



CYCLE SPEEDWAY

By Joe McLaughlin

CYCLE speedway returned to the Bristol area with a bang last Saturday with the newly formed Filton club staging the second Test match between England and Poland.

A large crowd assembled to see the opening of the brand new state of the art Filton track, performed by a host of dignitaries headed by Bristol North West MP Doug Naysmith.

Both teams appeared to have strengthened after England's shock 90-80 success in the First Test at Ipswich last month. England called-up reigning British Champion Terry Norman of Stockport, whilst Polish superstars Marcin Szymanski (Leszno) and Damian Wozny (Torun) joined the fray in a very powerful Polish side.

As expected with any new circuit, the newly laid Filton surface soon cut up and became increasingly deep. This seemed to favour the Poles, who zoomed to maximum 7-3 race wins in Heats 5, 6 and 8 to storm ahead.

By the interval, Heat 9, Poland, with Robert Bedra and Dominik Rycharski in dominant form, had established an astonishing 19-point lead, heading England by 53-34.

The Poles continued their winning run by opening the second half with another maximum, this time from Rycharski and Lukas Jowiak, the latter looking in fine form on his British based track.

Southampton star Shaun Woodhouse lifted English spirits by recording superb race wins in Heats 11 and 15 but it was Poland who continued to hold the upper hand and they won the last

three heats to top the 100-point mark, winning by a huge 105-69 margin.

England: Shaun Woodhouse (Southampton) 13, Dave Hemsley (Coventry) 12, Lewis Bates (Stoke) 11, Lee Aries (Wednesfield) 10, Terry Norman (Stockport) 10, Gavin Wheeler (Southampton) 7, Mark Boaler (Horspath) 4, Chris Roberts (Poole) 2.

Poland: Dominik Rycharski (Czestochowa) 18, Marcin Szymanski (Leszno) 16, Krzysztof Kowalski (Torun) 14, Damian Wozny (Torun) 13, Lukas Jowiak (Bydgoszcz) 13, Tomasz Wlodarczak (Czestochowa) 11, Robert Bedra (Bydgoszcz) 11, Przemek Binkowski (Torun) 9.

The series now moves on to Hearsall Common, Coventry for the third and deciding rubber on Saturday, August 12 (6 pm).

In domestic racing last Sunday, Swindon raced to a comfortable 99-81 victory at the Oasis Leisure Centre over Hellingley in the South West league, whilst the all-powerful Coventry line-up continued to sweep all before them by winning at Leicester in the Midland league by 99-76.

FIXTURES: SATURDAY, JULY 2 (6pm)

GRAND MASTERS INDIVIDUAL:

Hearsall Common, Earlsdon, Coventry

SUNDAY, JULY 16 (ALL 2pm)

PREMIER LEAGUE

Horspath v Wednesfield	Village Recreation Ground, Horspath, Oxford
Norwich v Leicester	Eaton Park, South Park Avenue, Norwich
Southampton v Poole	Shirley Ponds Recreation Ground, Winchester Road, Southampton
Sandwell v Bury	Tividale Sports Ground, Lower City Road, Sandwell.

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