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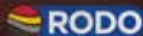
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ORDER OF EVENTS –REGINA 4'S

1PM GATES OPEN

PITS OPEN FROM 2.00 TILL 2.30

2.30 MASCOT LAPS

3PM RIDERS INTRODUCED AND HAVE TWO LAPS

3.05 HEAT 1

SHORT INTERVAL AFTER HEAT 12

CENTRE GREEN EXPERIENCE HEATS 12-16

MDL POTTERS V INVADERS PLUS 125cc DEMOS



LAURENCE ROGERS WRITES

Well it all happened and we are up and running. The weather could have been kinder to us but in the end we had a great day. We had gremlins with the tannoy which was working perfectly when tested on the Saturday but was only heard by the starting gate for some reason!

We are hoping that this is rectified today with more speakers in place and the help from MOORLANDS RADIO in sorting the system is a success.

The parade we know took too long but with 16 riders it was decided to split it into two groups as well as ensuring those not in the track getting through the gates.

The track got better and better with Alfie setting a new track record in heat 15 ! Credit to John Roberts for the sterling work on the track and it will get better and better we are sure.

If the interview before the meeting with Dave Stringer could have been heard you would have heard me dedicate the meeting to our superb volunteers who worked tirelessly not only all winter but for the days leading up to the meeting. The final inspection by the SCB on the Friday identified work that was required which had not been identified at the original inspection and the gang had to get it all done to get it signed off and that didn't happen till about 10pm and I can tell you everyone was on tenterhooks until I had the go ahead.

Our sparky (and the "Man of many jobs") was here for days getting all the electrics sorted. This gang are THE BEST volunteers in speedway.

The meeting itself produced some good close racing and in all honesty the result was immaterial. It was track time although Luke was away winning the 250cc class at Tallington Grass track whilst Jamie was ill on the way here and I told him to turn round and go home. Alfie was immaculate and recorded a new track record whilst skipper Jack changed bikes after his first ride to notch three wins whilst Arran was solid with 7 points and Jack Shimelt sorted out some gremlins to get 4 points.



Today the lads get some more track time as we take on the NDL Nomads featuring riders without a team spot putting themselves in the shop window.

Unfortunately the rain won at Leicester last Sunday with a late shower wiping out any chance of racing . Ironically the sun was blazing as everyone drove home ! The restaging will be on Sunday May 10th at 3pm which becomes the 2nd leg with next Sunday here the 1st leg of the Derbyshire-Leicestershire Challenge Trophy. We now visit them on Sunday May 31st.

Today the lads get some more valuable track time as they face the NDL Nomads comprising of riders without a team spot putting themselves in the shop window in the hope of securing a place. It also gives you fans another afternoon of racing here at the most picturesque track in the country. Our aim is to give you as full of a fixture list as possible and the riders plenty of meetings.

We are also commencing practice sessions on weekends we have no fixtures as we have tried to avoid running at the same time as the car track although today and June 7th we are both running. We have a good and close working relationship with Barry and his crew and they have been very helpful working with our superb volunteers.

Enjoy your speedway.

Laurence



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BULLS BANTER

It has been a frustrating start to the 2026 season for our two BULLS who have Championship places .

Jack Smith should have had two outings for Berwick over the Easter weekend but the clashes with Edinburgh in the BSN Series were called off at Armadale on Good Friday and at Shielfield Park the following day.

Jamie Etherington also had his Easter spoilt with his Workington debut also cancelled as the storms up north hit. He then had a night to forget at home being ill before setting off for our opening meeting in the REGINA 4's and being told to stay at home to recover.

Arran Butcher though packed away on Sunday afternoon and drove with his father Richard to Holland to race at Balkbrug in a grass track meeting where he scored 9 including a retirement in one race to finish in

8th place overallbet he slept well on the Tuesday !! He was in Holland again last Friday and Saturday getting back for a rain off at Leicester on Sunday!!

Jack Smith was at Glasgow on Friday then the return with the Tigers last night in the BSN SERIES on Saturday at Berwick . Jamie was at Workington last night for his Comet debut against Scunthorpe and will comment on that next week.

