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The following is an A-Z list of riders who are contracted to appear in 2008, at Elite League, Premier League and Conference League level.

As a safety net, all riders who also appeared in 2006 and 2007 are included in case those who haven't already joined a team subsequently re-appear this term.

NOTE: (1) All entries for the current season are as per the declared team line-ups, but do not necessarily relate to actual appearances for the named clubs, particularly in the case of No. 8 riders in the Elite League; (2) The symbol II after a team's name differentiates between a club's Conference level and higher league side, when more than one team was operated in the same season.

AARNIO, Tero

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 April 1984, Kuusankoski, Finland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Berwick.

MAJOR HONOURS: Finnish Under-21 Champion: 2004, 2005.

ADAMS, Leigh Scott

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 April 1971, Mildura, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1989) Poole; (1990-92) Swindon; (1993-95) Arena-Essex; (1996) London; (1997-98) Swindon; (1999-2000) King's Lynn; (2001-02) Oxford; (2003) Poole; (2004-08) Swindon.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 1986; Australian Under-21 Champion: 1988, 1990, 1991, 1992; Victoria State Champion: 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1995; Australian Champion: 1992, 1993, 1994, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006; World Under-21 Champion: 1992; Commonwealth Champion: 1993; World Team Cup Champion: 1999; Czech Golden Helmet Champion: 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004; World Cup Champion: 2001, 2002.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Challenge Champion: 1995, 1998; Scandinavian GP Champion: 2002, 2007, 2008; Slovenian GP Champion: 2003; Swedish GP Champion: 2004, 2007; Latvian GP Champion: 2007; European GP Champion: 2008.

RIDER LINKS: Second cousin of Cory Gathercole (see separate entry).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) With Swindon dropping into the lower league for 1999, the super-smooth speedster found himself without a track until King's Lynn swooped for his services at the end of April. The Aussie joined the Norfolk side as a replacement for Tomas Topinka, who had been axed by the then promotion. This was the only time in his long UK career that Adams wasn't fixed up with a club at the start of a campaign; (2) The Australian's testimonial meeting was held at Swindon on 31 July 2003, when Adams, himself, took victory in an individual contest; (3) Dubbed the 'Sultan of Slide', Adams is the all-time highest scoring rider in British speedway history, having totaled 9,404.5 points from 772 official meetings between 1989 and 2007; (4) The Aussie is the fifth highest scorer in Grand Prix history, having totaled 1,072 points from 93 rounds between 1996 and 2007; (5) Adams became the highest scoring rider in Swindon's history when he surpassed Martin Ashby's overall points record in an away league match at Lakeside on 8 August 2008.

ALDEN, Sebastian (Seb) Carl

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 November 1985, Vasteras, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-06) Swindon; (2008) Swindon.

ALDRIDGE, Andrew

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 April 1986, Lincoln, Auckland, New Zealand.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Rye House II.

MAJOR HONOURS: New Zealand Under-21 Champion: 2003, 2006, 2007.

ALLEN, Oliver (Olly) James

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 May 1982, Norwich, Norfolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Peterborough II; (1998) Mildenhall, Norfolk, Peterborough, Arena-Essex; (1999-2001) Swindon; (2002) Swindon, Peterborough; (2003) Swindon, Wolverhampton; (2004) Swindon; (2005) King's Lynn, Swindon, Eastbourne; (2006-08) Coventry.

MAJOR HONOUR: Queensland State Champion: 2006.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Dave Allen (born: 4 July 1957, Norwich, Norfolk). Brother of Tommy Allen (see separate entry).

ALLEN, Thomas (Tommy) David

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 September 1984, Norwich, Norfolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Mildenhall, Swindon II; (2003) Swindon, Swindon II; (2004) Rye House, Rye House II; (2005) Rye House, Swindon; (2006) Rye House, Belle Vue, Poole; (2007) Rye House, Swindon; (2008) Rye House.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Dave Allen (born: 4 July 1957, Norwich, Norfolk). Brother of Olly Allen (see separate entry).

ALLOTT, Adam Nick

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 March 1983, Stockport, Cheshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Norfolk, Buxton; (1999) Buxton, Sheffield; (2000) Sheffield, Owlerton; (2001) Sheffield; (2002) Sheffield II, Swindon, Somerset; (2003) Buxton, King's Lynn; (2004) King's Lynn; (2005) King's Lynn, Eastbourne, Workington, Stoke; (2006) Stoke II; (2007) King's Lynn.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Nicky Allott (born: 15 December 1954, Buxton, Derbyshire). Great Nephew of Tommy Allott (born: 17 May 1908, Denby Dale, West Yorkshire). Grandson of Guy Allott (born: 19 September 1922, Penistone, South Yorkshire). Nephew of Trevor Stead (born: 24 May 1956, Sheffield, South Yorkshire) and Ian Stead (born: 25 April 1964, Sheffield, South Yorkshire). Cousin of Simon Stead (see separate entry).

ANDERSEN, Anders Christian

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 May 1988, Herning, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Glasgow.

ANDERSEN, Hans Norgaard

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 November 1980, Odense, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-02) Poole; (2003) Peterborough; (2004-05) Ipswich; (2006-07) Peterborough; (2008) Peterborough, Coventry.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Cup Champion: 2006, 2008; Danish Champion: 2007.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Scandinavian GP Champion: 2004; Danish GP Champion: 2006; Czech Republic GP Champion: 2006; Grand Final Champion: 2006.

ADDITIONAL INFO: In 2008, Andersen served a 14-day ban imposed by the sport's authorities to enable Peterborough to attempt to solve the financial difficulties, which led to him withholding his services due to unpaid wages.

ANDERSON, Scott

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 March 1975, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Scunthorpe; (2008) Scunthorpe II.

ANDERSSON, Eric

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 June 1984, St Dicka, Fors, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Oxford.

NOTE: Andersson also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

ANDERSSON, Stefan Frederik

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 September 1971, Vastervik, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994-98) Eastbourne; (1999) King's Lynn; (2000) Peterborough; (2001-02) Eastbourne; (2005) Oxford; (2007) Eastbourne.
MAJOR HONOUR: Nordic Champion: 1995.

ANDREWS, Darren Colin

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 January 1977, Banbury, Oxfordshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (1993) Coventry, Oxford; (1994) Coventry, Oxford, Mildenhall; (1995) Sittingbourne; (1996) Reading II; (1997) Long Eaton, Hull, Berwick, Oxford, Oxford II, Ryde; (2000) St Austell; (2001) Rye House; (2002) Mildenhall; (2003) Oxford, Oxford II, Carmarthen; (2004) Stoke II, Coventry II; (2005) Sittingbourne; (2007) Oxford II.
RIDER LINKS: Brother-in-law of Paul Clews (see separate entry).

ANDREWS, Marc James

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 November 1986, Poole, Dorset.
BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Stoke II, Swindon II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Weymouth, Stoke II, Oxford II; (2006) Newport II; (2008) Sittingbourne.

APPLETON, Andrew

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 June 1982, Reading, Berkshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Oxford II; (1998) Newport, Newport II, Arena-Essex, Edinburgh; (1999) Newport, Newport II; (2000) Newport; (2001) Oxford; (2002) Oxford, Reading; (2003) Reading; (2004) Reading, Peterborough; (2005) Reading; (2006) Eastbourne.
MAJOR HONOUR: New Zealand Champion: 2002.
RIDER LINKS: Son of Alan Appleton (born: 10 April 1948).

ARMSTRONG, Jon Thomas

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 August 1974, Manchester, Greater Manchester.
BRITISH CAREER: (1992-93) Belle Vue; (1994) Coventry; (1996) Buxton, Sheffield; (1997) Buxton, Belle Vue II, Swindon, Stoke; (1998) Newport, Newport II; (1999) Belle Vue, Stoke; (2000) Newport; (2001) Stoke; (2002) Buxton, Stoke; (2003) Stoke; (2004) Mildenhall, Belle Vue; (2005) Mildenhall, Peterborough; (2006) Mildenhall, Peterborough; (2007) Boston, Birmingham, Buxton; (2008) Weymouth.
MAJOR HONOUR: Amateur League Riders' Champion: 1997.

ASHWORTH, Richard (Ricky) David

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 August 1982, Salford, Greater Manchester.
BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Sheffield II; (2002) Sheffield, Sheffield II; (2003) Sheffield; (2004) Sheffield, Peterborough; (2005) Sheffield, Poole; (2006-08) Sheffield.

