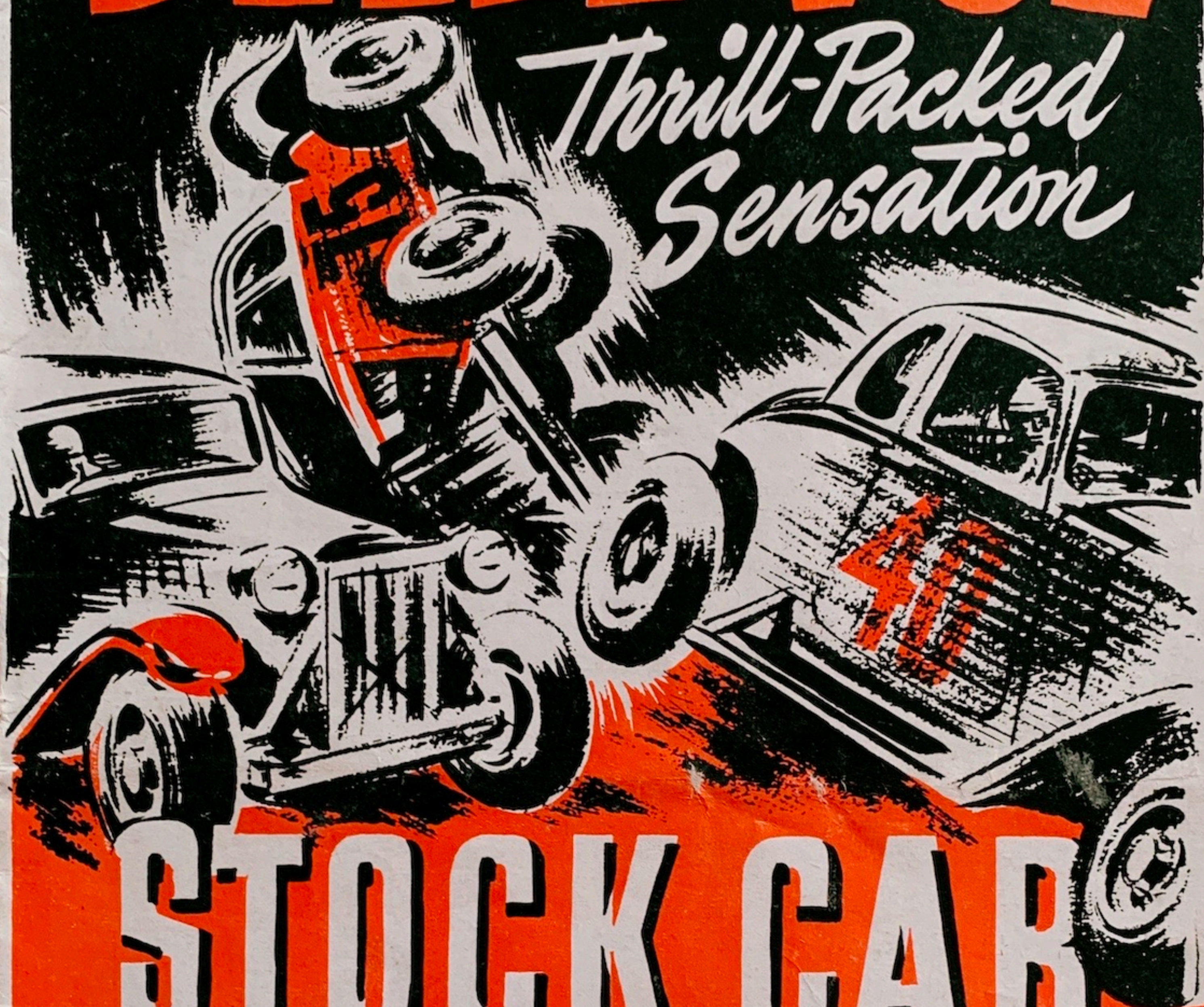


BELLE VUE

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Sensation*



STOCK CAR RACING

ON THE GREAT

SPEEDWAY STADIUM

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME OF RACING



Easter Monday, April 7th, 1958

BELLE VUE

STOCK CAR BULLETIN

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WARNING.—Stock Car Racing is Dangerous and all Persons attending this Stadium do so entirely at their own risk. It is a condition of Admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the Meeting, including the owners and lessees of the Stadium and the owners and drivers of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damages or personal injury to spectators or ticketholders.