Alfie was in Holland last weekend on a long track at Roden so was missing at Leicester for the rain off with Darryl Ritchings stepping in as a guest.



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RIDER SPONSORSHIP ...

We are offering an opportunities for local firms, individuals and groups of fans to sponsor any of the riders for their tyres, methanol, oil, etc each meeting . - THANKS.

RIDER	TYRE £45	METHANOL £10	OIL £20	OTHER
ALFIE BOWTELL				
ARRAN BUTCHER				
LUKE HARRIS				
JAMIE ETHERINGTON				
JACK SMITH				
JACK SHIMELT				

TODAY'S MEETING SPONSORS.... GTS PRODUCTS



Former rider Gerald Smitherman and his partner Sherry Dack have stepped forward this year to back the Midland Development League providing the body colours for all four sides . They have also produced the ones for today's NDL Nomads.

They are tonight's meeting sponsors and we must thank them for their valued support of Buxton Speedway.

The year 1972 saw Smitherman undertake the Cradley rider training school and compete in second half rides for the experience. During the 1972 British League season Smitherman was thrown in the deep end due to injuries suffered by hs team and he represented Cradley Heathens.

His career took off properly when he was signed for Ellesmere Port Gunners for the 1973 British League Division Two season. where he stayed for four years, returning decent averages in the middle ranks.

In his final year, he was signed over to Oxford Cheetahs to promoter Harry Bastable and competed for the Cheetahs during the 1977 National League season.

After speedway

During his time as a rider, he had also made seats and continued with supplying accessories after retiring as GTS Products. For the 1991 World Speedway Final, he made the suits for Sam Ermolenko, Ronnie Correy, Billy Hamill, Jan O. Pedersen and Per Jonson as well as pit crews. Married to Sherry, they have four daughters. Gerald took up squash, winning an Over-45 championship. He still follows speedway and provides accessories for today's riders as well as retro items.

The Buxton Bulls Supporters Club are inviting supporters to help name our new mascot

Supporters are encouraged to submit their name suggestions in the comments below. Entries will remain open for till Monday 20th.

The winning entry will be selected by the Supporters Club, with the winner receiving a centre green experience at our next home meeting.

We look forward to seeing your suggestions.

#buxtonspeedway #buxtonbulls #namethebull #speedway



VOLUNTEERS

You would never believe the hours the volunteers have put in not only all winter but in particular the days before our opening meeting.

Their dedication is unbelievable and remember most of them travel from all over to be here at their own expense and some have been staying overnight in the caravan so they can work late into the night and get up early to start again with some driving home then back again the next day.

Without them we would never be able to run .

They were faced with a massive job when the SCB inspection on the Friday gave them a major headache. The kickboards had to be removed and wood put against fence then the rubber put back on with all new bolts with the old ones cut off. Being Good Friday the shops were shutting early so Dave Roscoe had to be there at 8am Saturday to get the wood, which had to be cut to size, picked up in two loads. The gang prepared the fence cutting off all the bolts whilst once the wood arrived one gang got to work on it in place and secured. Then the rubber was secured again ,...and these jobs took all day!

Chris Butler our electrician had so much to do and spent days here and was still at it on Sunday before the meeting.

There are still many jobs we have to do and it is an on going project so every pair of hands who helps speeds up the process so if you would like to join in and help don't be shy but come and ask and the lads will tell you when they are here slaving away !



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You can find our easyfundraising page here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/buxton-bulls-speedway>

Thank you!

CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

It's our first home meeting as a team today as the DUCTAIR Bulls come up against a team of Nomads ... riders looking for a team place having not secured one yet. So they will want to put themselves in the shop window.

With only six teams coming to the tapes in 2026 it means only 42 riders have team places which is a great pity. But Laurence in trying to put on as many meetings as we can here at Buxton is giving these lads valuable track time plus for the Buxton riders we are getting more meetings than any other club..which is great !!

Next week we come up against a strong looking Leicester side in the Derbyshire /Leicestershire Challenge Cup which becomes the 1st leg now .