ATKIN, Anthony (Tony) Neville

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 April 1966, Wrexham, North Wales.
BRITISH CAREER: (1986) Stoke; (1994) Wolverhampton; (1995) Bradford; (1996) Sheffield, Wolverhampton, Buxton; (1997) Stoke; (1999-2002) Stoke; (2003-07) Newport; (2008) Newport, Berwick.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Newport were forced to close down after promoter Tim Stone's death on 26 April 2008. Only the side's Premier Trophy matches were permitted to count in the riders' records and Atkin subsequently re-located to Berwick.

AUTY, Joshua (Josh) Liam

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 September 1990, Mirfield, West Yorkshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (2005-06) Scunthorpe; (2007) Redcar, Scunthorpe; (2008) Redcar.
MAJOR HONOURS: British Under-15 Champion: 2004, 2005.

BAGER, Henning

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 February 1981, Esbjerg, Denmark.
BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Glasgow; (2002) Peterborough, Isle of Wight; (2003) Arena-Essex; (2004-05) Peterborough; (2006) Arena-Essex; (2007) Lakeside, Birmingham; (2008) Berwick, Birmingham, Peterborough.

BAJERSKI, Tomasz

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 September 1975, Torun, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) King's Lynn; (2005) Oxford; (2006) Peterborough.

MAJOR HONOURS: Polish Under-21 Champion: 1993, 1996.

BALINSKI, Damian

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 August 1977, Leszno, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Swindon.

NOTE: Balinski was signed by Swindon late in 2007 as a replacement for the injured Mads Korneliusen. The Pole appeared only in the Play-Offs and the Knock-Out Cup final for the Robins.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Cup Champion: 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Dariusz Balinski (born: 5 April 1965, Poland). Uncle of Damian Balinski [II] (born: 1989, Poland), the son of Dariusz.

BARGH, Andrew Lawrence

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 April 1986, Napier, New Zealand.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Wimbledon, Mildenhall; (2006) Mildenhall II; (2007) Isle of Wight, Oxford II; (2008) Isle of Wight, Weymouth.

MAJOR HONOURS: New Zealand Under-21 Champion: 2005; New Zealand Champion: 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Nephew of David Bargh (born: 14 March 1962, Martinborough, New Zealand).

BARKER, Benjamin (Ben) John

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 March 1988, Truro, Cornwall.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Oxford II, Trelawny II; (2004) Oxford II, Coventry II; (2005) Oxford II, Exeter; (2006) Somerset, Stoke II; (2007) Stoke; (2008) Stoke, Coventry.

BRITISH FINAL: 3 pts (2008).

BARKER, Dean

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 August 1970, Isleworth, Hounslow, West London.

BRITISH CAREER: (1986) Eastbourne; (1987-88) Eastbourne, Cradley Heath; (1989) Eastbourne; (1990-92) Oxford; (1993-95) Eastbourne; (1997) Eastbourne; (1999-2003) Eastbourne; (2004) Arena-Essex; (2005-07) Eastbourne.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Sean Barker (born: 30 April 1969, Isleworth, Hounslow, West London).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Whilst riding for Eastbourne in a home league match versus Exeter on 8 October 1995, Barker received a broken leg and ankle. The injuries were sufficient for him to miss the whole of the 1996 season; (2) Barker suffered another serious injury in his comeback season, on 19 July 1997, when he badly broke his left arm while representing Eastbourne in a league match versus Wolverhampton at Arlington. His injury again meant a lengthy spell of recuperation and he was to be absent throughout 1998 as a result; (3) Eastbourne hosted a testimonial meeting for the Londoner on 16 March 2003, when Barker, himself, took victory in an individual event.

BARNETT, Russell Martin

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 May 1987, Newport, Gwent, South Wales.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Mildenhall II, Rye House II, Newport II, Oxford II; (2004-05) Newport II; (2006) Plymouth.

BASEBY, Aaron Henry

DATE OF BIRTH: 31 May 1990, Pembury, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-08) Sittingbourne.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Mark Baseby (see separate entry).

BASEBY, Mark Charles

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 February 1988, Pembury, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Stoke II, Swindon II; (2004) Rye House II, Sittingbourne; (2005) Sittingbourne; (2006) Mildenhall II; (2007-08) Sittingbourne, Mildenhall.
RIDER LINKS: Brother of Aaron Baseby (see separate entry).

BATCHELOR, Troy Matthew

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 August 1987, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2005) King's Lynn, Eastbourne; (2006) King's Lynn, Coventry; (2007) Poole; (2008) Swindon.
MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 2003; Queensland State Champion: 2007; South Australia State Champion: 2008.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Batchelor was signed by the Isle of Wight during the 2003/04 winter, but a work permit was refused because he hadn't reached his seventeenth birthday. He subsequently took his British bow with King's Lynn in 2005.

BATES, Matthew (Mattie)

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 July 1989, Exeter, Devon.
BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Weymouth, Coventry II; (2005) Weymouth, Mildenhall; (2006) Plymouth; (2007) Oxford II; (2008) Weymouth.

BEATON HAMILTON, Gary

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 August 1986, Glasgow, Scotland.
BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Newport II, Newcastle II; (2003) Newcastle II, Wolverhampton II, Armadale; (2004-05) Armadale; (2006) Buxton, Cleveland; (2007) Cleveland; (2008) Redcar II.
RIDER LINKS: Nephew of George Beaton (born: 4 January 1951, Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland), Bobby Beaton (born: 14 May 1952, Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland) and Jim Beaton (born: 11 November 1954, Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland).

BEKKER, Byron Anthony

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 July 1987, Kibler Park, Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa.
BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Newcastle [II]; (2005-07) Scunthorpe; (2008) Scunthorpe, Scunthorpe II.
MAJOR HONOURS: South African Under-21 Champion: 1999, 2000, 2001.
RIDER LINKS: Cousin of Martin Bekker (born: 1984, Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa).
ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Nicknamed 'Boris' for obvious reasons; (2) Bekker has been branded as the most successful rider to have competed abroad in seventy-five years of South African speedway. The only other known South African rider to have won silverware in Britain was Fred Lang, who helped Wembley to National Trophy success in 1954. Indeed, Bekker made 153 consecutive club appearances since first joining Scunthorpe in June 2005, his run coming to an end when he was involved in a crash during the Bronze Helmet individual meeting at Weymouth on 19 July 2008, which left him nursing a broken collarbone. During his time with the North Lincolnshire side at Conference level between 2005 and 2007, he helped the Scorpions win numerous trophies: League Champions (2006 and 2007), Knock-Out Cup winners (2006 and 2007), Conference Trophy winners (2006 and 2007), Conference Shield winners (2006). Not only that, but Bekker was also part of the Scunthorpe quartet that won the CL Four-Team Championship in 2007.

BELFIELD, Carl

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 September 1977, Stockport, Cheshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Buxton; (2004-07) Buxton.

BERGSTRÖM, Andreas

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 August 1978, Kroken, Sweden.
BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Berwick.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Unrelated to Viktor Bergstrom.

BERGSTRÖM, Viktor

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 November 1986, Kolmarden, Sweden.
BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Scunthorpe.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Unrelated to Andreas Bergstrom.

BERWICK, Daniel (Dan)

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 March 1987, Maidstone, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Sittingbourne.

BETHELL, Jonathan

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 March 1973, Kendal, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Oxford II, Buxton; (2004) Buxton; (2005) Buxton, Workington; (2006) Buxton; (2007) Buxton, Stoke II; (2008) Scunthorpe II.

BETSON, Daniel (Danny) Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 January 1988, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Mildenhall, Swindon II; (2005) Wimbledon; (2006) Rye House II; (2007) Oxford II; (2008) Rye House, Rye House II.

RIDER LINKS: Nephew of Scott Swain (born: 29 October 1971, Eastbourne, East Sussex).

BIRD, Danny Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 November 1979, Guildford, Surrey.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998-2001) Isle of Wight; (2002-03) Isle of Wight, Ipswich; (2004) Reading, Ipswich; (2005) Reading; (2006) Glasgow; (2007) Reading.

ADDITIONAL INFO: In a statement issued by the SCB on 23 July 2007, Bird received a two-year ban from the sport after two samples showed that a banned substance was present in his body in tests taken three months earlier on 20 April.

BIRKINSHAW, James Alexander

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 March 1980, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1996) Owlerton, Sheffield, Hull; (1997) Sheffield, Belle Vue II, Newcastle; (1998) Newcastle, St Austell; (1999) Workington, Edinburgh, Linlithgow, Stoke, Sheffield; (2000) Glasgow, Sheffield, Sheffield II; (2001) Newcastle, Sheffield II; (2002) Sheffield, Boston, Wolverhampton II; (2003) Sheffield; (2004) Sheffield, Buxton; (2005) Glasgow, Buxton, Newcastle; (2006) Boston, Berwick; (2007) Sheffield; (2008) Birmingham, Scunthorpe II.

