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# A BIG WARM SMOGGY WELCOME!

Welcome to speedway fans far and wide and welcome to Redcar for the British Semi-Final. With riders from Glasgow, Scunthorpe, Newcastle, Sheffield, Leicester, Eastbourne, Belle Vue, Wolverhampton, Poole, Peterborough, Swindon, Birmingham, Kings Lynn and the Isle of Wight; tonight's line up truly represents 'British' Speedway and will have interest from supporters from every corner of Britain. We have seen some superb racing here at the Media Prima arena in 2019 so we hope you all have a brilliant evening. We wish good luck to every competitor and hope to see a close, competitive and safe meeting. Thanks for your support!



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# PROMOTER'S POST

BY JITENDRA DUFFILL

Good evening everybody and a big warm welcome to Redcar Speedway for the British Semi-Final. This is the only qualifying round for the British Final in 2019, which takes place at the National Speedway Stadium on 29th July. Only 6 riders will progress from tonight's field which should make for a very exciting event. Looking through the line-up, I would find it very difficult to predict the top 6 as there are several riders who have done very well here at Redcar in the past. Most, if not all of them will fancy their chances on our very fast and fair circuit.

We haven't had the chance to host many major events here at Redcar in the past, so I'd like to thank my colleagues at the BSPA for this opportunity. We hosted the Championship Fours last year which was a fantastic day and showcased the kind of racing that we witness here at the Media Prima Arena on a regular basis. Hopefully we can put on a show for you all again today by providing a race surface which allows all 16 riders to race hard, close and with confidence. That's what Speedway should be about and I'm sure that's what you all want to see as spectators.

The British Final has thrown up some classic meetings over the years and I know from speaking to my own riders just how much it means to them to race for the title. The National Speedway Stadium in Manchester is the perfect venue to host the final due to its superb race track and excellent facilities. Most riders will never get the chance to challenge for the World Championship or to race in a GP, but it is within the reach of many of them to become British Champion. Add in the carrot that is dangled in the form of a Wild Card GP appearance in Cardiff later this year and it becomes one of

the biggest prizes that most British riders can achieve in their careers. It's a huge prize and their journey towards it begins here this evening.

Last week saw two 'new' events to Redcar Speedway which I am pleased to say were a huge success. On Friday we hosted our annual Julie Lewis Memorial meeting where we introduced a completely new race format. For those of you who were unable to attend, it consisted of a 12 rider individual where the top 5 finishers progressed to join 5 seeded heat leaders in a 5 team pairs event. We have had lots of positive feedback about the new format and its something we will look to repeat in the future.

A huge thank you to all of our team and rider sponsors and to the 5 supporters who got their chance to be team manager for the night. Then on Saturday, we hosted the first of 5 Amateur Meetings at the Media Prima Arena. We saw some excellent racing and got through over 50 heats of speedway in just over 3 hours. Credit has to go to all of our track staff and volunteers on the day and a special mention for Jamie Swales who worked very hard to organise the event. Events like this are essential for young riders to learn their trade and progress in their careers and some of the youth coming through at present look to be great prospects.

Finally, don't forget that we are hosting the British Under 19 Final here in August too. If you enjoy your visit to Redcar Speedway today I would urge you all to come back and support our young British riders on Thursday August 15th. I'm sure that you will have all noticed that we have some very exciting youngsters coming through the ranks at the moment and it would be fantastic if we could give them a good turn out on the day.

Thanks for your support and enjoy the racing!

**Up the bears!**



**Tom Bacon might be many people's least favoured to qualify from the three home riders in tonight's field but anyone who has witnessed his early season antics will appreciate that he has no need to fear anyone.**

Tom, recruited by Redcar at the end of last season on the back of some praiseworthy showings around the Media Prima Arena, has made an uncanny habit of beating the top riders around through a succession of sensational heat one outings this season.

The 26-year old university graduate from Coventry has already shown his rear wheel to the likes of Scott Nicholls, Rory Schlein, Steve Worrall and Josh Auty while helping the Agilia Bears get away to some superb starts to matches.

And there is absolutely no reason why he might not do that again and push some of the more 'fancied' riders for the six qualification spots available in the British Championship final at Belle Vue's National Speedway Stadium on Monday, July 29th.

Ten riders have already been seeded to appear in Manchester and Tom was thrilled but not totally surprised to find his name among the 16 starters for this evening's final eliminator. He explained:

"I found out that I was in the field about two weeks ago and it was a surprise as they are only running one semi-final and not two as in previous years.

"But I was pleased to find out that, from my performances last year, I had done enough to gain an average which qualifies me among the top 26 riders in the country.

"My attitude is that I can beat any rider because I have beaten most of them before at some point in the last couple of years.

"It's a positive sign that I am going out and regularly winning heat one because that proves to me and everyone else that I am capable of doing it.



"It's a big step for me and shows the progress that I have made to get among a field of this quality.

"It's by far the biggest meeting I have ever qualified for, although I did take part in the Elite League Riders Championship three years ago but that was a result of circumstances.

"It was at Coventry and I was named as a track reserve as it was my local track, but there were a few late "no shows" so I ended up within the actual meeting.

"It was very early in my career and was quite daunting lining up alongside Lindgren, Iversen and Nicholls in one of my heats - but it was a great experience.

"I have a belief that I deserve to be there as I have beaten a lot of these guys in the past so I shouldn't have any fears, although of course I get nerves before every race I do."

Tom has, along with many other riders, pointed to a lack of track time for those appearing in only one league this season but was heartened to get no fewer than seven outings at last week's Julie Lewis Memorial Trophy meeting here at the Media Prima Arena.

He'll be hoping to make the best use of at least five more this evening and delighted if the points accrued place him in the top six qualifiers.