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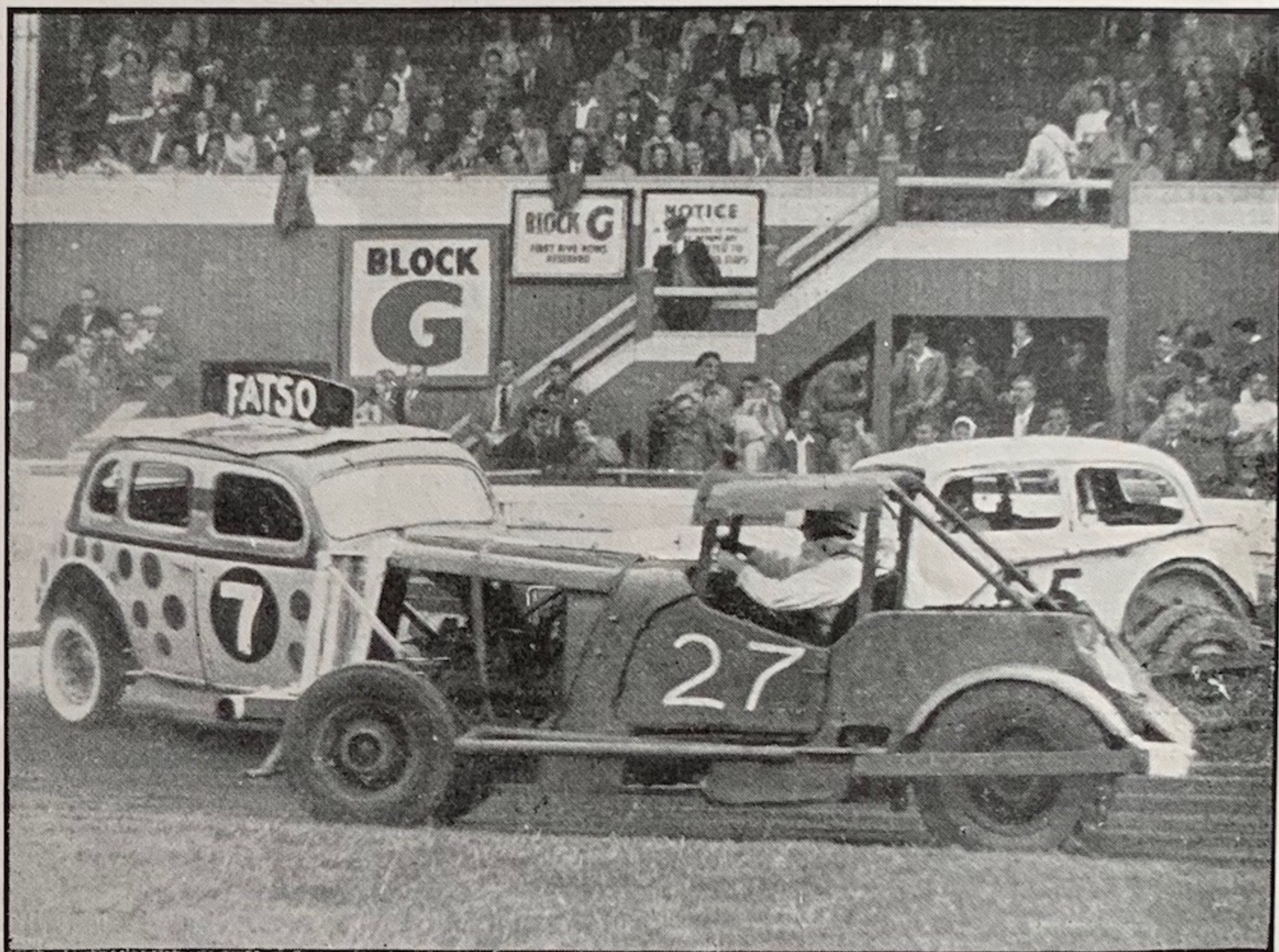
Johnnie's Jottings!

WELCOME, all ye lovers of car racing and particularly our fans, friends, and good fellows of the stock car fraternity.