MAJOR HONOUR: Conference League Riders' Champion: 2002.

ADDITIONAL INFO: In August 2008, Birkinshaw was surprisingly axed from Birmingham's team and, as a result, was involved in discussions regarding a possible return to Sheffield as a short-term replacement for the injured Lee Smethills. However, having been named in the Tigers' revised team declaration, the rider subsequently decided to take some time out from the sport. 'Birko' admitted that his confidence was at an all-time low and cited his treatment by Birmingham as the underlying reason. In another dramatic twist, though, he was re-declared in the Brummies' line-up on 1 September!

BJERRE JENSEN, Kenneth

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 May 1984, Esbjerg, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Newcastle; (2003) Newcastle, Peterborough; (2004-06) Belle Vue; (2007-08) Peterborough.

MAJOR HONOURS: European Under-19 Champion: 2003; Danish Under-21 Champion: 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005; World Cup Champion: 2008.

BLACKBIRD, Lewis

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 February 1987, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Sittingbourne; (2007) Oxford II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Carl Blackbird (born: 26 March 1965, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire). Nephew of Mark Blackbird (born: 17 December 1970, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire) and Paul Blackbird (born: 17 December 1970, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire).

BLAIR, Greg Sam Andrew

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 October 1990, Jedburgh, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Cleveland; (2008) Redcar II.

BLAKE, Daniel (Dan) James

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 August 1988, Harlow, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Mildenhall; (2005-06) Sittingbourne; (2007) Plymouth, Oxford [II].

BOUJOS, Leigh Ashley

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 February 1981, Perth, Western Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: Redcar II.

BOWEN, Luke Alex

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 January 1986, Harlow, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Rye House II, Carmarthen; (2003) Rye House II; (2004) Rye House II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Rye House II; (2006-07) Rye House, Rye House II; (2008) Rye House, Rye House II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of former rider Kevin Bowen (born: 23 February 1956, Harlow, Essex).

BOXALL, Steven (Steve) Shane

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 May 1987, Canterbury, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002-03) Rye House II; (2004-05) Rye House, Rye House II; (2006) Rye House; (2007) Rye House, Poole; (2008) Belle Vue.

MAJOR HONOUR: Conference League Riders' Champion: 2005.

BOYCE, Craig Vincent

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 August 1967, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1988-90) Poole; (1991) Oxford; (1992-94) Poole; (1995) Swindon; (1996-98) Poole; (1999) Oxford; (2000) King's Lynn; (2001-02) Ipswich; (2003) Oxford, Poole (British League Cup only), Ipswich; (2004-05) Isle of Wight; (2006-07) Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: New South Wales State Champion: 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995; Australian Champion: 1991, 1996, 1997; World Cup Champion: 2001.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Famously punched Tomasz Gollob after being knocked-off by the Polish racer in the 'C' Final of the British Grand Prix at Hackney on 30 September 1995. For his actions, Boyce was excluded for violent conduct by referee Roy Otto; (2) The Aussie's testimonial meeting was held at Poole on 27 August 2003, when victory went the way of Jason Crump in an individual event; (3) Boyce, Poole's all-time record points-scorer, announced his retirement from racing at the conclusion of the 2007 season; (4) Poole hosted a farewell meeting in the Australian's honour on 25 June 2008, when a four-team tournament resulted thus: Bournemouth Bedding Centre 38, Argon Welding 24, Inter Estate 22, Sharp Retail Systems 12.

BRADY, Ross Burns

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 February 1981, Winchburgh, Broxburn, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Lathallan, Peterborough II; (1998) Mildenhall, Peterborough, Berwick; (1999-2000) Edinburgh; (2001-02) Hull; (2003) Glasgow, Sheffield, Sheffield II; (2004) Hull; (2005) Edinburgh; (2006) Rye House; (2007) Newcastle; (2008) Glasgow.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Alistair Brady (born: 15 January 1949, Scotland).

BRAITHWAITE, Andrew (Andy) James

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 December 1989, Coventry, Warwickshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Buxton.

BRANNEY, John James

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 November 1985, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Rye House II, Newcastle II; (2003) Newcastle II, Wimbledon, Buxton; (2004) Newcastle II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Oxford II; (2006) Scunthorpe, Stoke II; (2007) Berwick, Stoke II, Workington; (2008) Workington, Buxton.
RIDER LINKS: Brother of Craig Branney (see separate entry).

BRANNEY, Craig Harry

DATE OF BIRTH: 31 July 1982, Whitehaven, Cumbria.
BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Ashfield; (2001) Workington, Buxton; (2002) Newcastle II, Hull; (2003) Newcastle, Newcastle II, Armadale; (2004) Oxford II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Hull, Oxford, Oxford II; (2006) Berwick; (2007) Workington.
RIDER LINKS: Brother of John Branney (see separate entry).
ADDITIONAL INFO: Having agreed a deal to remain with Workington in 2008, the elder of the Branney brothers crashed whilst appearing in the annual indoor ice meeting at Telford on 24 February, breaking a leg in five places. This was to rule him out of action for the entire season.

BRIDGER, Lewis Alan

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 November 1989, Hastings, Sussex.
BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Weymouth; (2006-08) Eastbourne.
MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-18 Champion: 2006.
BRITISH FINAL: 8 pts (2008).
ADDITIONAL INFO: Bridger admitted assault following an incident that took place at TJs nightclub in Eastbourne on 12 December 2007. The rider and his associates had become embroiled with a Japanese student, an occurrence that saw Bridger and two others arrested and subsequently charged at Lewes Crown Court on 18 April 2008. However, Bridger was spared jail at a sentencing hearing in the same court a little over a month later on 19 May. Judge Charles Kemp ordered him to pay a £1,500 fine and £500 compensation to his victim after watching CCTV footage of the attack.

BROADHURST, Wayne Nicholas

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 February 1967, Minsterley, Shropshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (1987) Coventry; (1988) Coventry, Stoke; (1989) Coventry; (1999) Stoke, Workington; (2000) Stoke; (2001) Wolverhampton, Stoke; (2002) Mildenhall; (2003) Mildenhall; (2004) Wimbledon; (2005) Stoke II; (2006) Boston.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Having announced his retirement from racing, Broadhurst made an emotional farewell appearance at the Telford ice meeting on 24 February 2008.

BROWN, Thomas (Tom) David

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 June 1984, Pontypool, South Wales.
BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Peterborough II, Newport II; (2001) Newport, Newport II; (2002) Workington, Newport II, Swindon II, Isle of Wight; (2003) Trelawny, Trelawny II; (2004) Stoke II, Berwick; (2005) Weymouth; (2006-08) Plymouth.

BRUNDLE, James Michael

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 December 1986, King's Lynn, Norfolk.
BRITISH CAREER: (2002) King's Lynn II, Mildenhall; (2003-04) King's Lynn, Mildenhall; (2005) King's Lynn; (2006) Mildenhall; (2007) King's Lynn, Boston; (2008) Eastbourne.

BUCZKOWSKI, Krzysztof

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 April 1986, Grudziadz, Poland.
BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Reading.
MAJOR HONOURS: World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2006, 2007.

BUGEJA, Arlo Anthony

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 March 1986, Humbug Scrub, Adelaide, South Australia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Redcar, Berwick; (2008) Redcar.

BUNYAN, Jason Michael

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 March 1979, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1995) Poole; (1996) Eastbourne II; (1997) Oxford, Isle of Wight, Peterborough II; (1998) Isle of Wight; (1999-2001) Ipswich; (2002) Reading; (2003) Coventry; (2004) Isle of Wight, Coventry; (2005-08) Isle of Wight.

MAJOR HONOURS: New Zealand Champion: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2008.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Bunyan's testimonial was held at the Isle of Wight on 19 August 2008, when Edward Kennett and Lewis Bridger took victory in a pairs event.

BURCHATT, Barry Peter

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 October 1987, Farnborough, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Newport II, Rye House II, Wimbledon; (2004-05) Rye House II; (2006) Rye House II, Mildenhall; (2007) Rye House II, Newport; (2008) Workington, Sittingbourne.

BURNETT, Paul Antony David

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 October 1981, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Buxton, Belle Vue II, Western Warriors; (1998-2004) Buxton; (2005) Scunthorpe, Mildenhall; (2006-07) Cleveland; (2008) Buxton.