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# BRITISH SEMI-FINAL



BY PETER BALDWIN

**IN MY OPINION THERE ARE SIX REAL RACE TRACKS IN BRITAIN WHICH STAND OUT ABOVE THE REST: BELLE VUE, KING'S LYNN, PETERBOROUGH, SCUNTHORPE, SOMERSET AND REDCAR, TRACKS WHICH PROVIDE AN ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH THE RIDERS CAN REALLY HAVE A GO, THEY ARE FAST AND THEY ARE WIDE AND THEY ARE NOT 'TECHNICAL'. IF THERE IS ROOM ON A TRACK YOU'LL GET RACING, WHERE THE RIDERS DETERMINE THE OUTCOME OF THE RACE NOT THE TRACK. SO THE SIXTEEN RIDERS COMPETING FOR ONE OF THE SIX QUALIFYING PLACES UP FOR GRABS IN THE BRITISH FINAL HAVE ONE OF THE BEST AND FAIREST RACE TRACKS ON WHICH TO PERFORM.**

Looking at the line-up picking those six is not easy and, although there are a few in there who wouldn't be expected to go beyond this stage, the MPA strip is so fair that anyone could spring a surprise. The Bears supporters will be rooting for their three representatives and certainly no other rider deserves a place in the Final than Charles Wright, currently 'in the form of his life' as Kelvin Tatum would say, top of both the Peterborough and Redcar averages. He also boasts a higher average in the Premiership than Dan Bewley, Richard Lawson, Danny King, Chris Harris, Robert Lambert, and Adam Ellis who are all seeded to the Final. Ben Barker will have a point to prove after being released by Peterborough recently. He will be riding 'out of his skin' tonight to get one of those places, and we all know how a fired-up Ben Barker can raise the entertainment level in any meeting! As for Tom Bacon reputation means nothing, as several more experienced opponents have discovered this season and he too will be looking to progress.

This meeting is aptly titled 'British Championship Semi-Final' and regardless of which six join the seeded ten in the British Final all but two riders, Robert Lambert and Dan Bewley, will be either Championship or double-up riders. This means that really it will almost be a British 'Championship' Final!

Now we currently have a British World Champion, a man who has won the World Title more times than any other British rider and who, for his own good reasons, graces these shores about twice a year these days. It is such a shame that he doesn't ride in the British Final, first because it would give the fans another rare opportunity to see 'their' World Champion, (how lucky are the Wroclaw and Indianerna supporters! If it wasn't for BT Sport many British fans would never see this 'British' World Champion) secondly, he would be the yardstick by which the progress of other British riders could be judged, and thirdly, it would give them a chance to lower the colours of the World's top man!

Tonight's field is probably the most competitive Semi-Final we have seen in years because 2019 has only one qualifying round. This means that only 6 places are available, resulting in what should be a fierce and close competition. The 6 qualifiers will join 10 seeded riders in the British Final later this year. Many of tonight's line up have been dubbed as 'track specialists' so it will be hard to pick a winner. The obvious candidates for a podium finish are Charles Wright, Richie Worrall, Steve Worrall, Jason Garrity, Lewis Kerr, Kyle Howarth and Ben Barker; but any of the 16 are capable of an upset as all have gone well here in the past. Here are your competitors this evening.....

**Seeded riders to British Final  
National Speedway Stadium, Manchester.  
Monday July 29th 2019 @ 7.30PM**

Robert Lambert (Kings Lynn)

Rory Schlein (Somerset/Wolverhampton)

Chris Harris (Somerset/Ipswich)

Dan Bewley (Belle Vue)

Craig Cook (Glasgow/Kings Lynn)

Richard Lawson (Eastbourne/Ipswich)

Edward Kennett (Eastbourne)

Scott Nicholls (Leicester/Peterborough)

Adam Ellis (Birmingham/Swindon)

Danny King (Sheffield/Ipswich)

Current British Champion – Robert Lambert



**PAUL SIMON  
STARKE**

**DOB: 18/11/1990  
POB: Hereford, Herefordshire**

Currently rides for Glasgow. Has appeared in 2 British Finals in 2016 & 2017 scoring 16 points so will be aiming tonight to secure his 3rd appearance.

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**Ave at MPA: 6.00  
from 8 meetings**



**JASON  
GARRITY**

**DOB: 09/11/1993  
POB: Droylesden, Greater Manchester**

Currently rides for Scunthorpe. 1 of 7 ex or current Redcar Bears riders in the field tonight. Will be hoping to continue a fine run of 6 Final appearances since 2013. Finished 4th after falling in the final heat in 2015.

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**Ave at MPA: 7.25  
from 23 meetings**



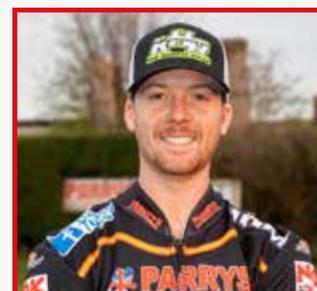
**STEFAN LEEDER  
NIELSEN**

**DOB: 31/10/1994  
POB: Esbjerg, Denmark**

Currently rides for Scunthorpe. Stefan has a British mother and has been British U21 champion twice in 2012/13. Will be hoping to qualify for his first British Championship Final.

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**Ave at MPA: 5.48  
from 6 meetings**



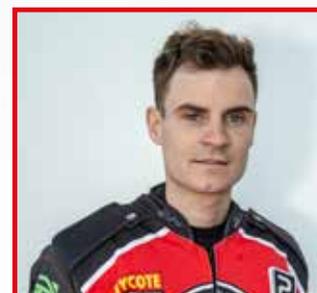
**KYLE  
HOWARTH**

**DOB: 11/02/1994  
POB: Ashton Under Lyme, Manchester**

Currently rides for Wolverhampton/Sheffield. Has a good record of qualifying for the British Final after only missing 1 (in 2014) since 2013. Scored 11 points on his last appearance at the MPA earlier this year.

**SPONSOR:  
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**Ave at MPA: 6.25  
from 11 meetings**



**STEVE  
WORRALL**

**DOB: 23/09/1991  
POB: St. Helens, Merseyside**

Currently rides for Belle Vue/ Newcastle. Another ex Bear Steve has qualified for the last 4 British Finals including a Silver medal winning performance in 2017 and possibly had a good claim to be seeded straight through to the Final?

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**Ave at MPA: 5.29  
from 25 meetings**



**JOSHUA (JOSH) LIAM  
AUTY OK RACING SPARES & SUPPORT**

**DOB: 08/09/1990  
POB: Mirfield, West Yorkshire**

Currently rides for Scunthorpe. Ex Bear Josh will be attempting to qualify for his 5th British Final since his 1st appearance in 2012. Will hope for more than the 4 points he scored here earlier this month to progress.

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OK RACING SPARES & SUPPORT**

**Ave at MPA: 5.89  
from 60 meetings**



**KYLE  
NEWMAN**

**DOB:** 14/12/1991  
**POB:** Poole, Dorset

Currently rides for Eastbourne. Surprisingly after riding since 2007 and achieving solid performances Kyle now finds himself without a club after his release from Birmingham. Also surprising is the fact that Kyle has only ever (twice) appeared as a Reserve at a British Final.

