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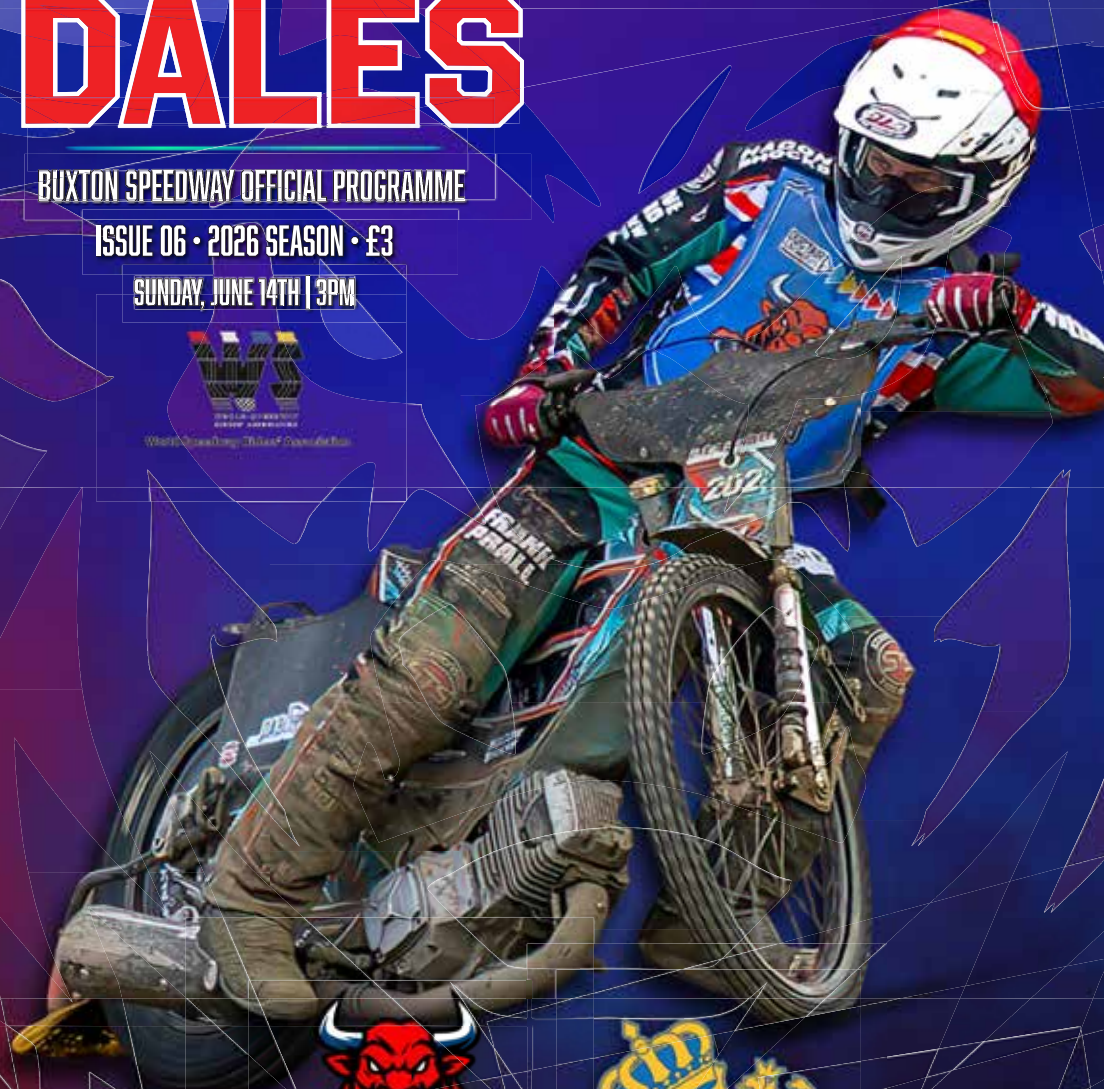
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ORDER OF EVENTS

12.30 PM GATES OPEN

PITS OPEN FROM 2.00 TILL 2.30

3PM PARADE

3.05 HEAT 1

TRACKGRADE (SUBJECT TO CHANGE) AFTER HT 4, 7, 12

SHORT INTERVAL AFTER HEAT 12

CENTRE GREEN EXPERIENCE HEATS 12-15

MDL WOLVES V INVADERS PLUS 125CC DEMOS



LAURENCE ROGERS WRITES

Well that was a disappointment last week having to cancel the Derbyshire Open with three days of heavy rain putting pay to running. With the GP not far away we had a lot of interest from overseas fans from all over the world including some Polish press who were going to do a feature with photos on us.