BURROWS, Dermot Mark (Buzz)

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 June 1964, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1984) Scunthorpe; (1985) Edinburgh; (1986) Edinburgh; (1987) Middlesbrough; (1992) Glasgow, Middlesbrough; (1993) Middlesbrough; (1994) Buxton, Cleveland, Middlesbrough, Sheffield; Belle Vue, Coventry; (1995) Buxton, Long Eaton, Middlesbrough, Hull; (1996) Buxton; (1997-2001) Stoke; (2002) Stoke, Belle Vue; (2003) Stoke II, Wimbledon; (2004-05) Wimbledon; (2007) Cleveland; (2008) Stoke.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) 'Buzz' was awarded a testimonial in 2004, but had the misfortune of having his special meeting rained-off on three occasions at Wimbledon that year, on 5 May, 23 June and 20 October; (2) Still riding in 2008, Burrows is currently the oldest rider appearing in British speedway, being some four months older than Paul Fry.

BURZA, Stanislaw (Stan)

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 September 1977, Tarnow, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Berwick, Oxford; (2007) Berwick, Coventry; (2008) Coventry, Belle Vue.

CAMPOS, Scott Dale

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 May 1989, Ipswich, Suffolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Mildenhall, Rye House II; (2005) Mildenhall, Boston; (2006) Boston; (2007) Oxford II.

CARPANESE, Mattia

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 November 1985, Padova, Italy.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Workington; (2008) Birmingham.

MAJOR HONOURS: Italian Under-21 Champion: 2005; Italian Champion: 2006.

CARTER, Wayne Martin

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 December 1970, Halifax, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1989) Mildenhall, Wolverhampton; (1990) Wolverhampton; (1991) Wolverhampton, Middlesbrough; (1992) Wolverhampton; (1993) Middlesbrough; (1994-95) Wolverhampton; (1996) Middlesbrough, Belle Vue; (1997) Skegness, Isle of Wight, Peterborough, Belle Vue, Wolverhampton, Bradford; (1998-99) Isle of Wight; (2000) Wolverhampton; (2001) Belle Vue, Berwick; (2002) Coventry, Newcastle; (2003) Wolverhampton (British League Cup only), Edinburgh; (2004) Sheffield II, Swindon II; (2005-06) Scunthorpe.

RIDER LINKS: Cousin of former rider Kenny Carter (born: 28 March 1961, Halifax, West Yorkshire).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Isle of Wight hosted a testimonial meeting for Carter on 24 August 1999, when Steve Johnston took victory in an old-style Grand Prix contest; (2) The Yorkshireman enjoyed a farewell meeting at Scunthorpe on 1 April 2007, when Garry Stead took first place in an individual event.

CHESTER, Scott

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 January 1982, Leicester, Leicestershire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Buxton, Weymouth, King's Lynn II; (2005-06) Buxton.

CHRZANOWSKI, Tomasz

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 February 1980, Torun, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Poole; (2006-07) Swindon.

CLEWS, Paul Gordon

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 July 1979, Coventry, Warwickshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1995) Coventry; (1996) Peterborough, Peterborough II, Coventry, Oxford, Anglian Angels; (1997) Skegness, Isle of Wight, Peterborough II, Coventry; (1998) Peterborough; (1999-2003) Reading; (2004-06) Stoke; (2007) Newcastle; (2008) Newport, Berwick.

RIDER LINKS: Brother-in-law of fellow rider Darren Andrews (see separate entry).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Stoke hosted a testimonial meeting for the Coventry-born rider on 23 September 2006, when victory in a pairs meeting went the way of David Howe and Clews himself; (2) Newport were forced to close down after promoter Tim Stone's death on 26 April 2008. Only the side's Premier Trophy matches were permitted to count in the riders' records and Clews subsequently re-located to Berwick.

COCKLE, James Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 May 1986, Edmonton, London.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-03) Rye House II; (2004) Boston, Sheffield II, Reading, Glasgow; (2005) Glasgow, Sittingbourne, Boston; (2006) Glasgow; (2007) Sheffield, Scunthorpe; (2008) Mildenhall, Peterborough, Boston, Birmingham, Redcar II.

COLES, Michael Timothy

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 August 1965, Exeter, Devon.

BRITISH CAREER: (1982-83) Exeter; (1984) Exeter, Weymouth; (1985-87) Exeter; (1988) Mildenhall; (1989-93) Edinburgh; (1994) Belle Vue; (1995) Oxford; (1996) Exeter; (1997) Exeter, King's Lynn; (1998-2004) Exeter; (2005) Newport; (2006) Stoke, Plymouth; (2007) Berwick, Glasgow.

NOTE: After being released by Berwick in 2007, Coles briefly linked with Conference League side Oxford. However, this is not credited in his career details because he only appeared for them in the final of the CL Four-Team Championship.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Bob Coles (born: 12 February 1944, Exeter, Devon).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Coles' testimonial meeting was due to be staged at Edinburgh on 2 October 1992, but fell victim to inclement weather. However, it subsequently went ahead nine days later at Powderhall Stadium, on 11 October, when the Euro-Roos defeated the Great Brits 47-43; (2) In honour of his twenty years in speedway, Exeter hosted a benefit meeting for Coles on 13 October 2003, when Leigh Adams emerged victorious from an individual event.

COLLINS, Aidan

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 April 1982, Stockport, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Newport II; (1999) Buxton, Edinburgh; (2000) Glasgow, Ashfield; (2001) Glasgow; (2002) Buxton, Edinburgh; (2003-04) Workington; (2005) Mildenhall, Workington; (2006) Workington; (2007) Birmingham.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Les Collins (born: 24 May 1958, Partington, Nr. Manchester, Greater Manchester). Nephew of Peter Collins (born: 24 March 1954, Urmston, Greater Manchester), Phil Collins (born: 2 June 1960, Partington, Nr. Manchester, Greater Manchester), Neil Collins (see separate entry) and Steve Collins (born: 8 June 1966, Partington, Nr. Manchester, Greater Manchester). Cousin of Chris Collins (born: 18 July 1982, Manchester, Greater Manchester).

COLLINS, Neil Jeffrey

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 October 1961, Partington, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (1978) Ellesmere Port; (1979) Nottingham, Workington, Sheffield; (1980) Edinburgh, Sheffield; (1981) Edinburgh, Cradley Heath, Belle Vue; (1982-83) Leicester; (1984-88) Sheffield; (1989-90) Wolverhampton; (1991) Belle Vue; (1992) Glasgow; (1993-94) Long Eaton; (1995) Sheffield; (1996) Belle Vue; (1997) Glasgow; (1998) Stoke; (1999-2000) Swindon; (2001) Belle Vue, Workington; (2002) Somerset; (2003) Hull, Peterborough (British League Cup only), Belle Vue; (2004) Somerset; (2005-06) Newport.

NOTE: After being released by Hull in 2003, Collins briefly linked with Conference League side Peterborough. However, this is not credited in his career details because he only appeared for them in the final of the CL Four-Team Championship.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Peter Collins (born: 24 March 1954, Urmston, Greater Manchester), Les Collins (born: 24 May 1958, Partington, Nr. Manchester, Greater Manchester), Phil Collins (born: 2 June 1960, Partington, Nr. Manchester, Greater Manchester) and Steve Collins (born: 8 June 1966, Partington, Nr. Manchester, Greater Manchester). Uncle of Aidan Collins (see separate entry) and Chris Collins (born: 18 July 1982, Manchester, Greater Manchester).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Somerset hosted a twenty-five year testimonial for Collins on 6 September 2002, when a four-team tournament resulted thus: Somerset 31, Swindon 26, Neil Collins' All-Stars 20, Exeter 19; (2) Collins is credited with riding in more official meetings than any other rider in British speedway history, having made 1,132 appearances. The previous record was, ironically, held by his brother, Les (1,084), which he surpassed in 2005.

COLVIN, Shane Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 February 1982, Hastings, East Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Oxford II, Ryde, M4 Raven Sprockets; (1998) Newport II; (1999) Reading, Mildenhall; (2000) Reading, Ashfield, Mildenhall; (2001) Reading, Newport II; (2002) Carmarthen, Wolverhampton II, Workington; (2003) Reading; (2004) Carmarthen, Sittingbourne, Sheffield; (2005) Sittingbourne; (2008) Mildenhall.

COMPLIN, Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 November 1984, Cowling, Yorkshire

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Sheffield, Sheffield II; (2002) Sheffield, Belle Vue; (2007-08) Stoke.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Having had some five years out of speedway, Complin was hailed as the 'Comeback King' in 2007, when he returned to the sport in April and put in many fine performances for Stoke; (2) The rider was involved in a serious road traffic accident on 26 May 2008, which left him hospitalized in the neurology unit at Leeds General Infirmary. The rider's Subaru Impreza left the A629 near Keighley, just a few miles from his home in the West Yorkshire village of Cowling at about 3.40 a.m.