Jamie missed the REGINA 4's having set off and being ill so was told to go home. But he got some laps in last Saturday so he doesn't go in cold today.

Unfortunately the rain came at the wrong time last Sunday at Leicester causing a late call off. We had done the track walk and the back straight was a bit wet on the outside and the home straight on the inside but they had packed the track in and it was firm underneath. But with 15 mins to go the rain started again and the ref called me and Laurence along with the Leicester captain and team manager and said we would make a decision at 3 to start at 3.15 but with rain still coming down he called it off. Ironically the sun came out as we all drove home but it was too late. Restaging agreed for Sunday May 10th at 3pm.

There was a good spirit amongst the lads as we did the track walk and that augers well for the season.

Get behind your DUCTAIR BULLS !!

JACK

PHIL'S PHOTOS



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THE MEETING

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AWAY TEAM

White & Yellow Helmet Colours



THE RACES

FOUR RIDERS

(2 from each team)



- 3PTS - 1st Place
- 2PTS - 2nd Place
- 1PTS - 3rd Place
- 0PTS - 4th Place

FOUR LAPS



75 15

Heat scores are added together over 15 Heats to determine the final score

SIGNALS TO LOOK OUT FOR



YELLOW WITH BLACK DIAGONAL CROSS
Riders entering Last Lap



BLACK AND WHITE CHEQUERED FLAG
End of Race



FLASHING YELLOW LIGHT
2 Minute Warning until start of race



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Race stopped in interest of safety



BLACK FLAG WITH HELMET COLORED DISCS/ ACCOMPANYING FLASHING LIGHT
Rider Disqualified

GTS PRODUCTS SPONSORED MDL - FIXTURE DATES 2026

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SUN 5 MDL INDIVIDUAL ---- JACK CREWE 9, WILL BORASTON 8

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SUN 26 WOLVES V KINGS

MAY

SUN 24 INVADERS V WOLVES

JUNE

SUN 7 KINGS V POTTERS

SUN 14 WOLVES V INVADERS

SUN 21 POTTERS V KINGS

JULY

SUN 12 INVADERS V KINGS

SUN 19 WOLVES V POTTERS

SUN 26 KINGS V WOLVES

AUGUST

SUN 2 POTTERS V WOLVES

SUN 9 KINGS V INVADERS

SUN 16 INVADERS V POTTERS

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SUN 13

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Round 7	29 AUG	LEAMINGTON	GEOFF ADAMS MEMORIAL
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ON TRACK TODAY.... THE NDL NOMADS

The DUCTAIR Bulls are in action today at home for the first time as a seven man team as we face a side comprising of riders who ,in the main, currently do not have team places in any National Development side. We had lined seven up but had a few withdrawals for various reasons so Connor Coles and Ben Whalley step in whilst some of our MDL lads get a chance to impress.

We came up with the team name of NOMADS as this suits them and big thanks to today's meeting sponsors GTS PRODUCTS for making a special set of body colours for the meeting.

These challenges give our riders valuable track time but also give you fans more meetings to watch.

COLES, CONNOR. DATE OF BIRTH: 7 September 1994, Exeter, Devon.

BRITISH CAREER: (2012) Rye House II; (2013) Kent; (2014-16) Mildenhall; (2017) Newcastle, Eastbourne, Isle of Wight; (2018) Buxton; (2019) Edinburgh, Stoke; (2021) Belle Vue II; (2022) Scunthorpe, Plymouth, Leicester II; (2023) Berwick, Berwick II; (2024) Edinburgh, Edinburgh II; (2025-26) Edinburgh II.

CLUB HONOURS: National Trophy winner: 2014 [Mildenhall]; Four-Team Championship winner: 2019 [Stoke]; Knock-Out Cup winner: 2022 [Leicester II]; League Championship winner: 2022 [Leicester II].

RIDER LINK: Son of Michael Coles (born: 11 August 1965, Exeter, Devon). Grandson of Bob Coles (born: 12 February 1944, Exeter, Devon).