**SPONSOR:  
HARRY BULMAN**

**Ave at MPA: 4.00  
from 11 meetings**



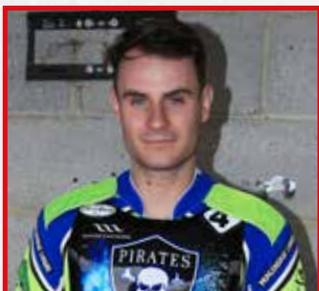
**ASHLEY  
MORRIS**

**DOB:** 06/05/1994  
**POB:** Wolverhampton, West Midlands

Currently riding for Wolverhampton/Birmingham. Ashley turned out as a reserve in the 2011 Final and rode in last year's final scoring 3 points.

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**Ave at MPA: 3.38  
from 8 meetings**



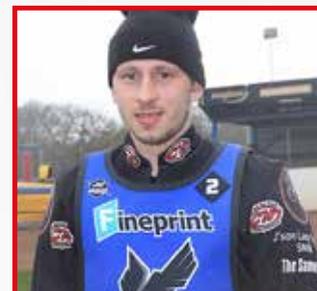
**RICHIE  
WORRALL**

**DOB:** 23/09/1991  
**POB:** St. Helens, Merseyside

Currently riding for Poole/Leicester. Richie has missed just one British Final since 2013 (in 2015). A top performer in both Leagues Richie (like twin brother Steve) probably had a good shout as a seed straight through to the Final.

**SPONSOR:  
PETER DEVLIN**

**Ave at MPA: 6.65  
from 24 meetings**



**BEN  
MORLEY**

**DOB:** 10/03/1994  
**POB:** Southend, Essex

Currently riding for Eastbourne/Isle of Wight. Another ex Bear (2016) looking for a place in his first British Final.

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**Ave at MPA: 2.18  
from 16 meetings**



**CHARLES MARTIN  
WRIGHT**

**DOB:** 26/10/1988  
**POB:** Stockport, Cheshire

Currently riding for Peterborough/Redcar. 3 times a Bear we'd like to think we've watched Charles mature like a fine wine into possibly the form rider in the country at the moment (that's scuppered his chances then!). Again surprisingly Charles has only 2 appearances in a British Final – in 2014 and 1 ride as a reserve in 2016. On current form must also wonder why he needs to qualify for the final?

**SPONSOR:  
BRAD MULLEN**

**Ave at MPA: 6.76  
from 48 meetings**



**ZACK  
WAJTKNECHT**

**DOB:** 08/02/1998  
**POB:** Salford, Bristol

Currently riding for Swindon/Birmingham. Another youngster with plenty of honours at National League level Zack is looking to qualify for his first British Final.

**SPONSOR:  
CATHERINE OSBORNE**

**Ave at MPA: 5.60  
from 2 meetings**



**BENJAMIN (BEN) JOHN  
BARKER**

**DOB:** 10/03/1988  
**POB:** Truro, Cornwall

Currently rides for Redcar. Apart from last year and 2009 Ben has ridden in every British Final since 2008 (and he rode as a reserve as early as 2005). Ben finished 4th as recently as 2017 and alongside Steve Worrall is the only rider in tonight's field to have been on the podium. In Ben's case two Bronze Medals in 2010 and 2014.

**SPONSOR:  
STEPHANIE SCOTT**

**Ave at MPA: 7.84  
from 47 meetings**



**TOM OLIVER  
BACON**

**DOB:** 25/02/1993  
**POB:** Coventry, Warwickshire

Currently riding for Redcar. Current Bear Tom is another National League honour winner looking to qualify for his first British Final.

**SPONSOR:  
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**Ave at MPA: 3.89  
from 10 meetings**



## DREW KEMP

**DOB:** 11/08/2002  
**POB:** Osnabruck, Germany

German born Drew made his first appearance at the MPA back in April winning his first race in some style before unfortunately suffering a couple of exclusions which led to him not adding to those 3 points. Produced a book 'Diary of a speedway kid' based on his diary of 2018 and a donation of £2 for every copy sold goes to the Speedway Riders Benevolent Fund.

## SPONSOR: ROY CLARKE

**Ave at MPA:** 3.00  
**from 1 meetings**



## LEWIS JAMES KERR

**DOB:** 25/03/1990  
**POB:** Kings Lynn, Norfolk

Currently riding for Kings Lynn/Eastbourne. Another rider on top form in both Leagues who must have fancied a seed straight through to the Final. Lewis has ridden in the last 2 British Finals (and was a reserve in 2016)

## SPONSOR: CARL HURRY

**Ave at MPA:** 5.48  
**from 11 meetings**



## DAVID WALLINGER

**DOB:** 16/04/1984  
**POB:** York, North Yorkshire

National League stalwart for a couple of years now who first rode at that level for the Cleveland Bays back in 2007. Has ridden NL since 2016 and is currently riding for Mildenhall. Local lad who is making his debut appearance in a British Final round.

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**Ave at MPA:** 1.85  
**from 4 meetings**



## BEN RATHBONE

**DOB:** 08/04/1997  
**POB:** Middlesbrough, North Yorkshire

Ben is another local lad and is currently in his debut league season, riding for the Belle Vue Colts in the National Development League. Making his British Semi-Final debut at reserve tonight.

