN LUXTON	Reading	B
175	GEORGE TEECE	Highbury	C
176	RON AMAS	Cowley	C
183	ELLIS FORD	Stratford	B
224	SID FARNDON	Birmingham	A
270	RON PEPLOE	Basingstoke	B
299	JOHNNY AYLING	Staines	B
459	KEN DYKES	Oxford	C

15 Laps

Result—1st. 245 2nd. 459 3rd. 25 4th. 33 5th. 490 6th. 37

(Transfer first Six to Final, remainder to Consolation)

EVENT FOUR—SPECIAL CHALLENGE EVENT

5 Laps

THREE-CORNERED MATCH RACE

(Winner to retain Challenge Cup)

103	JOHNNY BRISE (World Champion, 1955, 1959)
38	FREDDIE MITCHELL (2nd, 1959 World Championship)
61	KEN FREEMAN (4th, 1959 World Championship)

Result—1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....

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EVENT FIVE—CONSOLATION RACE

15 Laps

Car. No.	Driver	Grade
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Result—1st. 24 2nd. 85 3rd. 38 4th. 386 5th. 69 6th. 42
 (Transfer first Six to Final)

EVENT SIX—GRAND FINAL

20 Laps

Car No.	Driver	Grade
<u>47</u>	<u>386</u>
<u>326</u>	<u>69</u>
<u>108</u>	<u>42</u>
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<u>38</u>

Result—1st. 61 2nd. 25 3rd. 42 4th. 38 5th. 486 6th. 85

SIGNALS IN USE AT THIS MEETING

The **Green Flag** is dropped at the starting line when the race is on. During the race it signifies that the course is clear. The **Yellow Flag** warns drivers to use caution but not to change positions. It is used when "wide open" driving is not permitted. The **Red Flag** is used to denote that the race has been stopped, and the **Black Flag** to order a car back to the pits. The **Chequered Flag** indicates the end of a race.

MEET THE DRIVERS—Continued

AUBREY LEIGHTON (42) garage man in Earls Barton, nr. Northampton. World champion in 1957. Uses a 'Rocket' special. Robust style of driver who is thrilling to watch. Buolt first English made 'Go-Kart' and is prime mover in this new sport. In top ten for the past three seasons.



DARKIE WRIGHT (7) from London—another garage man. One of the seasons leading drivers. Perhaps the oldest driver in the sport—admits to being well past 40! Winner of many trophies this year and did well in the 'World championship.



JOHNNY KING (6) yet another garage man from Hammersmith, London. Erratic, rather than consistent, can win—or bust. Has had his best season yet, since he started in 1956. Sponsored by 'Automoly' an oil additive concern.



PETE TUCKER (85) of the neat, Ford coupe cars. Comes from Wembley. Another pioneer-circus driver. Now driving better than ever. Having his best season—still using side valve V.8. engine—and making the faster men think twice!



'JOCK' LLOYD, dour Scot, now resident in Staines. Great thrill provider, with happy-go-lucky disposition. Making first visit. Handles his car with rare dash. Note his tartan coloured bonnet!



DON MASON (98) comes from Chichester. Garage man who loves his sport. Qualified for World final—and is having his best-ever season. Performed an alarming turn-over at Ringwood's last meeting in August. Wife, Betty, acts as mechanic—and water carrier! Also makes the tea!



TED PANKHURST (104) garage foreman from Slough. A world title contender, one-time speedway rider. Cool, calculating style of driving has earned him many premier placings.

NEXT MEETING —
THRILL-PACKED, STAR-STudded PROGRAMME
NEXT THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8th
7.45 p.m.

MEET THE DRIVERS—Continued

BARRY van der OETELAAR (386) a Dutchman, now living in Reading. This is his first year of racing—and he is one of the top men already. World title qualifier. Car powered by Buick straight eight engine with four carburettors! Should like this track—his first visit.



VIC MUGGERIDGE (255) a haulage contractor from Billinghamurst in Sussex. A devil-may-care type who as often as not lands on his roof. Has best 'air' record in the sport—holds height, roll-over and somersault records! In spite of that, is one of the most successful drivers in the game—and quite a character.



RON PEPLOE (270) hails from Basingstoke. World title qualifier—and a much improved driver. Now in his second season. Has a 'Rocket' engine fitted—and is now going even faster. Often in trouble spots—but loves his racing. Motor car salesman.



VIC WEBB (33) from Bristol. One of the most travelled drivers in the sport. Often deprived of success in later stages of a race—seems to find an attraction for barrels. Ever cheerful, no meeting is complete without Vic.

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