Speaking with the meeting sponsor Blayne Scroggins we are planning on restaging it nearer the end of the season possibly as the final meeting of the season.

John, Shaun, Richie and Sid did all they could to get the newly re-laid track ready for racing but their efforts were all in vain. I kept in touch with them whilst at the FGA meeting at Leamington Spa with photos sent but as the grass meeting finished John and I made the decision to call it off. The work that gang do is amazing getting there Friday night and working all weekend. Last Sunday they spent the whole day adding some more material and today the new surface gets its first airing !!

Today we commence our league campaign against a very solid Edinburgh Academy side. We welcome Scott Wilson and his side.

Making his debut as a DUCTAIR Bull today is local lad Jack Roberts who comes in for Jamie Etherington who is taking a break from the sport after a tough start in the Championship at Workington. The teenager will be back once he is ready and has had some confidence boosting practice. We requested a new average for Jack and he has been given a 2.00 figure so starts at reserve and we wish him well.

With no meeting last Sunday I bought the stream of the grass track finals in Sussex where Luke was in the 250cc championship where he finished as runner up to Ashton Vale. In the 350cc final Jack Roberts finished 3rd so not a bad afternoon for two of our Bulls.



Some of today's opponents I know quite well. James Shanes and Jamie Halder (at Coventry) started with me whilst Vinnie Foord rode in the MDL for me before he got his chance in the NDL. We've got to know Ben Whalley as well as he's done a few meetings here and guested for us at Leicester recently.

Next Sunday we hold the Buxton Best Pairs merging our Bulls side with some of our emerging young talent with six pairs representing Buxton Bulls, Stoke Potters, Wolverhampton Wolves, Cradley Heathens, Birmingham Buffaloes and Crewe Kings. It is something different and hopefully captures the support of fans cheering on their teams.

Before that we travel to Scotland for the return NDL clash with Edinburgh on Friday. Then on Saturday we stage something completely different with a Formula Grass Association meeting with free entry with riders of all ages from the real youngsters on small bikes to the more mature riders. The practice will be about MIDDAY with racing underway about 1PM with a full programme planned.

Laurence



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BULLS BANTER

It's been a bit of a quiet time for some of our riders with Jack Smith having no Berwick meetings which for him was a godsend with his painful back where he had badly bruised muscles with x-rays showing trapped nerve and muscle damage, needing rest with hot and cold therapy. He was going to sit out the Derbyshire Open as well and returned at Berwick last night as they faced Glasgow.

Arran missed the Stoke challenge to ride at the world famous Teterow circuit in Germany where former rider Trevor Banks lent him his bikes with Arran really enjoying

the experience having wanted to ride there for ages. He then rode in Holland on the bank holiday Monday clocking up more miles on his van!

Luke rode in the British 250cc championship last Sunday and Jack Roberts was in the 350 cc. Both ended on the rostrums ...Luke as runner up and Jack in third spot. Well done lads.



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RIDER SPONSORSHIP ...

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

TODAY'S MEETING SPONSORS.... DAVE CARTER

Big thank you to someone who calls himself as a “Friend of Buxton Speedway” in Dave Carter, who sponsors heat 1 in the programme.

He lives in Rugby and is retired . He has been a speedway fan from 1979 at Reading till they closed . He has then been a fan of NDL at Coventry, Leicester and Buxton . So as a former Coventry Storm fan he will remember Edinburgh current rider James Shanes and Jamie Halder in their colours at Brandon.

He first got into doing a bit of sponsorship at Buxton when Jason Pipe was team manager so when Buxton came back this year he thought he would help with a heat and meeting sponsorship.