JACK ROBERTS. DATE OF BIRTH: 27/10/90, STOCKPORT

Former Buxton and Birmingham rider who packed in speedway 2008 and made comeback on the grass track scene. Local lad who has decided to return to speedway.

Championship

Season	Team	M	CMA	BCMA
2008	Birmingham	12	3.62	4.23

National League

Season	Team	M	CMA	BCMA
2006	Buxton	30	5.79	7.05
2007	Buxton	18	8.00	8.64
2008	Buxton	12	9.10	9.24

His final Conference League meeting was here at Buxton on 17 August 2008:

5	Jack Roberts	3	3	2	3	1	3	-	-	15
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JACK RICHARDS KINGSTON. DATE OF BIRTH: 6 October, 1995, Ilford, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2011) Hackney; (2013) Kent; (2014-15) Mildenhall; (2016) Cradley; (2022) Mildenhall; (2023) Kent.

CLUB HONOUR: National Trophy winner: 2014 [Mildenhall].

SAM WOODS. DATE OF BIRTH: 26 June 1993, Boston, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2013) Kent; (2015-16) Rye House II; (2017-18) Mildenhall; (2022) Kent; (2025) Scunthorpe/Sheffield.

CLUB HONOUR: Four-Team Championship winner: 2016 [Rye House II].

BEN WHALLEY. DATE OF BIRTH: 27 January 2003, Christchurch, New Zealand.

BRITISH CAREER: (2026) Edinburgh II.

WSRASPONSORS OF THE NDL

The World Speedway Riders' Association (Charity No. 1114501) is the oldest and most prestigious association for former riders, officials and speedway supporters.

Founded as the Veteran Speedway Riders' Association in 1957 by journalist and broadcaster Peter Arnold - who wanted to provide former riders with an easy way to keep in touch with their ex-teammates and peers.

In 2006 it became the World Speedway Riders' Association to update its image and to appeal to younger members.

Today it's a thriving organisation with more than 500 members and a busy social calendar - the pinnacle of which is the annual Awards Dinner.

The WSRA is built on respect for everyone involved in the sport and each individual World Champion is automatically enrolled as an honorary life member as soon as they clinch their first world title.

Artem Laguta, is the most recent world champion to be inducted after being named WSRA Rider of the Year in 2021.

The WSRA hosts the National Speedway Museum at Hertfordshire Zoo in Broxbourne which is the flagship of the charity - where visitors can delve into the history of the sport with the nostalgic exhibits either donated or loaned by the sport's biggest stars.

Join the World Speedway Riders' Association

For £30 all UK members, both Rider and Standard, will receive four issues spring, summer, autumn and winter of the WSRA's 32 page full colour Tapes Up magazine either by post or, if requested, digitally. For overseas members the membership is £ 35.

All members have free access to the WSRA National Speedway Museum at Hertfordshire Zoo (formerly Paradise Wildlife Park), Broxbourne, on production of their up to date membership card. The park is open all year.

Visitors will find on display speedway bikes from the sport's UK beginnings in 1928 right up to today's more powerful machinery. The memorabilia on display covers every aspect of speedway's existence including, badges, old style riding leathers and today's kevlar, programmes, photographs, trophies and so on, including Grasstrack, Longtrack and Ice racing bikes.

All members can avail themselves of a priority slot to book tickets for lunches at Hertfordshire Zoo and for the WSRA's prestigious Awards Night & Dinner, which is held at the end of each speedway season at the Leicester Marriott Hotel.

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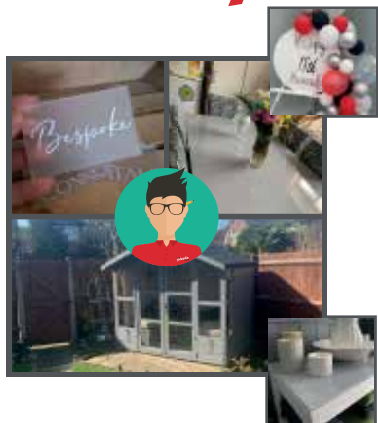
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COMMERCIAL CORNER

It has been a busy time on the Commercial front for the Bulls. We have a new recruit in MAGGIE SWAT who along with DAVE ROSCOE has been busy attracting sponsors to the club.