Tonight we present many new drivers, who enter the lists for the first time. They are nervous, apprehensive, and yet full of hope. This is their night, their chance to win a coveted award, to pit their driving skill against the veterans of the game.

At the finish of the race, if they finish, they will swear the safety fence moved forward two paces to meet them, that the track automatically narrows to nothing, that there are sixteen corners instead of four, and that they never realised before how easy it is to get rolled over, spun round, and finish up with four wheels facing the blue, blue sky. They





Tha's going wrong way lad!

will also admit that there's more to driving a car than ever they realised in all their care-free motoring experience.

Racing on the roads or the big mile tracks is one thing, pushing a car through a tightly packed bunch of roaring monsters on a small circuit such as this is something else. But it is still racing, and depends as much on the skill of the driver as the horse-power, within reason, that is packed beneath that deceptive bonnet.

Gone for ever is the heavy protective armouring. The day of railway sleepers fore and aft, heavy steel plating all round with its cumbersome weight, and slowing up of the racing. The accent is on acceleration, speed, and the attainment of maximum grip without wheel spin.

There are hazards which the veterans have learned to avoid, but which only hard driving experience can teach tonight's new recruits.

We wish them good luck and if they finish a race at their first attempt, if they avoid piling into the fence, or can steer clear of the many pit-falls

in this nerve tingling new sport, they will at least know they have the makings of a star.

Let the show commence. Wheel 'em in, get those wheels a turning, and set the mad merry spectacle under way.

Good watching, good friends, and welcome once again, from your old Sputnik

Johnnie Hoskins.

OUR DRIVERS

Gather round and I'll unfold,
A tale of drivers brave and bold.

Johnny Brise, ex-World Champion, winner of nine World Championships in straight racing in Europe, King of today's stock car exponents, has just returned, we hope, from a flying visit to South Africa, where the sport is now catching on.

Johnny has built something very hot and special to amaze the fans and confound the opposition.

Aubrey Leighton, winner of last year's World Championship on this track is, we regret to say, suffering from polio. We wish our good sporting and likeable champion a speedy recovery to health. May he soon be with us again.

Willie Harrison, present holder of the "Quick" Cup, has had his engine tuned by Jerzy Wojtowicz. Willie is young, single and attached—to car racing.

Geoff Brittain's car was specially prepared for the Monte Carlo Rally. Geoff

has modified the racer, but it is still basically the same. Geoff is a car body repairer. He's in the right business for this lark.

Jimmy Gee was second in the "Quick" Cup last year and winner in 1956. He is in the butchering business in Farnworth. Drivers say that that is no reason for him to ply his trade here.

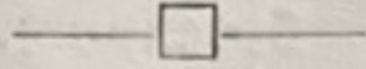
Wilf Blundell, of Southport, brings bus loads of fans from the seaside city. Wilf has a Ford Mercury engine. It is not true that he is using an engine out of one of his buses.

The Four Dignans of Stockport, Brian, Eddie, Ken and Frank, are all in the contest tonight. There are four more brothers and a sister here watching the fun.

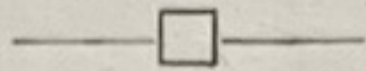
J. Dyche of Burton-on-Trent is a newcomer in these parts. He has had experience in the Midlands and South. He says he likes it rough and fast.

Harry Foot won the Stock Car Drivers' Association Silver Pot at West Ham, and claims the Hot Rod Championship of South-West England.

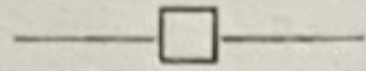
I would define a "hot rod" as an unarmoured car of mixed ancestry and explosive tendencies.



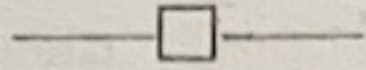
John and Alan Hughes are here complete with a breakdown van each. That is surely the height of pessimism.



Martin Johnson of Newton-le-Willows is a new boy. He is about 6ft. 4in., and in the transport business.

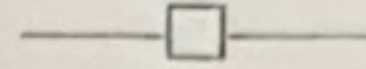


Johnnie King is a London garage owner. He did a triple somersault and grand exit at Coventry. He's on a fiver to repeat at Belle Vue.