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- DISCUSS BUXTON SPEEDWAY
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VOLUNTEERS

With no home meeting the weekend before then a rain off last week some of the gang were still here working away. The MDL pits should by now have the full roofing on and started to be painted.

It's important that we provide suitable pits areas for all riders especially if we have good turnouts at practices and amateur meetings plus on race days the MDL riders have their own pit areas. The 125's are next on the agenda to have their own pits and we will be working on that too.

What you might immediately notice today is that the colour of the track surface is different. In the

sweltering heat the bank holiday weekend the track gang spent ages getting all the stones up off the track and removed the old surface. Then last weekend the first of the new red shale was laid that will bed in bit by bit.

It will be certainly different to see a red surface rather than grey and the material is totally different so it will be interesting to see how the riders react to it all.

John Roberts has done an amazing job on the track with support from Shaun Tedham, Sid Compton, Richie Cawthorne and Pete Clarke.

The list of jobs is never ending but the gang just get on with it all without a moan,,, they really are THE BEST VOLUNTEERS IN SPEEDWAY.

WORLD SPEEDWAY RIDERS ASSOCIATION...WSRA

The league sponsors of the NDL for another year. You don't have to be a rider or ex-rider to join as the association is open to everyone. It is a registered charity and holds a superb end of season awards night in November.

The UK subscription is £30 per year and is renewed at the end of January each year by direct debit. Overseas membership is £35 per year. Every member receives the superb Tapes Up magazine quarterly and the one due out soon features an article on Buxton's reopening.

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HOW SPEEDWAY WORKS

THE MEETING

HOME TEAM

Red & Blue Helmet Colours



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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Rider Disqualified

BUXTON DUCTAIR BULLS (IN ASSOCIATION WITH CRITCHLOW PLANT)

	RIDER	SUBSTITUTE	AVE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	POINTS	BONUS
1	ALFIE BOWTELL		9.41									
2	JACK SHIMELT		3.23									
3	LUKE HARRIS		4.51									
4	ARRAN BUTCHER		5.71									
5	JACK SMITH C		8.73									
6	RYAN ASHCROFT		2.00									
7	JACK ROBERTS		2.00									
8												

TEAM MANAGER : LAURENCE ROGERS

HEAT		RIDER	SUB	GATE	PTS	H	A
1	TIME	1	ALFIE BOWTELL	3	4		
Heat Sponsor: DAVE CARTER		2	JACK SHIMELT	1	2		
		1	JORDY LOFTUS	4	3		
		2	JAMIE HALDER	2	1		
2	TIME	6	RYAN ASHCROFT	2	1		
Heat Sponsor: LES + LESLEY		7	JACK ROBERTS	4	3		
		6	BEN WHALLEY	1	2		
		7	ANIKA LOFTUS	3	4		
3	TIME	3	LUKE HARRIS	3	4		
Heat Sponsor: JOHN BAILEY		4	ARRAN BUTCHER	1	2		
		3	RYAN INGRAM G	2	1		
		4	VINNIE FOORD	4	3		
4	TIME	5	JACK SMITH C	3	4		
Heat Sponsor: MIKE / GILL NASH		7	JACK ROBERTS	1	2		
		5	DAYLE WOOD C	4	3		
		7	ANIKA LOFTUS	2	1		
5	TIME	3	LUKE HARRIS	2	1		
Heat Sponsor: LES + LESLEY		4	ARRAN BUTCHER	4	3		
		1	JORDY LOFTUS	3	4		
		2	JAMIE HALDER	1	2		
6	TIME	1	ALFIE BOWTELL	1	2		
Heat Sponsor: BLAYNE SCROGGINS		2	JACK SHIMELT	3	4		
		5	DAYLE WOOD C	2	1		
		6	BEN WHALLEY	4	3		
7	TIME	5	JACK SMITH C	2	1		
Heat Sponsor: 5 STAR POTTERS *****		6	RYAN ASHCROFT	4	3		
		3	RYAN INGRAM G	1	2		
		4	VINNIE FOORD	3	4		
8	TIME	2	JACK SHIMELT	4	3		
Heat Sponsor: ON BEHALF OF MACMILLAN		7	JACK ROBERTS	2	1		
		2	JAMIE HALDER	3	4		
		7	ANIKA LOFTUS	1	2		