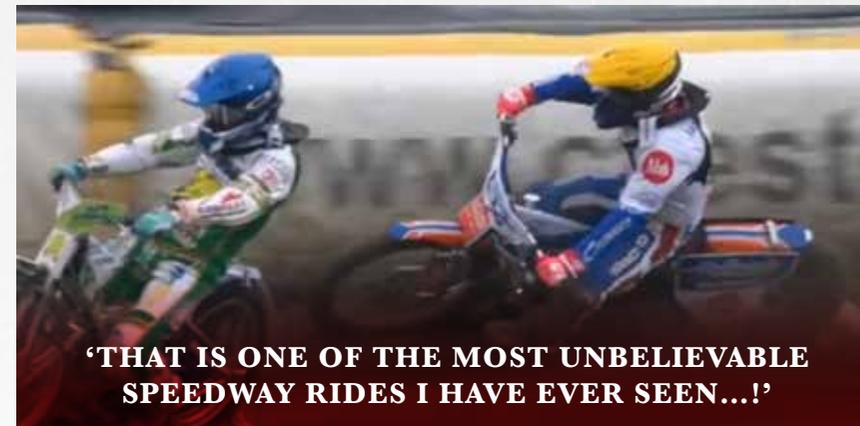
## SPONSOR: STEVE GERITS

**Ave at MPA:** N/A

# EMIL'S RACE



BY PETER BALDWIN



**'THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST UNBELIEVABLE SPEEDWAY RIDES I HAVE EVER SEEN...!'**

**There is no doubt that there are many speedway fans up and down the country who have echoed those words having just witnessed a breath taking moment or manoeuvre, where one or more riders have 'put it all on the line' and survived. They also bring to mind Bears' former number one and 1992 World Champion, Gary Havelock's, (what Wimbledon's Reg Luckhurst called 'The Big Lick') phenomenal ability at Odsal. Having chased the leading rider's back wheel for over three and a half laps Havvy would steadily build up momentum for the final bend and at full throttle ride millimetres from the safety fence, overtake his opponent and come out of the bend in front to win the race. Heart in the mouth stuff! Unbelievable! Well, not really, because Gary had already sawn several inches off his handlebars so he could execute this manoeuvre!!**

Of course we can all extol praise and admiration for such skill and daring and it's great when it is successful but when it doesn't come off the consequences can be catastrophic; remember Ben Barker's attempted 'big lick' in the final of last season's Teesside Silver Helmet Meeting? Typical of his 'devil may care' style of racing, Ben, at the back, tore into the third turn, no doubt hoping to pass all three opponents in one fell swoop, but unfortunately he got it all wrong and ended up in the safety fence much the worse for wear.

The quotation at the beginning of this article was actually made by Nigel Pearson, formerly Sky but now BT Sports Speedway commentator. It was made during the British Grand Prix final at Cardiff in 2005. The finalists were Tony Rickardsson, Bjarne Pedersen, Jarek Hampel and Hans Andersen. Going into the first turn Tony ran wide and actually rode along the bottom of the safety fence, skilfully leaning his bike inwards to ensure that his footrest did not get caught up in the air fence. It gained him the lead and he went on to win the race and the Grand Prix.

Nigel was almost hysterical and with good reason but how would he have coped with the recent antics of Emil Sayfutdinov when riding for Leszno in their 59-31 victory at Czestochowa? Riding the outside line for almost the entire race on this big fast track, Emil clipped the fence with his back wheel at least six times before his last bend flat out 'wall of death' ride on the bottom of the air fence took him past Jakub Miskowiak to snatch the win on the line, and making Tony Rickardsson's effort look rather trivial!

Even Emil's peers were impressed: 'Emil you are one crazy man. Easily the best heat I have ever seen in many years. Maybe the coolest!!! RESPECT!' twittered Peter Ljung. 'Easily one of the best if NOT THE BEST EVER overtake. Hats off to Emil,' added Hans Andersen who was in that race in the Welsh capital. 'Cardiff was nothing compared to this!' said another.

**The heat can be seen on the Internet, it's certainly worth a look!**

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BRITISH UNDER-21 FINAL: WINNER Robert Lambert

CHAMPIONSHIP FOURS: Peterborough, Sunday June 23

BRITISH FINAL: Belle Vue, Monday July 29

BRITISH UNDER-19 FINAL: Redcar, Thursday August 15

CHAMPIONSHIP RIDERS' INDIVIDUAL: Sheffield, Sunday September 1

CHAMPIONSHIP PAIRS: Somerset, Friday September 20

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOURS: King's Lynn, Sunday July 7

NATIONAL LEAGUE PAIRS: Stoke, Sunday August 11

NATIONAL LEAGUE RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Leicester, Sunday September 22



## TRACKSIDE TEASERS

1

Until 1970 all World Finals were only held in Britain and Sweden. True or false?

2

When did Gary Havelock win the World Championship Final?

3

Where did Gary win?

4

What do the 1976 and 1980 World Finals have in common?

5

Where and when was the last Individual World Final held?

6

Who succeeded Gary Havelock as World Champion?

7

Who was World Champion in 1983?

8

How many times has Jason Crump been World Champion?

9

How many World Finals were held at Odsal Stadium, Bradford?

10

A World Final was once held in Vienna. True or False?

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NO.	RIDER	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	POS
1	Paul Starke (Glasgow)							
2	Jason Garrity (Scunthorpe)							
3	Stefan Nielsen (Scunthorpe)							
4	Kyle Howarth (Wolverhampton/Sheffield)							
5	Steve Worrall (Belle Vue/Newcastle)							
6	Josh Auty (Scunthorpe)							
7	Kyle Newman (Eastbourne)							
8	Richie Worrall (Poole/Leicester)							
17	David Wallinger (Res) (Mildenhall)							

NO.	RIDER	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL	POS
9	Charles Wright (Peterborough/Redcar)							
10	Ben Barker (Redcar)							
11	Ashley Morris (Wolverhampton/Birmingham)							
12	Ben Morley (Eastbourne/Isle of Wight)							
13	Zach Wajtknecht (Swindon/Birmingham)							
14	Tom Bacon (Redcar)							
15	Drew Kemp (Sheffield/Kent)							
16	Lewis Kerr (King's Lynn/Eastbourne)							
18	Ben Rathbone (Res) (Belle Vue Colts)							

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		4	Kyle Howarth		
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		7	Kyle Newman		
		6	Josh Auty		
		8	Richie Worrall		
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		11	Ashley Morris		
		9	Charles Wright		
		12	Ben Morley		
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		14	Tom Bacon		
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		13	Zach Wajtknecht		
5	VIP Supporters Club	13	Zach Wajtknecht		
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		5	Steve Worrall		
		9	Charles Wright		
6	Darrell Aspery	14	Tom Bacon		
		10	Ben Barker		
		2	Jason Garrity		
		6	Josh Auty		
7	S. Swales & Son	11	Ashley Morris		
		15	Drew Kemp		
		7	Kyle Newman		
		3	Stefan Nielsen		
8	Geoff and Judith Bailey	4	Kyle Howarth		
		8	Richie Worrall		
		12	Ben Morley		
		16	Lewis Kerr		