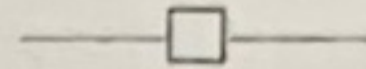


Crasher Kirk drives a car on the halves with his boss. The boss supplies the car and gets the laughs.

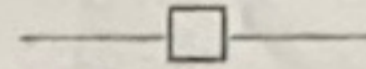
Ron Lea has always had his Pa to counsel him, and act as oil swipe. This season Pa has a car also, and Ron is chuckling to himself and wondering how t'owd man will get on.



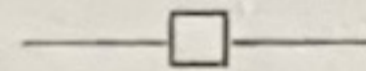
Rex May is a Londoner and a good performer. He may even take the final.



Jack Minion of Derby took a heat and final here last year.



Ron Shaw collected a fractured pelvis and a couple of broken ribs here last season. He's back trying his luck again and has kidded brother Jack to have a go.



Harry O'Brien is our only Liverpoolian contestant. He's had his car tuned by T. Rome, a European Championship Finalist in big car events in 1952.

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A five car pile-up on the corner!

STOCK CAR RACING

PROGRAM

RACE 1

Prize Money: £12, £8, £6, £4, £3, £2, £1.10.0, £1.

Car No.	Driver	Make	Town	Starting Position
3.	MIKE JONES.	Ford V8.	Royton.	2.
10.	BILLY DIGNAN.	Ford V8.	Stockport.	10.
15.	BILL PLUMB.	Ford.	Cheadle.	14.
25.	H. GREENHALGH.	Lincoln Zephyr V12.	Bolton.	12.
35.	ALAN HUGHES.	Railton.	Bramhall.	3.
50.	JOHN LANE.	Ford V8.	Horwich.	9.
70.	MIKE PARKER.	Ford V8.	Manchester.	5.
73.	KEN DIGNAN.	Ford V8.	Stockport.	16.
78.	JOHN BANNION	Ford V8.	Middleton.	1.
83.	WILD BILL BRYAN.	Canadian Ford.	Cheadle.	15.
87.	JACK SHAW.	Ford V8.	Clitheroe.	17.
90.	JACK MINION	Buick Coupe.	Derby.	6.
99.	JERZY WOJTOWICZ.	Auburn.	Sheffield.	4.
114.	E. METCALF.	Ford V8.	Bolton.	8.
152.	ROY ROGERS.	Auburn.	Leek.	13.
310.	R. SAUL.	Ford Mercury.	Nottingham.	7.
315.	JANKERS JONES.	Ford Mercury.	London	11.
390.	GEORGE WILD.	Ford V8.	Stockport.	18.

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....
 5th..... 6th..... 7th..... 8th..... Time.....
 1st six to Final. Others to Consolation.

RACE 2

Prize Money: £12, £8, £6, £4, £3, £2, £1.10.0, £1.

Car No.	Driver	Make	Town	Starting Position
2.	WOLF HARRISON.	Auburn Straight 8.	Sheffield.	3.
4.	RON WIGLEY.	Ford V8.	Sheffield.	16.
8.	FRANK HAFT.	Monarch-Mercury.	Hr. Crumpsall.	11.
9.	JOCK CRAIG.	Ford V8.	Nottingham.	15.
11.	J. E. ALLSOPP.	Ford Mercury.	Burton-on-Trent.	7.
20.	JOHN HUGHES.	Railton.	Bramhall.	4.
30.	BOB SHERRATT.	Railton	Whalley Range.	10.
41.	DEREK WALKER.	Ford Special.	Manchester.	14.
48.	JIMMY GEE.	Ford Mercury.	Farnworth.	13.
55.	ROGER ROY.	Ford V8.	Leek.	19.
72.	LES QUINN.	Dodge.	Hyde.	12.
79.	HARRY BLEVINS.	"Oldate Nocker."	Gorton.	1.
84.	NORMAN FULFORD.	Ford V8.	Manchester.	6.
89.	GEOFF BRITAIN.	Ford V8.	Northwich.	9.
102.	EDDIE DIGNAN.	Ford V8.	Stockport.	2.
103.	JOHNNY BRISE.	Ford V8.	Dartford.	17.
138.	FRED MITCHELL.	Ford V8.	Oxford.	20.
194.	THE RED KNIGHT.	Ford V8.	Nottingham.	18.
201.	RON SHAW.	Ford V8.	Ashton-u-Lyne.	8.
282.	ALAN HEAP.	Ford Ardun.	Ardwick, M/cr.	5.