Maggie introduced us to Ashton-under-Lyne based "Donate-a-Light. The company are providing all new lighting at Buxton Speedway for the refurbished pits, referee's box, new changing rooms, toilets, admission kiosk and snack bar. The lighting is all the top of the range LED's and is a big boost to the club with possible further involvement at a later stage.

Donate-A-Light CIC is a UK-based social enterprise dedicated to supporting charities through sustainable lighting solutions. By redistributing surplus LED lighting donated by manufacturers and suppliers, the organisation provides free, energy-efficient upgrades to care homes, hospices, and community projects. Founded in 2025 and based in Greater Manchester, Donate-A-Light helps reduce energy costs, improve environments, and cut carbon emissions. Its circular approach ensures unused products are repurposed for social good, benefiting both the environment and organisations in need.



Buxton promoter Laurence Rogers is highly pleased with their involvement, " We must thank Maggie Swat for arranging the backing. She came down a few weeks back and saw all the work going on and Maggie asked if having new LED lighting would be of interest

and naturally we said yes! She works in the industry and did a site survey and contacted them on our behalf and now they have come on board with us." We have also now sold every heat for the season except heat 5 which is available plus we are offering heat sponsorship backing for the MDL heats if anyone is interested.

New heat sponsors are : Les and Lesley Cassell-Bull, DUCTAIR , our media team NO BRAKES DIGITAL, Clive Read, Nigel Tolley and All Clear Environmental Services.

Blayne Scoggins, who has sponsored a heat, a meeting and last week the rider's methanol joined DUCTAIR's Chris and Sheila Bowen in the sponsor lounge caravan on bend 1 and has pledged to do some further backing soon! In fact he will be sponsoring the Derbyshire Open on June 7th with trophies and cash prizes for the top 3 and we thank him for his great support of Buxton Speedway.

We must thanks DAVE ROSCOE for getting REGINA CHAIN in as our opening meeting sponsor and he is hard at getting other backers for the club.

The circuit has a range of eye catching banners on the outer fence which we must thank Sarah Cawthorne for and her daughter Chloe is having a banner on the air fence to promote her media company who look after Jack Smith. Thanks for this.

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EXCITING NEWS FOR BUXTON FANS!

For the first time ever, Buxton Speedway is launching an official Supporters Club.

For just £5, you can be part of something special, show your support for the club, and our policy focusing on youth development in a whole new way.

We have formed a partnership with the Birmingham Speedway Supporters Club, a group of committed Speedway fans with a wealth of experience in bringing fans together to Support their club. As there has not been a Supporters Club at Buxton before, we are stepping into completely unknown territory, but have lots of ideas and are more than happy to listen to any new ideas our members suggest.

As a member, you'll receive a FREE sticker, an exclusive Buxton bottle opener, a photo with your favourite Bulls rider and discounted entry to our upcoming social nights at The Winking Man pub.

Please come and see us at our merchandise table, where Nicky will be more than happy to provide you with everything you need to join us.

Get involved today and help drive the future of Buxton, and British Speedway!

50/50 update

Our winning ticket wasn't claimed during the fours meeting, but we have since been contacted by Jess Sant, from Stoke, who won £59 and will be picking up her cash prize today. Our 50/50 sellers, Mike and Gill, will be selling tickets (as shown below) again this afternoon. The proceeds are Split 50/50 between our young riders to help them race, and the draw winner who receives the other half. Good luck to everyone who takes part this afternoon.



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BUXTON – HOW IT ALL BEGAN (PART 2)

Welcome once again to Buxton Speedway. Despite the cold weather, it was wonderful to see racing again here at Hi-Edge Raceway.

In my first column of the season, I wrote about how Buxton Speedway was born. That was back in 1994 when racing was first held at the stock-car circuit next door.