EDINBURGH ROSS COMMERCIAL FINANCE MONARCHS ACADEMY

	RIDER	SUBSTITUTE	AVE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	POINTS	BONUS
1	JORDY LOFTUS		8.39									
2	JAMIE HALDER		5.67									
3	RYAN INGRAM G		8.06									
4	VINNIE FOORD		7.73									
5	DAYLE WOOD C		8.00									
6	BEN WHALLEY		2.00									
7	ANIKA LOFTUS		2.00									
8												

TEAM MANAGER : SCOTT WILSON

HEAT		RIDER	SUB	GATE	PTS	H	A
9	TIME	3	LUKE HARRIS	4	3		
Heat Sponsor: WAYSIDE FARM		4	ARRAN BUTCHER	2	1		
		5	DAYLE WOOD C	1	2		
		6	BEN WHALLEY	3	4		
10	TIME	1	ALFIE BOWTELL	4	3		
Heat Sponsor: ANDY DUGMORE DRUM TUITION		2	JACK SHIMELT	2	1		
		3	RYAN INGRAM G	3	4		
		4	VINNIE FOORD	1	2		
11	TIME	5	JACK SMITH C	1	2		
Heat Sponsor: DUCTAIR		6	RYAN ASHCROFT	3	4		
		1	JORDY LOFTUS	2	1		
		2	JAMIE HALDER	4	3		
12	TIME	3	LUKE HARRIS	1	2		
Heat Sponsor: NO BRAKES DIGITAL MEDIA		7	JACK ROBERTS	3	4		
		3	RYAN INGRAM G	4	3		
		6	BEN WHALLEY	2	1		
13	TIME	1	ALFIE BOWTELL	2	1		
Heat Sponsor: CLIVE READ		5	JACK SMITH C	4	3		
		1	JORDY LOFTUS	1	2		
		5	DAYLE WOOD C	3	4		
14	TIME	4	ARRAN BUTCHER	3	4		
Heat Sponsor: NIGEL TOLLEY		6	RYAN ASHCROFT	1	2		
		4	VINNIE FOORD	2	1		
		7	ANIKA LOFTUS	4	3		
15	TIME			2	1		
Heat Sponsor: ALL CLEAR				4	3		
				1	2		
				3	4		
	TIME			2	1		
				4	3		
				1	2		
				3	4		

GTS PRODUCTS MDL
WOLVES – WOLFPACK SPEEDWAY SUPPORT TEAM

Table with 8 columns: RIDER, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, PTS. Rows include RYAN ASHCFT C, JACK CREWE, JOE CREWE.

INVADERS – IN MEMORY OF DAVE EDWARDS

Table with 8 columns: RIDER, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, PTS. Rows include BAILEY FELLOWS C, LIAM COX, WILL BORASTON.

Main table with 8 columns: HEAT, RIDER, SUB, GATE, PTS, H, A. Contains heats 1 through 6 with rider details and gate numbers.

125 CC DEMO RACES AFTER HEATS 2, 4, 6

Table with 8 columns: RIDER, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, PTS. Rows include CODY SMITH, LILY BENCE, JESSICA COX, AJ BENCE.

Table with 6 columns: HEAT, RIDER, SUB, GATE, PTS. Contains heats 2A, 4A, and 6A with rider details.

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APRIL

SUN 5 MDL INDIVIDUAL JACK CREWE 9, WILL BORASTON 8
SUN 26 WOLVES V KINGS 16-18

JUNE

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

SEPTEMBER

SUN 13 POTTERS V INVADERS
SUN 27 INVADERS V WOLVES

OCTOBER

SUN 11 KINGS V POTTERS



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ON TRACK TODAY...EDINBURGH MONARCHS ACADEMY

We face a tough opening NDL clash against a solid looking Edinburgh side who include brother and sister duo Jordy and Anika Loftus - who is the only female rider in the UK leagues.

LOFTUS, Jordy. DATE OF BIRTH: 11 March 2009, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2025-26) Edinburgh, Edinburgh II.

RIDER LINK: Brother of Anika Loftus (born: TBC, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia)

LOFTUS, Anika. DATE OF BIRTH: 16 October 2007, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2026) Edinburgh II.