COMPTON, Andre Neil

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 May 1977, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1993) Bradford, Newcastle; (1994) Stoke, Newcastle, Buxton; (1995) Hull, Buxton, Reading, Coventry, Belle Vue; (1996) Buxton, Bradford, Belle Vue; (1997) Newcastle, Berwick; (1998-99) Sheffield; (2000) Peterborough, Newcastle; (2001) Newcastle; (2002) Newcastle, Poole; (2003) Sheffield, Poole; (2004) Sheffield, Poole, Belle Vue; (2005-08) Sheffield.

MAJOR HONOUR: Premier League Riders' Champion: 2004.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Benji Compton (see separate entry).

COMPTON, Benjamin (Benji) Mark

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 September 1986, Tenerife, Spain.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Newcastle II; (2003) Sheffield II, Mildenhall; (2004) Buxton; (2005) Scunthorpe; (2006) Sheffield, Scunthorpe; (2007) Berwick, Scunthorpe, King's Lynn; (2008) Scunthorpe, Scunthorpe II, Redcar II.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Andre Compton (see separate entry).

COOK, Harland Ashley

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 August 1988, Watford, Hertfordshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Rye House II; (2004) Rye House II, Coventry II; (2005-06) Rye House II; (2007) Rye House II, Sittingbourne; (2008) Sittingbourne.

COOPER, Paul Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 June 1982, York, North Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Sheffield II; (2004) Sheffield II, Oxford II; (2005) Sheffield; (2006) Sheffield, Scunthorpe; (2007) Sheffield, Boston; (2008) Sheffield.

CORREY, Ronnie Dean

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 November 1966, Bellflower, California, USA.

BRITISH CAREER: (1987-93) Wolverhampton; (1995) Long Eaton; (1996-97) Wolverhampton; (1998-99) Belle Vue; (2000) Wolverhampton; (2004) Belle Vue; (2005) Wolverhampton; (2006) Swindon, Wolverhampton; (2007) Edinburgh.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Pairs Champion: 1992; World Team Cup Champion: 1992.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Sustained a broken bone in his back and also a crushed vertebrae, when he crashed whilst riding for Bysarna against Getingarna in Stockholm on 2 September 1993. The injury meant a long period of recuperation and he was to miss the entire 1994 season, before finally returning to official action with Long Eaton in May 1995; (2) Correy's testimonial meeting took place at Wolverhampton on 30 June 1996, when an American-style event was won by Shane Parker; (3) The West Midlands race-track had been scheduled to hold a farewell meeting for Correy on 21 October 2001, but the event was postponed because of inclement weather. The farewell meeting subsequently went ahead at the Monmore Green circuit on 17 March 2002, when Wolverhampton defeated a Cradley Heath Select 60-30; (4) The Californian made a surprise return to the saddle in August 2004, after nearly four years in retirement.

COTTHAM, Gary Dominic

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 September 1989, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004-05) Rye House II; (2006) Rye House II, Sittingbourne; (2007-08) Rye House II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Gary Cottham [Senior] (born: 2 November 1955).

COURTNEY, Jamie Mark

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 April 1988, Ashington, Northumberland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Rye House II, Trelawny II; (2004) Swindon II, Isle of Wight, Oxford II; (2005) Oxford II, Workington; (2006) Rye House; (2007) Redcar, Cleveland; (2008) Rye House II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Mark Courtney (born: 25 March 1961, Braintree, Essex). Nephew of Sean Courtney (born: 5 September 1964, Braintree, Essex). Brother of Scott Courtney (see separate entry).

COURTNEY, Scott Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 January 1983, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Glasgow, Linlithgow; (2000) Glasgow, Ashfield; (2001) Glasgow, Buxton, Mildenhall, Trelawny; (2002) Arena-Essex, Rye House II; (2003) Poole (British League Cup only), Rye House II; (2005) Workington, Oxford II; (2006) Stoke II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Mark Courtney (born: 25 March 1961, Braintree, Essex). Nephew of Sean Courtney (born: 5 September 1964, Braintree, Essex). Brother of Jamie Courtney (see separate entry).

CRANG, Maurice Stephen

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 October 1987, Darlington, County Durham.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Stoke II, Cleveland.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Mark Crang (born: 11 January 1966, Darlington, County Durham).

CROSS, Andre

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 June 1967, Norwich, Norfolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002-04) Wimbledon; (2005-08) Sittingbourne.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Cross was a renowned cycle speedway exponent. His list of achievements in that discipline includes the following: British Under-21 Champion (1986); European Champion (1994, 1996, 1998); British Champion (1996); British Senior Champion (1993).

CRUMP, Jason Philip

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 August 1975, Bristol, Avon.

BRITISH CAREER: (1991) Poole; (1992) Peterborough; (1993) Swindon; (1994-95) Poole; (1996-97) Peterborough; (1998) Oxford; (1999) Peterborough; (2000-01) King's Lynn; (2002-06) Belle Vue; (2007) Poole; (2008) Belle Vue.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 1990; Australian Under-21 Champion: 1995; Queensland State Champion: 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004; Australian Champion: 1995, 2007; World Under-21 Champion: 1995; World Team Cup Champion: 1999; Elite League Riders' Champion: 1999, 2001, 2006; World Cup Champion: 2001, 2002; Czech Golden Helmet Champion: 2002, 2006; World Champion: 2004, 2006.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: British GP Champion: 1996, 1998, 2006, 2008; Swedish GP Champion: 2000, 2001, 2005, 2006; Polish GP Champion: 2001; Czech Republic GP Champion: 2002, 2003, 2004; Danish GP Champion: 2003, 2004; Scandinavian GP Champion: 2005; European GP Champion: 2006; Italian GP Champion: 2006; Latvian GP Champion: 2008.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Phil Crump (born: 9 February 1952, Red Cliffs, Mildura, Victoria, Australia).

Grandson of Neil Street (born: 15 January 1931, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Crump is the second highest scorer in GP history, having totaled 1,324 points from 89 rounds between 1995 and 2007.

CUNNINGHAM, Alex Russell

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 August 1987, Queenstown, Southland, New Zealand.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Sittingbourne.

CUNNINGHAM, Glenn Arthur

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 June 1975, Bristol, Avon.

BRITISH CAREER: (1991-92) Oxford; (1993-96) Swindon; (1997) Reading; (1998) Peterborough; (1999) Swindon; (2000) Peterborough, Belle Vue; (2001) Newport; (2002) Somerset; (2003) Somerset, Eastbourne; (2004) Somerset, Swindon; (2005) Somerset; (2006) Somerset, Reading; (2007) Stoke.

MAJOR HONOUR: Premier League Riders' Champion: 1998.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Cunningham's testimonial was held at Somerset on 24 September 2004, when Jason Crump took the spoils of victory in an individual event; (2) The Bristolian was ruled out of the 2008 season after suffering a broken right thigh while racing for Stoke in a Young Shield encounter at Somerset on 5 October the previous year.

DALLAWAY, Lewis Steven

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 February 1986, Walsall, West Midlands.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) King's Lynn II; (2005) Newport II, Weymouth; (2006-08) Buxton.

DARKIN, Sergey

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 June 1973, Fergana, Uzbekistan.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Eastbourne; (2004) Coventry; (2005) Arena-Essex; (2007) Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: Russian Champion: 2000, 2002.

DAVEY, Mitchell James Ryan

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 March 1990, Ayr, Queensland, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Glasgow.

DAVIDSSON, Daniel Jan Johan

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 March 1983, Mariestad, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Poole (British League Cup only); (2004) Poole; (2005) Coventry, Peterborough; (2006) Poole; (2008) Poole.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Jan Davidsson (born: 18 October 1956, Motala, Sweden). Brother of Jonas Davidsson (see separate entry).

DAVIDSSON, Jonas

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 August 1984, Motala, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Reading; (2004) Oxford; (2005) Swindon; (2006) Poole; (2007) Reading; (2008) Lakeside.

MAJOR HONOURS: Finnish Under-21 Champion: 2002; Swedish Under-21 Champion: 2005.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Jan Davidsson (born: 18 October 1956, Motala, Sweden). Brother of Daniel Davidsson (see separate entry).

DAY, Terry

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 February 1985, Poole, Dorset

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Wimbledon; (2003) Newport II; (2006-07) Weymouth; (2008) Rye House II.

DENNIS, Richie William

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 April 1988, Boston, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Peterborough II; (2004) Boston, King's Lynn II; (2005-07) Scunthorpe; (2008) Scunthorpe II.