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 1st six to Final. Others to Consolation.

RACE 3

Prize Money: £12, £8, £6, £4, £3, £2, £1.10.0, £1.

Car No.	Driver	Make	Town	Starting Position
6.	JOHNNY KING.	Ford-Allard.	London.	12.
14.	HARRY FOOT.	Ford V8.	London.	10.
19.	HARRY O'BRIEN.	Lafayette.	Liverpool.	14.
26.	GEORGE HAZARD.	Ford V8.	Didsbury.	2.
27.	RON LEA.	Ford V8.	Swinton.	4.
34.	JOE KIRK.	Ford V8.	Sheffield.	3.
38.	TOMMY CONDUIT.	Ford "Zeta."	Longsight.	17.
45.	C. F. HILTON.	Ford V8.	Manchester.	9.
67.	JOHNNY WOOLLEY.	Ford V8.	Patricroft.	1.
69.	BILLY WILKINSON.	Chrysler.	Middleton.	11.
75.	WILF BLUNDELL.	Ford Mercury.	Southport.	5.
80.	JOHNNY SWIFT.	Ford V8.	Loughborough.	20.
85.	HARRY HOLT.	Ford V8.	Farnworth.	15.
86.	LARRY LAZENBY.	Chrysler	Stockport.	6.
91.	MARTIN JOHNSON.	Chevrolet.	N.-le-Willows.	8.
93.	VIC FERRIDAY.	Ford Mercury.	London.	18.
97.	H. LEA.	Ford Mercury.	Swinton.	7.
101.	FRANK DIGNAN.	Ford V8.	Stockport.	19.
308.	REX MAY.	Ford V8.	London.	16.
384.	J. DYCKE.	Ford V8.	B.-on-Trent.	13.

1st..... 2nd..... 3rd..... 4th.....

5th..... 6th..... 7th..... 8th..... Time.....

1st six to Final. Others to Consolation.

CONSOLATION RACE

Prize Money: £12, £8, £6, £4, £3, £2, £1.10.0, £1.

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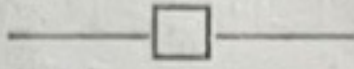
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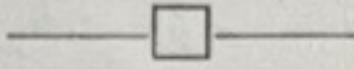
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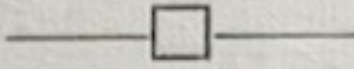
Mike Parker pilots a plane, does a spot of gliding, drives midget cars, and finds time for business. He doesn't play golf.



Les Quinn wants a Chrysler gear box for his second car. Any offers?



Roy Rogers is a farmer. He drives stock cars all over the country.



Johnny Swift, Loughborough, writes: "I am a farmer, and my two mechanics do most of the work. Both are under 18."

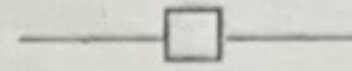
There you are girls. Look 'em over.



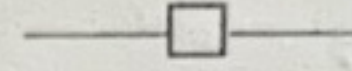
Ron Wigley writes: "This is my 16th stock car. Three per year for five years."

I wonder if the Tax man gave him credit.

We had a driver in saying he'd lost £200 in two years driving, and the Tax man asked him for £250. "Two-fifty quid," he moaned. "If my missus knew. If she ever finds out. So help me."