RIDER LINK: Sister of Jordy Loftus (born: 11 March 2009, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia).

HALDER, Jamie. DATE OF BIRTH: 21 May 1999, Selby, North Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2015-16) Coventry II; (2018) Coventry; (2019) Leicester II; (2021) Leicester II; (2022) Kent; (2023) Berwick II; (2024-25) Middlesbrough; (2026) Edinburgh II.

FOORD, Vinnie. DATE OF BIRTH: 13 July 2006, Hailsham, East Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2021) Kent II; (2022-23) Leicester II; (2024) Poole, Leicester II; (2025) Workington, Kent; (2026) Workington, Edinburgh II.

CLUB HONOURS: Knock-Out Cup winner: 2022 [Leicester II], 2024 [Poole]; League Championship winner: 2022 [Leicester II], 2024 [Poole], 2024 [Leicester II]; BSN Series winner: 2024 [Poole].

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

BRITISH CAREER: (2026) Edinburgh II.

WOOD, Dayle. DATE OF BIRTH: 22 November 1994, Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2023) Edinburgh, Edinburgh II; (2024) Edinburgh II; (2025) Berwick, Edinburgh II; (2026) Oxford, Edinburgh II.

INGRAM, Ryan. GUEST FOR JAMES SHANES



GTS PROCUITS MIDLAND DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

We are updating the MDL fixtures as other rider commitments affected the INVADERS v WOLVES here a few weeks ago and then POTTERS V KINGS clash.

These fixtures will be slotted in on spare dates to get them run with apologies that we have not had the lads in action but things will return to normal from next week with some new names to be added to the rider lists.

The MDL is a vital part of speedway here at Buxton as we give the up and comers valuable track time in a team environment in a league. Other commitments can't be helped but we aim to increase our base of riders and once we can get our practices on a regular basis this will help achieve this.



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The search for sponsorship continues as we head towards the start of the league campaign.

We have four meeting sponsors lined up so far. DAVE CARTER is the meeting sponsor today when we meet Edinburgh. BLAYNE SCROGGINS supports the KINGS LYNN visit on July 26.

JOHN BAILEY and Stuart Hole at WAYSIDE FARM also are doing meeting sponsorship so just need to agree dates with them.

If you as an individual or a company want to be involved in this way see us today or e-mail : commercial@buxtonspeedway.co.uk

You can have use of the caravan/ sponsor lounge on bend one for you and your guests and be taken on to the centre green to watch the racing (the best place to watch it and appreciate the speed!!). You can have an advert in the programme and an article about you or your firm and the social media will include you as meeting sponsors.



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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.

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New launch of Buxton Bulls Supporters Group on Facebook

This will be a place for supporters to come together and share their passion for Buxton Speedway. Whether you are returning to the sport, or are discovering speedway for the very first time, you're more than welcome. Let's build a friendly and welcoming supporters' community that gets behind the riders, the volunteers and everyone working hard to keep speedway thriving in Buxton.

Thank you for joining us and welcome to the herd!

50/50 update

We still need to find the winners of two of our 50/50 Draws. Red ticket no. 00022 from April 19th, and red ticket no 00078 from April 26th. If you are the lucky holder of either, or ever luckier and you have both tickets, come and see Mike and Gill for your cash prize. Our 50/50 sellers will be selling tickets 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.



BUXTON – HOW IT ALL BEGAN (PART 4)

Welcome once again to Buxton Speedway.

In my last column, I wrote about Mike Hampson's success in the 1996 Conference League Riders' Championship at Long Eaton. The good news is that fans of the club didn't have to wait too long for their next champion. In fact, the following season Jon Armstrong repeated Hampson's feat and won the title. To do so, he produced one of the most stunning rides I've seen in my half a century of following speedway.

The event was held at Long Eaton. Sadly, it was just two months later that the Derbyshire venue closed for good.

There were two hot favourites for the event: home rider Paul Lee, and Peterborough's David Howe. In heat one, Lee blasted from the tapes and led by a country mile. Then, on turn one of the last lap, he fell inexplicably. Howe then led heat two, but he also suffered a misfortune late in the race – in this case, a puncture relegating him to last place.