HEAT	SPONSOR	NO	RIDER	REPLACEMENT	PTS
9	In Memory of Norman Willis and Harry Porter	6	Josh Auty		
		16	Lewis Kerr		
		1	Paul Starke		
		11	Ashley Morris		
10	Simpson Racing UK	12	Ben Morley		
		5	Steve Worrall		
		15	Drew Kemp		
		2	Jason Garrity		
11	MACS Mewps & Cherry Picker Services	8	Richie Worrall		
		9	Charles Wright		
		3	Stefan Nielsen		
		14	Tom Bacon		
12	Graham Alderson	13	Zach Wajtknecht		
		4	Kyle Howarth		
		10	Ben Barker		
		7	Kyle Newman		
13	The Acklam 64 Club	7	Kyle Newman		
		12	Ben Morley		
		14	Tom Bacon		
		1	Paul Starke		
14	In Memory of Jaime Lou Parker	2	Jason Garrity		
		13	Zach Wajtknecht		
		8	Richie Worrall		
		11	Ashley Morris		
15	Erimus Insurance	16	Lewis Kerr		
		3	Stefan Nielsen		
		10	Ben Barker		
		5	Steve Worrall		
16	Agilia	9	Charles Wright		
		6	Josh Auty		
		4	Kyle Howarth		
		15	Drew Kemp		

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		8	Richie Worrall		
		15	Drew Kemp		
		10	Ben Barker		
18	Town & City Management	9	Charles Wright		
		2	Jason Garrity		
		7	Kyle Newman		
		16	Lewis Kerr		
19	SG Petch	3	Stefan Nielsen		
		12	Ben Morley		
		13	Zach Wajtknecht		
		6	Josh Auty		
20	Media Prima	5	Steve Worrall		
		14	Tom Bacon		
		11	Ashley Morris		
		4	Kyle Howarth		

## THE FORMAT

Points are scored 3-2-1-0 in each of the 20 programmed heats. Each rider has five programmed heats apiece. The top six points scorers from tonight's Semi-Final will join the ten seeded riders in the 2019 British Final at Belle Vue's National Speedway Stadium on Monday, July 29. If any riders are tied on points after the 20 heats, countback will be used to decide the final finishing positions.

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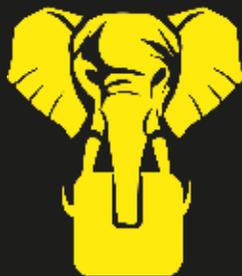


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# ROY'S RANTS



BY ROY CLARKE

**Good Evening and Welcome to the Media Prima Arena for the British Semi Final, where SIX of these stars will go forward to the Final at Belle Vue's National Speedway Stadium.**

This is going to be a brilliant meeting, as you have the recipe all here, 16 top riders on one of the best racetracks in the country. So, who is going to go through, as you can make a case for any one of them?

But here we go, let's see who I think will qualify, to start with you can't look past the whirlwind that has hit the MPA this year, the 'Gentleman' Charles Wright. Charles is in such good form now, I think he'll win the semi tonight.

Next up 'Supa' Stevie Worrall, the Newcastle and Belle Vue star, after a quiet year last season, mainly due to a broken leg, Steve is now back to his best. His silky-smooth style and fast gating ability will see him get through.

Next up Steve's brother Richie, the Vinnie Jones of speedway, because when he's against you he seems to get under the skin of the opposition fans with his hard charging style, but when he's in your side he's the sort of enforcer you love. Richie is having a very good season with Leicester, but not as good with Poole, if he brings his Lions form, he'll get through no problem.

Kyle Howarth is having a cracking season with both Sheffield and Wolverhampton, he'll come here tonight with a lot of confidence. We've seen here in the past, he certainly knows the fastest way round here.

The Amazing Mr G Jason Garrity, one of the most exciting riders in the world on his day and don't we know it here, as he knows every inch of this track and air fence, as he is a former Bear. As long as Jason keeps his eye on the ball tonight, he'll get through. But anything can happen when Mr G is racing.

Last but certainly not least is Bears Six Million Dollar Skipper, Bionic Ben Barker. Ben will be on a mission, his enthusiasm and will to win will be

on show for everyone to see, but sometimes it gets the better of him. I know the Bears faithful will be willing the Skipper through, as he brings so much to any meeting.

So that's my six to go through tonight, apologies to the other ten, but look on the bright side lads, you now do not have the Curse of the Clarke hanging over your head.

Now let's have a look at a couple of things that have gone down in the speedway world.

At the start of this season I think a lot of us were wondering what Glasgow were doing with their two reserves. Joe Lawlor and Luke Chessell just didn't look like a Tigers pair, well Joe didn't even make the start of the season, before he was replaced by Kyle Bickley. Then a couple of weeks ago Luke decided to step away from racing, to be replaced by, well no one at first, then came the announcement.

Connor Bailey, who I hear you ask, well that's what I said. Connor is a 16-year-old Aussie (with a British passport), who has won multiple championships at 125cc and 250cc level down under.

With limited experience on 500cc's, Connor has already got a few well-known scalps under his belt but could find it a little tough over here at first. But Glasgow have certainly kept this one well under wraps, to catch this young man.

Next up is Newcastle, struggling Simon Lambert has been released, though I do believe he's picked up a place in the Premiership at Kings Lynn. But who are the Diamonds bringing in, well I think it's a former Bear, a bit of a 'Jac the Lad' shall we say?

Jacob Buckhave made a lot of people sit up and take notice last weekend, not just winning the individual part of the excellent Julie Lewis Memorial meeting, but also going through the card the next day here in the Amateur meeting. If my thoughts are correct, I'm sure you'll wish him well up the road, except when he faces the Bears.

**That's for tonight and there's one thing for sure tonight, you will enjoy your speedway.**



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  3. Wrocław
  4. Won by English riders
  5. Vojens, 1994
  6. Sam Ermolenko
  7. Egon Muller
  8. Twice, 1981, 1982
  9. Two, 1985, 1990
  10. True



# LAST WEEK IN FOCUS

BY JAMES BOOTHBY

## THE JULIE LEWIS MEMORIAL

**After an entertaining evening at the Media Prima Arena, Bears skipper Ben Barker and Danny Ayres came out winners in the Julie Lewis Memorial meeting.**

There was some excellent racing in the individual part of the meeting, with Bears asset and popular Dane Jacob Bukhave top scoring with a superb 11 points from 12. He was only defeated by Newcastle's Max Clegg, who finished on 10 points. Mr Entertainer Danny Ayres finished on 9, with Kyle Newman and Tom Bacon also progressing to the pairs with 8 points.

There was some excellent racing in the Pairs, with Charles Wright looking imperious on his way to a 12 point maximum and reaching the final with Kyle Newman and Nathan Greaves. Michael Palm Toft continued his good form with two good heat wins. It was Barker and Ayres who prevailed however, packing the minor placings in the final behind Wright to take the victory.

It was an excellent night's racing, with the track looking superb all night!