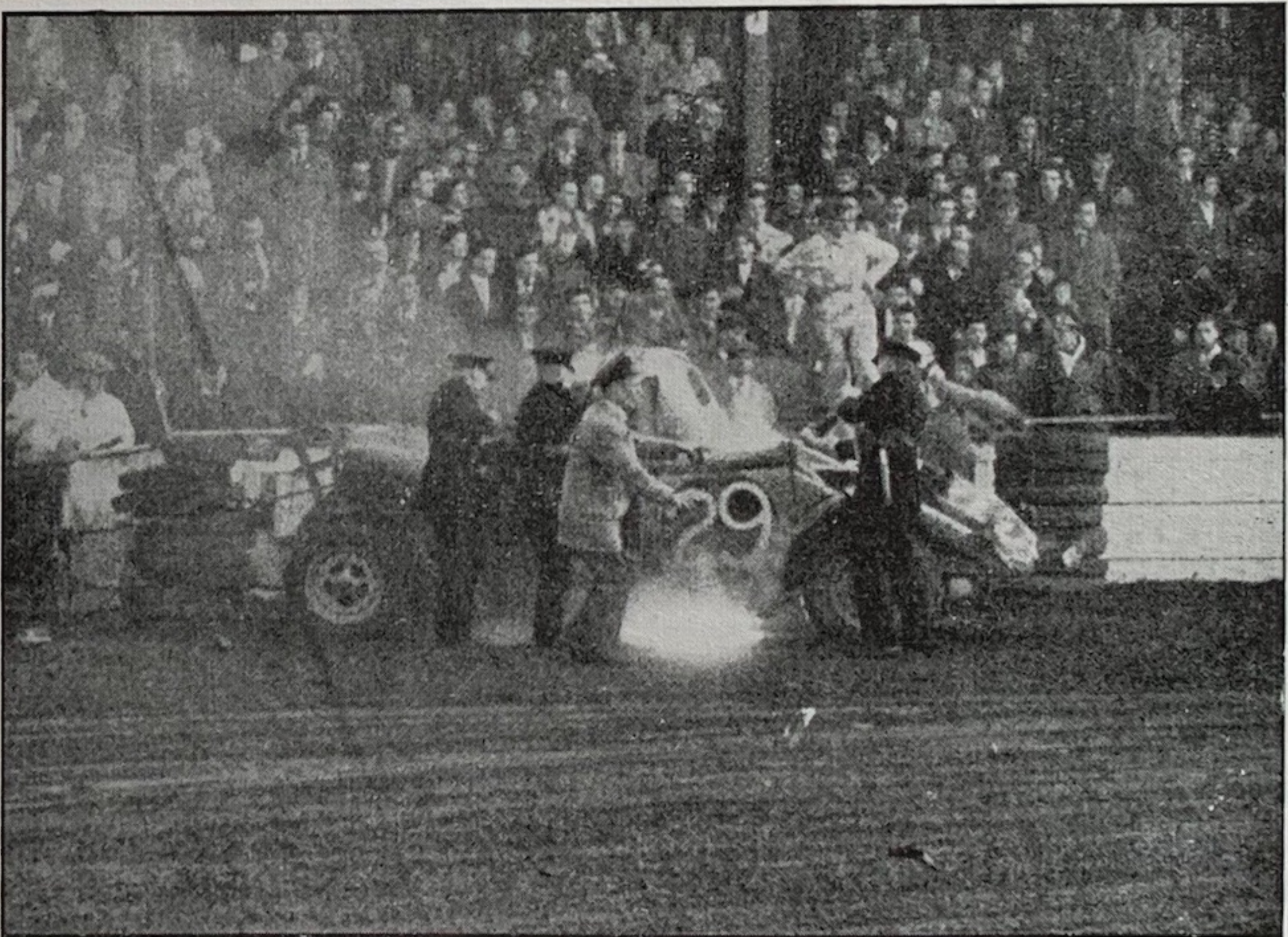


Jerzy Wojtowicz is bringing a new car. He used to drive one of the most battered cars on the track, and his driving was a thrill to watch. We can't wait to see our old Polish V.C. in a new bus.



Here are the Stock Car Fixtures, Belle Vue, 1958 :

- April 26 - 7 p.m.
- May 26 - 7 p.m.
- June 14 - 7 p.m.
- July 12 - 7 p.m.
- August 4 and 23 - 7 p.m.
- September 20 - 7 p.m.



Firemen to the rescue



Jack Shaw.



Johnny Swift.



Reg Saul.

STOCK RULES SIMPLIFIED

All car bodies must have hard tops; Four-wheel drive is barred; Super-chargers are not permissible.

Safety belts must be substantially secured and of strong material and quick release; Helmets of R.A.C. design are compulsory.

All cars must have fuel shut-off within easy reach of driver; All doors must be securely bolted, welded or strapped shut; Seats and upholstery must be removed and bucket seat installed.

Crash bars must not extend beyond the outside edge of wheels; Crash bars must be rounded at ends.