DERBYSHIRE, Lee Geoffrey

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 December 1981, Stockport, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002-04) Buxton; (2005) Buxton, Workington; (2006) Workington.

DICKEN, Lee Charles

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 August 1978, Hull, East Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994) Buxton; (1995) Hull, Stoke, Peterborough; (1996) Hull, Owlerton, Sheffield; (1997-98) Hull; (1999) Hull, Exeter; (2000) Hull; (2001) Hull, Arena-Essex; (2002) Newport, Wolverhampton; (2003) Hull, Newcastle; (2004) Newcastle, Newcastle II, Glasgow; (2005) Hull, Sittingbourne, Newport, Newport II; (2006-08) Glasgow.

DOOLAN, Kevin

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 November 1980, Shepparton, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999-2000) Belle Vue; (2002) Berwick; (2003) Glasgow; (2004) King's Lynn; (2005) King's Lynn, Ipswich; (2006) King's Lynn, Eastbourne; (2007) Belle Vue; (2008) King's Lynn.

DORE, Sam Benjamin

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 January 1987, Warragul, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Stoke II; (2007) Stoke II, Newcastle.

DOYLE, Jason Kevin

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 October 1985, Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Isle of Wight; (2006) Isle of Wight, Poole; (2007) Poole; (2008) Somerset.

RIDER LINKS. Son of former junior rider Kevin Doyle.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The Aussie was fined £300 and excluded from the rest of the meeting after throwing a punch at Reading's Tom P. Madsen, following a back straight crash during heat six of a Premier Trophy match at Somerset on 11 April 2008.

DRYML, Ales

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 October 1979, Pardubice, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000-02) Oxford; (2003) Belle Vue, Poole; (2004-05) Peterborough; (2006) Oxford; (2008) Wolverhampton.

NOTE: Dryml also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MAJOR HONOUR: German Under-21 Champion: 1998.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Ales Dryml [Senior] (born: 10 June 1953, Kolina, Czech Republic). Brother of Lukas Dryml (see separate entry).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The elder of the Dryml brothers was seriously hurt in a track accident on 12 July 2006, during Oxford's home league encounter versus Wolverhampton and was subsequently placed in an intensive care unit at the John Radcliffe Hospital. Remarkably, and against all the odds, the Czech recovered from his severe head injuries and was able to return to his homeland where he began his recuperation.

DRYML, Lukas

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 April 1981, Pardubice, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000-02) Oxford; (2003) Poole; (2004) Peterborough; (2005) Oxford, Peterborough; (2007-08) Peterborough.

MAJOR HONOURS: European Under-19 Champion: 2000; World Under-21 Champion: 2002; Czech Republic Champion: 2005, 2008.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Ales Dryml [Senior] (born: 10 June 1953, Kolina, Czech Republic). Brother of Ales Dryml (see separate entry).

DUFFILL, Jitendra

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 May 1981, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Lathallan; (1999) Glasgow, Berwick, Newcastle, Linlithgow, Mildenhall; (2000) Mildenhall; (2006-07) Cleveland; (2008) Redcar II.

DUNWORTH, Wayne

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 January 1967, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1984) Boston; (1986) Mildenhall; (2002) Boston, Carmarthen; (2003) Trelawny II, Boston, Peterborough II, Armadale; (2004) Boston, King's Lynn II; (2005) Boston; (2006) Weymouth; (2007) Boston.

RIDER LINKS: Father of Lewis Dunworth (born: 15 January 1993, Boston, Lincolnshire).

EKBERG, Stefan

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 January 1972, Motala, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994) Oxford; (1995) Eastbourne; (2005) Glasgow; (2007-08) Rye House.

ELLIOTT, Martin John

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 September 1970, Glasgow, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Swindon II; (2006-07) Sittingbourne.

EMERSON, Martin

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 May 1984, Appleby, Westmorland, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Cleveland; (2008) Redcar II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Alan Emerson (born: 29 May 1957, Haltwhistle, Northumberland).

ERIKSSON, Freddie Ove

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 April 1981, Stockholm, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-02) King's Lynn; (2003) Ipswich; (2005-06) Oxford; (2008) Poole.

NOTE: Eriksson also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MAJOR HONOUR: Swedish Under-21 Champion: 2002.

EVANS, Barrie Charles

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 April 1984, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Mildenhall; (2000-01) Arena-Essex, Mildenhall; (2002) Newport, Rye House II; (2003) Hull, Rye House II; (2004) Wimbledon, Newport; (2005-07) Stoke, Stoke II; (2008) Stoke, Mildenhall.

MAJOR HONOUR: Conference League Riders' Champion: 2003.

ADDITIONAL INFO: In July 2008, Evans asked to be left out of the Stoke line-up, in order to take a break from racing, having struggled with form. He was subsequently deemed to be withholding his services and was handed a 28-day ban, before he resumed racing with Mildenhall.

EZERGAILIS, Karlis Andrejs

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 April 1985, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Newport II, Coventry II; (2005) Newport, Newport II; (2006) Newport II; (2007) Rye House II.

MAJOR HONOUR: Tasmanian Champion: 2005.

FELTON, Dean Graham

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 August 1969, Wolverhampton, West Midlands.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994) Buxton, Oxford, Ipswich; (1995-96) Buxton; (1997) Buxton, Stoke, Edinburgh, Skegness, Long Eaton, Shuttle Cubs; (1998) Stoke; (1999) Berwick, Glasgow; (2000) Buxton, Berwick; (2001) Stoke, Buxton; (2002-03) Carmarthen; (2004) Carmarthen, King's Lynn II; (2005) Buxton; (2006-08) Sittingbourne.

RIDER LINKS: Nephew of Dave Harvey (born: 13 October 1950).

FILMER, Adam

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 September 1986, Maidstone, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-07) Weymouth.

FISHER, Ryan Scott

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 September 1983, Riverside, California, USA.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002-03) Coventry; (2004) Oxford; (2007) Belle Vue; (2008) Edinburgh.

FLINT, Gary George

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 May 1982, Ashington, Durham.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Berwick, Linlithgow, St Austell; (2000) Ashfield, Berwick; (2001) Buxton; (2002) Newcastle II; (2003) Buxton, Stoke II, Sheffield II; (2004) Sheffield II, Stoke II, Oxford II; (2005-07) Stoke II.

FORBES, Cecil Roy

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 March 1962, Bristol, Avon.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Plymouth.

FORSBERG, Billy

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 May 1988, Norrkoping, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007-08) Belle Vue.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of former rider Dan Forsberg (born: 25 March 1934, Vaageryd, Sweden).

FRAMPTON, Jordan John

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 March 1985, Poole, Dorset.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Swindon II, King's Lynn II, Sheffield II; (2005) Sittingbourne; (2006) Plymouth, Mildenhall, Weymouth II; (2007) Somerset, Oxford II; (2008) Somerset, Poole.

FRANC, Josef (Pepe)

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 January 1979, Caslav, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Berwick; (2003-04) Berwick; (2005-08) Newcastle.

MAJOR HONOURS: Czech Republic Under-21 Champion: 1998, 1999, 2000.

FRANCHETTI, Guglielmo

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 October 1985, Terenzano, Italy.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Berwick.

FRANKLIN, Richard

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 October 1992, Coventry, Warwickshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Rye House II.

FRY, Paul David

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 October 1964, Hereford, Herefordshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (1984) Newcastle, Cradley Heath, Arena-Essex; (1986-87) Cradley Heath; (1988) Stoke; (1989-90) Long Eaton; (1991) King's Lynn; (1992-96) Exeter; (1997-98) Newport; (1999) Stoke; (2000-02) Swindon; (2003) Swindon, Peterborough; (2004) Somerset, Belle Vue; (2005-06) Somerset; (2007) Mildenhall; (2008) Isle of Wight.
RIDER LINKS: Brother of Mark Fry (born: 4 July 1972, Hereford, Herefordshire).
ADDITIONAL INFO: Somerset hosted a testimonial meeting for 'Fryer' on 23 March 2007, when Leigh Adams took victory in an individual event.

GAFUROV, Renat

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 October 1982, Oktyabrsky, Russia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Oxford; (2006) Swindon.
MAJOR HONOURS: Russian Under-21 Champion: 2001, 2003; Russian Champion: 2006.
RIDER LINKS: Son of Zajtun Gafarov.