With the two favourites failing to score in their first rides, the event was now wide open. Jon Armstrong seized the opportunity. He won heat four, beating the injured David Meldrum. He then led David Howe in heat five, before the young Peterborough rider brilliantly passed him. Jon then came second to Ryde's Bobby Eldridge in heat twelve, and went into the interval in third place with seven points. Only Eldridge and Linlithgow rider Blair Scott were ahead of him with eight points each.

Armstrong and Scott met in heat fourteen. Scott fell and remounted, but failed to score. The Buxton man won the race and increased his total to ten points. Eldridge, in the meantime, won his next heat and with one race each remaining, he had eleven points with Armstrong on ten and Howe on nine.

All Eldridge needed to do to win the title was to claim three points in heat eighteen. However, Berwick's David Meldrum had other ideas and relegated Eldridge to second place. That gave Armstrong a golden opportunity, which he seized with a win in heat nineteen.

The stage was now set for a run-off for the title between Eldridge and Armstrong. The Buxton man won the toss and chose the inside gate. However, Eldridge gated, leaving Armstrong with the difficult task of passing his opponent. Eldridge rode brilliantly for over three laps, but made a slight mistake on the last bend of the final lap. With the chequered flag in sight, Eldridge believed Armstrong would make a last-bend charge up the inside. He switched line, only for Armstrong to come sailing around him to win the race by no more than half a wheel.

I was standing on the home straight that afternoon and I remember thinking that Armstrong had somehow gone through a gap that wasn't there. It was a moment of speedway brilliance. 'Poetry on wheels' as the late commentator Dave Lanning might have said.

After the race, Armstrong said that he'd made the wrong choice in the selection of gate for the run-off. He told the Speedway Star, "I picked gate one but afterwards turned around and looked at the start marshal and said, 'I don't think I like it'. I did the worst start of my day. It seemed to take forever to that first turn and as I came up, I watched Bobby coming round. But I reeled him in and reeled him in."

It was a moment of magic on two wheels.

Enjoy your speedway.

Mark Sawbridge

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2026 FIXTURES & RESULTS

APRIL

SUN 5	Regina 4's (4tt)	H	Wolves 26 Potters 24 Kings 24 Bulls 19
SUN 12	Leicester Chall	A	POSTPONED RAIN
SUN 19	NDL Nomads	H	37-35 ALFIE 6 ARRAN 9+2 LUKE 8 JAMIE 1+1 J SMITH 8 J SHIMELT 2 BAILEY 3+1
SUN 26	Leicester Chall	H	41-49 L ALFIE 15-1 ARRAN 10+2 JACK ROBERTS 8 ALEX SPOONER 2 JACK SMITH R/R LUKE 6 JACK SHIMELT 0 BAILEY 0

MAY

SUN 3	British Youth Championship	H	RAINED OFF
SUN 24	Stoke Potters Select Chall	H	49-39 Jack Smith 11+1, Jack Shimelt 10+1, Luke Harris 9+1, Alex Spooner 8+2, Alfie Bowtell 7, Bailey Fellows 4+1, Jamie Etherington R/R.
Sun 31	Leicester Chall	A	60-30 Alfie Bowtell 15, Ben Whalley 6+1, Luke Harris 4+1, Jack Shimelt 3, Arran Butcher 1, Ryan Ashcroft 1, Jack Smith r/r.

JUNE

SUN 7	Derbyshire Individual	H	RAINED OFF
SUN 14	Edinburgh	H	
FRI 19	Edinburgh	A	
SAT 20	FGA Grass Event 11AM	H	
SUN 21	Buxton Best Pairs	H	
SUN 28	Leicester	A	

JULY

SUN 12	Helsby Grass Track	H	
SUN 19	Leicester	H	
WED 22	Kings Lynn	A	
SUN 26	Kings Lynn	H	

AUGUST

SUN 2	Oxford	H	
SUN 9	Reserved	H	
SAT 15	Middlesborough	A	
SUN 16	Middlesborough	H	
SUN 30	British Youth Championship	H	

SEPTEMBER

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

OCTOBER

SUN 11	Reserved		
SUN 25	Reserved		
TBA	Oxford	A	

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