**Josh Auty has experienced many ups and downs during his career but feels he is in a “good place” at the moment and still has a burning desire to be British Champion.**

The always likeable, if sometimes fiery, Scunthorpe star has begun 2019 in fine form and few would rule him out of progressing to his fifth (see note\*) British Final at the end of tonight's proceedings.

Speaking from his West Yorkshire home, Josh explained:

“It's been a decent start to the season and I seem to have found more consistency than in some previous years.

“I feel more relaxed and, as I get older, I seem not to dwell on any bad meetings as much as maybe I used to.

“Once a meeting is over now, I just move onto the next one.”

The twice British Under-15 Champion has helped the Lincolnshire ‘Scorpions’ to several team trophies, from Conference League titles (alongside current World Champion Tai Woffinden) to Premier League crowns.

But he has also suffered cavernous dips in form and confidence which even led to him briefly contemplate quitting the sport a couple of years ago. Josh recalled:

“I think I realized that I still had unfinished business at Scunthorpe and I'm glad I made the u-turn as things have got much better since.”

The 28-year old Yorkshireman is no stranger to the South Tees Motorsports Park, having spent two seasons here (2007 and 2008) during the formative part of his career. He reflected:

“Most of my memories are of good times with Gary Havelock there as captain.

“2017 was superb though as the Redcar supporters are a good set who, if you are giving 100%, will back you.

“2008 was a bit disappointing but it was a transitional period in my career



“I was put into full-time racing as a 17-year old kid and at the start of the season I lost the mechanic who was going to drive me around to all the meetings.

“So my grandad, who was about 70 then, stepped in and took me everywhere but it was difficult for someone of that age to commit to looking after me at all the meetings I was doing and circumstances were such that I wasn't performing the way that I wanted to.

“I wouldn't say Redcar was one of my favourite tracks but I always enjoy going there.

“It's far from the only one these days but the track has seemed to become slicker over the years and, if you are a racer and have to do a lot of work from the back, it obviously becomes more difficult.”

Josh insists that the hunger to take the coveted British Championship trophy is as strong as ever, saying:

“At my age it remains a dream.

“It's something every rider wants - winning the British Championship is nothing to do with money - it's the

title...to be able to call yourself British Champion!

“I've finished seventh or eighth but always just missed out on the semi-finals.

As for making it over tonight's tough hurdle, he laughs: “I'm not very confident as the last time I was at Redcar I didn't perform very well.

“I was trying a new engine that night and was trying to set it up correctly, in race conditions, during the meeting.

“Anything can happen in these meetings.

“In previous years there have been many good riders who have failed to qualify simply because they have not performed on the night.

“Everyone in the field is hungry - especially those who have never been to a British Final and want to make it to their first one.”

\* Josh has qualified for the British Final on five previous occasions, although only ridden in four due to being ruled out of one by an ill-timed 21-day suspension.\*



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# SO WHO'S IMPRESSED SO FAR IN 2019?

BY JITENDRA DUFFILL

Now we are almost into June, I think its fair to say that a few teams and British riders are standing out in 2019. Here are the ones that have impressed so far:



## PREMIERSHIP

Two teams are standing out so far for me; Belle Vue and Ipswich. Belle Vue looked strong on paper before the season began and I'm sure were favourites for a few people, but Ipswich have been a bit of a surprise package. The excellent form of Cameron Heeps and Jake Allen, added to a successful return from injury for Danny King have helped to propel the Witches to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Premiership table at this early stage. Belle Vue have a very strong top 2 in Kenneth Bjerre and Max Fricke, plus two reserves capable of scoring big at home. They beat Wolverhampton away from home on Monday and that has to have sent a very big message out to the rest of the Premiership.



INSPIRED IPSWICH MAN CAMERON HEEPS  
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# WHO'S IMPRESSED SO FAR...



## CHAMPIONSHIP

I'm omitting Redcar from this for reasons of bias. For me, one team has been leading the way in the Championship so far and they are the Leicester Lions. Stewart Dickson's side have no fewer than 6 riders averaging over 6 points a meeting (2019 performances only including bonus points) and on current form it will take a very special effort for anyone to beat them over 2 legs if they make the play off's as expected. The best of the rest look to be Berwick, Glasgow and Sheffield so far who are all solid throughout.



**ELLIS PERKS CELEBRATES ANOTHER WIN WITH HIGH FLYING LEICESTER.**  
(PICTURE: CHRIS SIMPSON)



## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Its hard to single any one team out as there are so many good new riders coming through. Several of these kids will feature at Championship level next year and I'm confident that 15 year olds Jordan Palin, Joe & Dan Thompson, Elliot Kelly and Nathan Ablitt will be household names in Speedway in the near future. Watch this space!