Inside steel bracing and re-enforcing is compulsory.

Fuel must be in a special container inside the car and securely fastened down.

Not more than one person allowed in car during racing or practice.

Drivers may be penalised up to one lap for unnecessarily cutting across the track or gaining an advantage by leaving the track to pass an opponent.

A flickering red light means danger, slow down. Cars must keep positions and slow down until the green light or flag gives signal to go; Red flag and light means stop; Yellow flag, caution; Black flag, disqualification; Chequered flag, end of race.

When the chequered flag drops all drivers do one more lap. The red light then goes on and all drivers, except winner, who does a lap of honour, must stop and then leave track.

BELLE VUE SPEEDWAY, SATURDAY, APRIL 12th, at 7-0 p.m.

Britannia Cup (Second Leg)

BELLE VUE v. OXFORD

ALSO MIDGET CARS

Admission Charges: Reserved Seats 4/-; Unreserved 3/-, 2/-.
Children, popular side only, 1/-.

BELLE VUE SPEEDWAY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16th, at 7-30 p.m.

MIDGET CAR (500 c.c.) CHAMPIONSHIP

FULL MEETING - 24 CARS

Breakdown Vans for this Meeting kindly supplied by the following :

FRANK B. CORDINGLEY, Buyer and Dismantler of Motor Vehicles, Deva House Garage, 353 Moss Lane East. Breakdown Service. Tel.: Moss Side 1620.

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HARRY HOLT, Hotel Proprietor, Bolton.

THE "QUICK" CUP

Kindly presented by H. & J. Quick Ltd.
Limited to drivers residing within 50 miles of Belle Vue.

Points in Heats and Consolation Races:
Winner 8 points; 2nd 7 points; 3rd 6 points; 4th 5 points; 5th 4 points; 6th 3 points; 7th 2 points; 8th 1 point. Where drivers qualify for more than one heat, their best score is taken.

Winner of Final 16 points; 2nd 14 points, 3rd 12 points; 4th 10 points; 5th 8 points; 6th 6 points.

Helter Skelter: As Heats and Consolation Races.

Driver's Name	Places in Heats and Consolations	Finals	Score
W. Harrison	4,8,1,1,1,3,1,3,5,2.	2,6,3,4,5,1,	127
J. Gee	2,2,2,3,3,2,1,2,	2,3,2,3,6,3.	125
H. Holt	3,3,1,4,3,6,3,3,6.	4,5,5.	76
W. Blundell	1,7,1,2,1,3,1,7.	3,5.	69
R. Rogers	7,6,6,4,2,5,3,5.	6,1.	56
A. Heap	1,1,1,7,7,3,2,6,1.	—	52
G. Hazard	2,7,1,1,4,7,1.	6.	46
A. Hughes	4,2,5,4.	6,4.	37
B. Sherratt	8,5,8,1,5,4,3.	6.	35
R. Lea	3,3,4,3,5,4.	—	32
A. Larkin	2,6,4,3,4,7,8.	—	29
W. B. Bryan	6,5,5,8,5,5,8,3,8.	—	29
G. Brittain	4,3,7,3,6,3.	—	28
F. Haft	2,3,2,4.	—	25
M. Parker	6,4,7,5,5,8,6.	—	22
D. Belshaw	1,3,2.	—	21



BELLE VUE STOCK CAR TRACK RECORDS

15 lap Record, June 10th, 1957, Doug Wardropper ... 5 mins. 57 secs.

20 lap Record, August 31st, 1955, Jerzy Wojtowicz ... 8 mins. 4 secs.

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ATTRACTIONS

Midget Car Championship. Wednesday, April 16th. 7-30 p.m.

Kemsley Printers' Pension Fund Concert. Sunday, April 20th. Kings Hall, 7 p.m.

Grocers Exhibition. Tuesday, April 22nd to Saturday, May 3.

Halle Youth Concert. Wednesday, April 23rd. Kings Hall, 7 p.m.

Wrestling every Saturday night. 7 p.m.

Many new Fun Fair Attractions. Including Giant Waterchute. Garden of Enchantment. Tussaud's Waxworks, etc.

Great Zoo and Aquarium. With many interesting animals. Many new and rare fish in the aquarium.

Snowflake of the Penny World