The Hitmen – as Buxton were then known – ran from that venue for two years. But promoters Chris Morton and Bernard Loftus were keen to have their own track, away from the stock-cars. There were a variety of reasons behind this. The old circuit, with its long straights and tight bends, was tricky for young riders to negotiate. Having a separate speedway track meant the promoters could make a purpose-built circuit. This would have benefits for the stock car promotion as well, as they could run meetings without having to make adjustments necessary to accommodate both sports.

Morton and Loftus were keen for speedway to continue at Buxton, although the previous two seasons had been financially very challenging for them. They therefore negotiated with the stock-car promotion to lease some land next to the stadium for a new speedway track to be built.

In February 1996, Buxton's promotion – which now included former rider Ken Moss – confirmed they were planning to take part in the following season's Conference League. Stock car promoter Barry Watson had agreed to a five-year development plan on the new site, and work started on getting the new track up-and-running.

On 1 April, the Hitmen took part in their first fixture of the season. It was an away fixture at Exeter, against the Devon Demons. On a County Ground track almost the exact opposite of either the former or new Buxton tracks, the team acquitted themselves well and lost by just six points. There was some bad news though when Richard Webb had an horrific crash in his first ride, breaking several ribs in his first ride.

A month later came the second fixture, a seven-point loss north of the border at Linlithgow. In the meantime, work had been progressing well at the new site and the opening meeting was booked in for 19 May. Mildenhall were set to be the visitors in a Conference League clash although this was dependent on a Speedway Control Board assessment. Thankfully, the circuit passed the Board's requirements with flying colours.

The big day arrived, and on a bitterly cold day racing took place on Britain's newest speedway track. Mildenhall's

number one Geoff Powell won the first heat, but it was to be home rider Mike Hampson who took the afternoon's plaudits. Hampson won each of his five rides. Remarkably, he broke the track record in each of those races. That must be something that's never been done before or since. His times were 59.4, 59.2, 59.0, 58.4 and, in the final heat, 58.1 seconds.

Wind was a problem that afternoon, with two bikes being blown from their stands in the pits on what was a difficult – but ultimately successful – day for Buxton Speedway. The Hitmen beat Mildenhall 47-31 with Mike Hampson not being the side's only maximum man – Andre Compton was also unbeaten by an opponent in his five rides.

In an expanded league competition, now comprising thirteen teams, the Hitmen finished in eighth place. They won ten of their eleven home meetings, but dropped a point in the home match against Devon. On the road, the side failed to win but did draw at Sittingbourne.

The most important thing of all, however, was that Buxton Speedway had been reborn. And we're still here today.

Mark Sawbridge

Picture: a programme from Buxton's first season at the new raceway



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2026 FIXTURES & RESULTS

APRIL		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
SUN 5	Regina 4's (4tt)	Home	Wolves 26	Potters 24	Kings 24	Bulls 19		
SUN 12	Leicester Chall	Away	POSTPONED RAIN					
SUN 19	NDL Nomads	Home						
SUN 26	Leicester Chall	Home						

MAY								
SUN 3	British Youth Championship	Home						
SUN 24	Potters	Home						
WED 27	Oxford	Away						
Sun 31	Leicester Chall	Away						

JUNE								
SUN 7	Derbyshire Individual	Home						
SUN 14	Edinburgh	Home						
FRI 19	Edinburgh	Away						
SDAT 21	FGA Grass Event 11AM	Home						
SUN 21	Reserved	Home						
SUN 28	Leicester	Away						

JULY								
SUN 12	Reserved	Home						
SUN 19	Leicester	Home						
WED 22	Kings Lynn	Away						
SUN 26	Kings Lynn	Home						

AUGUST								
SUN 2	Oxford	Home						
SUN 9	Reserved	Home						
SAT 15	Middlesborough	Away						
SUN 16	Middlesborough	Home						

SEPTEMBER								
Sat 5	ACU British Flat Track Championship Round 10am							
SAT 12	Reserved							
SUN 27	Reserved							

OCTOBER								
SUN 11	Reserved							
SUN 25	Reserved							

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