GARROD, Dean John

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 October 1975, Norwich, Norfolk.
BRITISH CAREER: (1993) Middlesbrough; (1994) Mildenhall; (1995-96) Mildenhall, Poole; (1997) Mildenhall, Newport; (1998) Mildenhall, Arena-Essex, Sheffield; (1999) Mildenhall, Buxton; (2000-03) Boston; (2004) Boston, King's Lynn II; Sittingbourne; (2005-06) Sittingbourne.

GATHERCOLE, Cory

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 December 1986, Irymple, Victoria, Australia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2007-08) Isle of Wight, Swindon.
MAJOR HONOURS: Western Australia State Champion: 2007; Victoria State Champion: 2007.
RIDER LINKS: Second cousin of Leigh Adams (see separate entry).

GIFFARD, Daniel James

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 November 1984, Eastbourne, East Sussex.
BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Rye House; (2001) Rye House; (2002) Isle of Wight, Rye House, Rye House II; (2003) Wimbledon, Eastbourne (British League Cup only), Stoke; (2004) Stoke, Stoke II, Weymouth; (2005) Weymouth, Hull; (2006) Redcar, Cleveland II; (2007) Redcar, Weymouth; (2008) Redcar.

GIZATULLIN, Denis

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 March 1983, Oktyabrsky, Russia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Eastbourne.
MAJOR HONOURS: Russian Under-21 Champion: 2002, 2004; Russian Champion: 2007, 2008.
ADDITIONAL INFO: After a considerable amount of hype, the Russian was to appear in just one match for Eastbourne in 2007 - that being the sum total of his British career.

GJEDDE, Charlie Rasmussen

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 December 1979, Holstebro, Denmark.
BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Swindon; (1999) Coventry, Wolverhampton; (2001) Reading; (2002) Swindon; (2003) Swindon, Oxford; (2004-05) Swindon; (2006) Reading; (2007) Swindon; (2008) Belle Vue.
MAJOR HONOURS: Danish Under-21 Champion: 1995; World Cup Champion: 2006.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Gjedde was all set to remain with Wolverhampton in 2000, but just a month before the tapes were due to rise, he was involved in a car crash in his homeland. The accident left him with a broken right kneecap, which was quickly operated on and, later in April, he made an attempt to return. However, in a practice session, he went into a corner and felt the knee crack again. That ruled him out of action for the entire year.

GLANZ, Nicki Jens

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 January 1990, Swindon, Wiltshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Newport II; (2007-08) Plymouth.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Peter Glanz (born: 3 May 1962, Fredericia, Denmark).

GOODY, Luke Steven

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 March 1990, Ashford, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Mildenhall II, Sittingbourne II; (2007) Sittingbourne.

GOMOLSKI, Adrian

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 April 1987, Gniezno, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Poole.

MAJOR HONOUR: World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2007 [Non-riding reserve].

RIDER LINKS: Son of Jacek Gomolski (born: 20 January 1968, Poland).

GOUGH, David John

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 January 1986, Newport, Gwent, South Wales.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Newport II; (2002) Carmarthen; (2003) Carmarthen, Newport II; (2008) Plymouth.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Graig Gough (born: 24 November 1981, Newport, Gwent, South Wales).

GRAJCZONEK, Joshua (Josh) Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 February 1990, Kirwan, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Glasgow.

GRANT, Alexander Robert (Rob)

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 June 1984, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Linlithgow; (2000) Ashfield, Newcastle; (2001) Newcastle; (2002) Newcastle, Stoke; (2003) Berwick, Sheffield II, Stoke; (2004-05) Stoke, Stoke II; (2006) Stoke II; (2007) Berwick.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Rob Grant (born: 17 February 1959, Throckley, Northumberland). Grandson of Alec Grant (born: 17 January 1911, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Tyne and Wear).

GRAVERSEN, Jan

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 April 1987, Sallingsund, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Mildenhall.

GRIEVES, James Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 September 1974, Paisley, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1991-95) Glasgow; (1996-97) Wolverhampton; (1998) Wolverhampton, Berwick; (1999) Edinburgh; (2000-02) Glasgow; (2003-04) Glasgow, Wolverhampton; (2005) Newcastle, Wolverhampton; (2006) Newcastle; (2007) Redcar, Wolverhampton; (2008) Redcar.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Ashfield Stadium hosted the Scot's testimonial on 28 October 2000, when the Grievs Select defeated Wolverhampton 52-38.

GUSTAFSSON, Simon

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 May 1990, Kumla, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007-08) Eastbourne.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Henrik Gustafsson (born: 14 August 1970, Kumla, Sweden).

MAJOR HONOUR: European Under-19 Team Champion: 2008.

HAIGH, David

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 December 1984, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Newcastle II; (2003) Wimbledon, Newcastle II, Peterborough II; (2004) Newcastle II, Stoke II; (2006-07) Stoke II.

HAINES, Joseph (Joe) Keir

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 September 1991, Bolton, Greater Manchester.
BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Cleveland; (2007) Scunthorpe; (2008) Workington, Boston.
MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-15 Champion: 2006.

HALL, Richard James

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 August 1984, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Newcastle; (2002) Newcastle, Newcastle II; (2003) Sheffield II, Coventry (British League Cup only), Boston; (2004) Sheffield, Sheffield II, Boston; (2005) Sheffield, Eastbourne; (2006-07) Peterborough; (2008) Scunthorpe.

HALSEY, Daniel John

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 September 1988, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (2005-07) Rye House II; (2008) Rye House II, Rye House.

HAMILL, William (Billy) Gordon

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 May 1970, Arcadia, California, USA.
BRITISH CAREER: (1990-95) Cradley Heath; (1996) Cradley Heath + Stoke; (1997) Belle Vue; (1998-2003) Coventry; (2005) Oxford; (2006-07) Wolverhampton.
MAJOR HONOURS: World Team Cup Champion: 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998; World Champion: 1996; AMA American Champion: 1999, 2001, 2002; SRA American Champion: 2002.
GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Austrian GP Champion: 1995; Swedish GP Champion: 1996; Danish GP Champion: 1996; Challenge Champion: 1999; Czech Republic GP Champion: 2000, 2001; European GP Champion: 2000.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Hamill's testimonial meeting took place at Coventry on 26 March 2000, when Nicki Pedersen emerged victorious from an individual event.

HAMPEL, Jaroslaw (Jarek)

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 April 1982, Lodz, Poland.
BRITISH CAREER: (2000-03) Ipswich; (2008) Ipswich.
MAJOR HONOURS: World Under-21 Champion: 2003; World Cup Champion: 2005, 2007.

HANCOCK, Gregory (Greg) Alan

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 June 1970, Whittier, California, USA.
BRITISH CAREER: (1989-95) Cradley Heath; (1996) Cradley Heath + Stoke; (1997-2001) Coventry; (2003-05) Oxford; (2006-07) Reading.
MAJOR HONOURS: World Pairs Champion: 1992; World Team Cup Champion: 1992, 1993, 1998; AMA American Champion: 1995, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006; World Champion: 1997; Elite League Riders' Champion: 1997.
GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: British GP Champion: 1995, 2004; Czech Republic GP Champion: 1997; Polish GP Champion: 1997; Danish GP Champion: 2000; Challenge Champion: 2001; Australian GP Champion: 2002; Norwegian GP Champion: 2003; Latvian GP Champion: 2006.
ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Coventry hosted the Californian's testimonial meeting on 19 April 1998, when Jason Crump took victory in an individual event; (2) Hancock remarkably appeared in each and every one of the first 100 Grand Prix rounds staged between 1995 and 2007. He is also the third highest scorer in GP history, having totaled 1,268 points from his 100 appearances; (3) The American didn't appear for Reading after 11 June 2007, having allegedly agreed a deal with the club's out-going promotion to only ride for the first part of the season.

HANSEN, Kenneth Kruse

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 October 1987, Herlev, Denmark.
BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Workington, Wolverhampton; (2008) Wolverhampton.
RIDER LINKS: Brother-in-law of Lars Munkedal (born: 3 March 1967, Copenhagen, Denmark).
ADDITIONAL INFO: Having been released in a team change at Wolverhampton in 2008, Hansen agreed a deal to join Birmingham. However, the move was vetoed when he informed the club that he would miss his scheduled debut due to a fixture in his Danish homeland.

HARDING, Trevor Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 November 1986, Subiaco, Western Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Sheffield II, Carmarthen; (2003) King's Lynn, Boston; (2004) King's Lynn, King's Lynn II, Ipswich, Swindon II; (2005) Rye House II, Sheffield, Boston, Somerset, Eastbourne; (2006-07) King's Lynn, Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 2002; Western Australia State Champion: 2005.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of Trevor Harding [Senior]. Brother of Daniel Harding (born: 2 July 1988, Perth, Western Australia).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Harding had agreed to return to King's Lynn in 2008, but suffered serious back injuries in a track accident in his Aussie homeland, whilst competing in the Ron Johnson Memorial meeting at Pinjar Park, Perth on 19 January.