**TEENAGE TALENT JORDAN PALIN**  
(PICTURE: IAN CHARLES)



## INDIVIDUALS

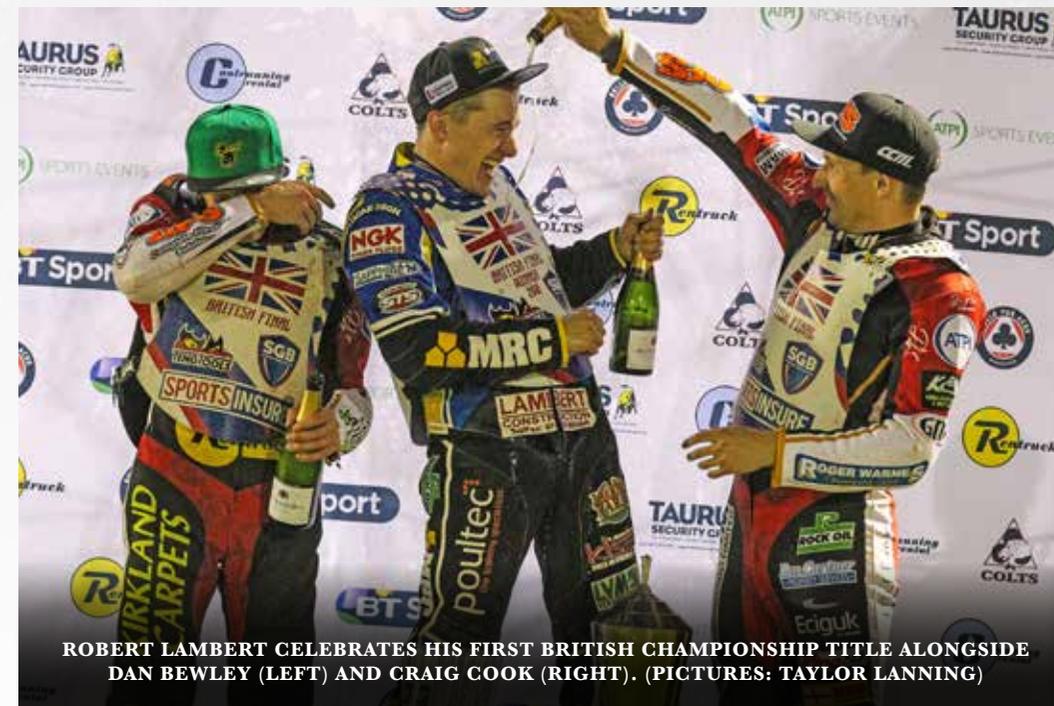
On the individual front, several British riders have caught the eye. Charles Wright has been scoring heavily in both leagues and thoroughly deserves his chance in the GP Qualifiers this June. He has been breath-taking to watch here at Redcar and is my favourite to win here tonight. Craig Cook has been pretty much untouchable in the Championship to date and he looks to be a man on a mission. He will be keen to get himself back into the GP's and has got to be one of the favourites to become British Champion. Dan Bewley has made a successful return from major injuries last year which is brilliant to see. It's a major test for a rider to recover from such trauma, especially so early in their career and the young Cumbrian is certainly made of tough stuff! Lewis Kerr is another rider who has shown great mental strength over the years and he is currently averaging well over 9 points a meeting for his Championship side Eastbourne. Danny Ayres, Connor Mountain and Ellis Perks are all averaging over 6 points a meeting this year, which is more than 2 points over their starting averages and no mean feat; very few riders manage to add over 2 points to their starting average by the end of a season which they will all do if they manage to maintain current form. However, the most pleasing group to look at for me are the new crop of youngsters coming through into the Championship. I could name several youngsters doing well in 2019, but if I had to single any of them out it would be Drew Kemp and Tom Brennan. Both have made huge impacts in their first full seasons and its such a shame that Tom suffered that awful injury recently. Both are averaging well over 5 points a meeting which is a big achievement in your first full year of racing at this level, especially as they are under the age of 18!



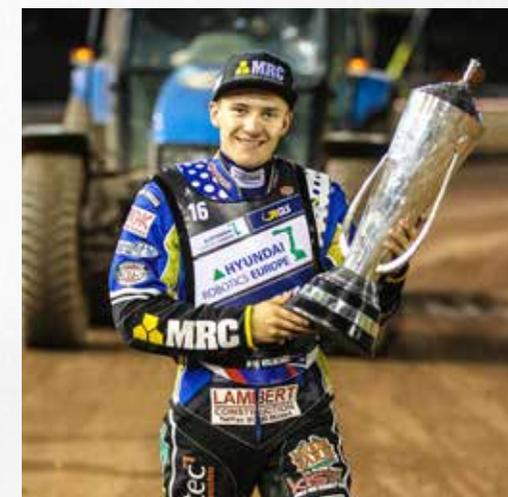
**BEARS FAVOURITE CHARLES WRIGHT IS ENJOYING 2019**  
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| 1963 1 Peter Craven 2 Barry Briggs 3 Leo McAuliffe.    | 1993 1 Andy Smith 2 Joe Screen 3 Gary Havelock.         |
| 1964 1 Barry Briggs 2 Ken McKinlay 3 Ron How.          | 1994 1 Andy Smith 2 Joe Screen 3 Steve Schofield.       |
| 1965 1 Barry Briggs 2 Nigel Boocock 3 Ken McKinlay.    | 1995 1 Andy Smith 2 Joe Screen 3 Dean Barker.           |
| 1966 1 Barry Briggs 2 Ivan Mauger 3 Colin Pratt.       | 1996 1 Joe Screen 2 Chris Louis 3 Carl Stonehewer.      |
| 1967 1 Barry Briggs 2 Ivan Mauger 3 Eric Boocock.      | 1997 1 Mark Loram 2 Chris Louis 3 Sean Wilson.          |
| 1968 1 Ivan Mauger 2 Barry Briggs 3 Eric Boocock.      | 1998 1 Chris Louis 2 Joe Screen 3 Paul Hurry.           |
| 1969 1 Barry Briggs 2 Nigel Boocock 3 Ronnie Moore.    | 1999 1 Mark Loram 2 Joe Screen 3 Chris Louis.           |
| 1970 1 Ivan Mauger 2 Ronnie Moore 3 Roy Trigg.         | 2000 1 Chris Louis 2 Paul Hurry 3 Martin Dugard.        |
| 1971 1 Ivan Mauger 2 Barry Briggs 3 Tony Lomas.        | 2001 1 Mark Loram 2 Stuart Robson 3 Martin Dugard.      |
| 1972 1 Ivan Mauger 2 Nigel Boocock 3 Barry Briggs.     | 2002 1 Scott Nicholls 2 Lee Richardson 3 David Howe.    |
| 1973 1 Ray Wilson 2 Bob Valentine 3 Peter Collins.     | 2003 1 Scott Nicholls 2 Dean Barker 3 David Norris.     |
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| 1977 1 Michael Lee 2 Dave Jessup 3 Doug Wyer.          | 2007 1 Chris Harris 2 David Howe 3 Scott Nicholls.      |
| 1978 1 Michael Lee 2 Dave Jessup 3 Malcolm Simmons.    | 2008 1 Scott Nicholls 2 Edward Kennett 3 Tai Woffinden. |
| 1979 1 Peter Collins 2 Michael Lee 3 Dave Jessup.      | 2009 1 Chris Harris 2 Edward Kennett 3 Tai Woffinden.   |
| 1980 1 Dave Jessup 2 Michael Lee 3 Phil Collins.       | 2010 1 Chris Harris 2 Scott Nicholls 3 Ben Barker.      |
| 1981 1 Steve Bastable 2 Kenny Carter 3 John Louis.     | 2011 1 Scott Nicholls 2 Chris Harris 3 Tai Woffinden.   |
| 1982 1 Andy Grahame 2 Alan Grahame 3 Kenny Carter.     | 2012 1 Scott Nicholls 2 Chris Harris 3 Tai Woffinden.   |
| 1983 1 Chris Morton 2 Michael Lee 3 Andy Grahame.      | 2013 1 Tai Woffinden 2 Scott Nicholls 3 Chris Harris.   |
| 1984 1 Kenny Carter 2 Andy Grahame 3 Dave Jessup.      | 2014 1 Tai Woffinden 2 Craig Cook 3 Ben Barker.         |
| 1985 1 Kenny Carter 2 John Davis 3 Kelvin Tatum.       | 2015 1 Tai Woffinden 2 Craig Cook 3 Daniel King.        |
| 1986 1 Neil Evitts 2 Phil Collins 3 Jeremy Doncaster . | 2016 1 Daniel King 2 Craig Cook 3 Robert Lambert .      |
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| 1990 1 Kelvin Tatum 2 Simon Cross 3 Jeremy Doncaster.  |   |



ROBERT LAMBERT CELEBRATES HIS FIRST BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE ALONGSIDE DAN BEWLEY (LEFT) AND CRAIG COOK (RIGHT). (PICTURES: TAYLOR LANNING)



# TOP 20 RIDERS AVERAGES AT MEDIA PRIMA ARENA

(All Team Meetings at Premier League/SGB Championship level - min 6 matches)  
Averages up to and including Friday 10/05/2019

Rider	Team	Mat	Rid	Wins	Sec	Thi	Las	Pnts	Bon	Total	Ave.	Av-Bon
Jason Doyle	Overall	7	37	20	11	4	2	86	2	88	9.51	9.30
Sam Masters	Overall	7	33	17	10	3	3	74	1	75	9.09	8.97
Ty Proctor	Overall	63	300	153	83	40	24	665	28	693	9.24	8.87
Tomas Topinka	Overall	13	64	25	27	12	0	141	8	149	9.31	8.81
Daniel Nermark	Overall	6	26	15	5	2	4	57	1	58	8.92	8.77
Gary Havelock	Redcar	135	607	261	227	79	40	1316	102	1418	9.34	8.67
Jason Lyons	Overall	29	136	70	30	24	12	294	15	309	9.09	8.65
James Grieves	Overall	69	324	165	81	42	36	699	26	725	8.95	8.63
Richard Lawson	Overall	38	185	76	58	33	18	377	35	412	8.91	8.15
Rene Bach	Overall	14	64	32	9	16	7	130	2	132	8.25	8.13
Daniel King	Overall	6	30	13	8	6	3	61	3	64	8.53	8.13
Aaron Summers	Overall	102	485	216	130	76	63	984	81	1065	8.78	8.12
Nick Morris	Overall	8	39	18	10	5	6	79	4	83	8.51	8.10
Lasse Bjerre	Overall	36	160	67	50	20	23	321	16	337	8.43	8.03
George Stancl	Overall	8	38	13	14	9	2	76	1	77	8.11	8.00
Ben Barker	Overall	47	229	83	72	56	18	449	38	487	8.51	7.84
Ryan Fisher	Overall	11	46	19	12	9	6	90	4	94	8.17	7.83
Chris Neath	Overall	7	35	12	12	8	3	68	3	71	8.11	7.77
Magnus Karlsson	Overall	10	49	18	16	9	6	95	4	99	8.08	7.76
Craig Cook	Overall	13	60	24	16	10	10	114	7	121	8.07	7.60
Josh Grajczonek	Overall	13	60	21	19	13	7	114	8	122	8.13	7.60

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SUN 31ST	NEWCASTLE	TTT	43-46	MPT 5	TB 5+1	BB 8+1	JS 5+2	CW 13	NG 10+1	LF (G) 0
<b>APRIL</b>										
FRI 5TH	SHEFFIELD	CS	49-39	MPT 7	TB 5+1	BB 12+1	JS 8+1	CW 11	NG 2	JS 4+3
SUN 7TH	SHEFFIELD	CS	56-34	MPT 5	TB 2	BB 10	JS 3	CW 6	NG 8+1	JS 0
FRI 19TH	LEICESTER	CS	41-49	MPT 4	TB 0	BB 6+2	JS 7	CW 16	NG 4+1	JS 4+1
FRI 26TH	SCUNTHORPE	CS	41-49	MPT 4	TB 5	BB 7+2	JS 6+1	CW 9	NG 5+1	JS 5+2
<b>MAY</b>										
FRI 3RD	SCUNTHORPE	CS	52-38	MPT 13+1	TB 3+1	BB 5	JS 8	CW 14+1	NG 3+2	JS 6
FRI 10TH	SOMERSET	KOC	53-36	MPT 7	TB 3+1	BB 8+1	JS 11+1	CW 13	NG 4	JS 7+3
WED 15TH	SOMERSET	KOC	44-46	MPT 6	TB 6+1	BB 9+1	JS 5+2	CW 11	NG 6	JS 1+1
FRI 24TH	JULIE LEWIS MEMORIAL	WINNERS - BEN BARKER & DANNY AYRES (TEAM MEDIA PRIMA)								
FRI 31ST	BRITISH SEMI FINAL	NE								
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FRI 5TH	RESERVED									
SUN 7TH	SHEFFIELD	CL								
FRI 12TH	SCUNTHORPE	CL								
WED 17TH	BIRMINGHAM	CL								
FRI 19TH	BIRMINGHAM	CL								
FRI 26TH	SHEFFIELD	CL								
<b>AUGUST</b>										
FRI 2ND	GLASGOW	CL								
SAT 3RD	BERWICK	CL								
FRI 9TH	NEWCASTLE	CL								
SUN 11TH	NEWCASTLE	CL								
THU 15TH	BRITISH U19 FINAL	NE								
FRI 16TH	SCUNTHORPE	CL								
FRI 23RD	BERWICK	CL								
SAT 24TH	EASTBOURNE	CL								
FRI 30TH	SOMERSET	CL								
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>										
FRI 6TH	RESERVED									
FRI 13TH	GLASGOW	CL								
FRI 20TH	RESERVED	PO								
FRI 27TH	RESERVED	PO								
<b>OCTOBER</b>										
FRI 4TH	RESERVED	PO								

KEY:  
HOME MEETING  
AWAY MEETING

PO PLAY OFF'S  
KOC KNOCK OUT CUP  
NE NATIONAL EVENT

TTT TYNE TEES TROPHY  
CL CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE  
CS CHAMPIONSHIP SHIELD

TO BE ARRANGED:  
TEESSIDE SILVER HELMET

**NEXT HOME MEETING**

**BEARS**

**V. EASTBOURNE**

**REDCAR AGILIA BEARS  
EASTBOURNE EAGLES**  
**7:30PM** | 14TH JUNE 2019 | **CHAMPIONSHIP**