HARGREAVES, Jack

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 May 1988, Shrewsbury, Shropshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Wolverhampton II; (2004) Stoke II; (2005) Stoke, Stoke II; (2006) Redcar, Stoke II, Cleveland; (2007) Stoke, Stoke II, Redcar, Cleveland; (2008) Birmingham, Buxton.

HARRIS, Christopher (Chris) Calvin

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 November 1982, Truro, Cornwall.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) St Austell; (1999-2000) Exeter; (2001) Trelawny; (2002-03) Trelawny, Peterborough; (2004-08) Coventry.

MAJOR HONOUR: British Champion: 2007.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: British GP Champion: 2007.

HARRISON, Russell (Rusty) Wade

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 October 1981, Elizebeth, Nr. Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Glasgow; (2001-04) Workington; (2005) Edinburgh, Belle Vue; (2006) Edinburgh, Workington; (2007) Stoke; (2008) King's Lynn.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 1995, 1997; Australian Under-21 Champion: 2001; South Australia State Champion: 2003.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Quit the sport in September 2007 after a bad run of mechanical problems and a loss of form, but had a change of heart and returned to competitive action for King's Lynn in 2008, following the pre-season injury suffered by Trevor Harding.

HART, Jerran

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 January 1991, Ipswich, Suffolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Sittingbourne; (2008) Newport, Sittingbourne, Newcastle.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Newport were forced to close down after promoter Tim Stone's death on 26 April 2008. Only the side's Premier Trophy matches were permitted to count in the riders' records and Hart subsequently re-located to Newcastle.

HAUZINGER, Manuel

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 December 1982, Vienna, Austria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Isle of Wight; (2006) Newcastle; (2007) Birmingham; (2008) Berwick, Swindon.

MAJOR HONOURS: Austrian Champion: 2002, 2005, 2006; Austrian/Croatian Champion: 2004; Argentine Champion: 2007.

HAVELOCK, Robert Gary

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 November 1968, Eaglescliffe, Yarm, Cleveland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1985) Middlesbrough, King's Lynn, Wolverhampton; (1986) Middlesbrough, Bradford; (1987-88) Bradford; (1990-97) Bradford; (1998) Eastbourne, Poole; (1999-2002) Poole; (2003-04) Peterborough; (2005) Arena-Essex; (2006-08) Redcar.

MAJOR HONOURS: British Under-21 Champion: 1986; European Junior Champion: 1987; British Champion: 1991, 1992; Overseas Champion: 1992; World Champion: 1992; Premier League Riders' Champion: 1995.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Brian Havelock (born: 9 May 1942, Yarm, Cleveland).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Havelock was banned from competing in the 1989 campaign, after testing positive for cannabis at the 1988 British League Riders' Championship; (2) The Englishman enjoyed a successful testimonial at Bradford on 8 June 1997, when the North beat the South, 50-40.

HAWKINS, Ritchie Mark

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 November 1983, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Sheffield II; (2001) Swindon, Sheffield II; (2002) Swindon, Swindon II; (2003) Swindon, Swindon II, Peterborough (British League Cup only); (2004) Mildenhall, Berwick; (2005) Somerset, Peterborough; (2006) Workington, Swindon; (2007) Somerset, Poole.

MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-21 Champion: 2004.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Kevin Hawkins (born: 21 July 1954, Buckingham, Buckinghamshire).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Hawkins had agreed to again ride for Somerset in 2008, but suffered multiple injuries in January while appearing in an indoor meeting in Kiel, Germany.

HAYES, Grant Lincoln

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 January 1989, Halifax, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Weymouth, Sheffield II; (2005-06) Scunthorpe.

RIDER LINKS: Son of former junior rider Geoff Hayes.

HEATH, Trevor Michael

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 March 1989, Cuckfield, West Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Sheffield II; (2005-06) Mildenhall.

RIDER LINKS: Cousin of Sam Heath (born: 16 December 1989).

HEDLEY, Tom

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 January 1988, Mildura, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Newport.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Nathan Hedley.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Hedley had agreed to link with Somerset in 2008, but, on the eve of the season, he concluded that he wasn't physically or mentally fit to assume his place in the team after all.

HEFENBROCK, Christian

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 May 1985, Liebenthal, Germany.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Wolverhampton; (2007) Lakeside, Peterborough; (2008) Wolverhampton.

MAJOR HONOURS: German Under-21 Champion: 2001, 2005; German Champion: 2006.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The German racer had his van broken into during Peterborough's Elite League meeting at Ipswich on 13 September 2007, when thieves stole valuable items, including his racing licence, passport, credit cards and a mobile phone.

HENRY, Christian

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 February 1981, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Edinburgh, Ashfield; (2001-02) Edinburgh; (2003) Glasgow; (2005-08) Newcastle.

HENRY, Shane

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 August 1980.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Mildenhall II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Robert Henry (born: 28 June 1954, Exeter, Devon).

HERNE, Jay Brett

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 September 1984, Campbell Town, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Weymouth; (2008) Weymouth, Birmingham.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Phil Herne (born: 27 March 1955, Ballina, New South Wales, Australia). Brother of Lee Herne (see separate entry).

HERNE, Lee Phillip

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 March 1980, Ipswich, Suffolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Newport, Newport II; Swindon, Workington, Isle of Wight, Reading; (2001) Trelawny, Somerset, Arena-Essex; (2002-03) Arena-Essex; (2008) Weymouth.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Phil Herne (born: 27 March 1955, Ballina, New South Wales, Australia). Brother of Jay Herne (see separate entry).

HILL, Thomas Matthew

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 September 1986, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Peterborough II, Wolverhampton II; (2004) Buxton, Newport II, Weymouth; (2006) Weymouth.

HLAVACEK, Matyas

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 March 1987, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Newcastle.

HLIB, Pawel

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 February 1986, Gorzow, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Coventry.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2006; Polish Under-21 Champion: 2007.

HODGSON, Daniel (Danny) Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 January 1982, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Buxton; (1999) King's Lynn II; (2000) Buxton, Hull; (2001) Sheffield, Newport II, Somerset; (2003) Carmarthen; (2004) King's Lynn II; (2006-08) Buxton.

HODGSON, Russell (Rusty)

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 March 1981, Northallerton, North Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Cleveland; (2007) Redcar, Cleveland.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Russ Hodgson (born: 30 November 1945, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland). Grandson of Frank Hodgson (born: 25 May 1911, Middlesbrough, Cleveland). Nephew of Jack Hodgson (born: 21 June 1915, Middlesbrough, Cleveland).

HOLDER, Christopher (Chris)

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 September 1987, Appin, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Isle of Wight; (2008) Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-21 Champion: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; New South Wales State Champion: 2006, 2007; Western Australia State Champion: 2008; Australian Champion: 2008.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of James Holder (see separate entry).

HOLDER, James

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 May 1986, Appin, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Isle of Wight.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Chris Holder (see separate entry).

HOPWOOD, Ben

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 March 1991, Salford, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Mildenhall II, Stoke II; (2007) Oxford II; (2008) Plymouth, Scunthorpe.

HOUGAARD, Patrick

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 May 1989, Fredericia, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Reading; (2008) Belle Vue.

HOWE, David Peter

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 March 1982, Leicester, Leicestershire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Peterborough II; (1998) Peterborough, Norfolk; (1999-2001) Peterborough;
(2002-05) Wolverhampton; (2006) Oxford; (2007-08) Wolverhampton.

MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-21 Champion: 2000.

HUGHES, Kyle Richard

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 June 1989, Bath, Somerset.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Mildenhall; (2005) Oxford II; (2006) Boston; (2007) Oxford II; (2008)
Plymouth, Sheffield.

HURRY, Paul William George

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 April 1975, Canterbury, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (1991) Arena-Essex; (1992-93) Peterborough; (1994-95) Arena-Essex; (1996)
London; (1997) King's Lynn; (1998-99) Oxford; (2000) Eastbourne; (2001-02) Wolverhampton; (2003)
Ipswich; (2004-06) Arena-Essex; (2007) Lakeside.

MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-21 Champion: 1994.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Appointed youth development officer at Lakeside in 2008, having been ruled out
of riding by an ongoing injury to his right arm, which he initially suffered in a speedway accident at Belle
Vue on 1 September 2003; (2) Hurry's testimonial meeting was held at Lakeside on 18 July 2008, when
Peter Karlsson took victory in an individual event.

HURST, Samuel (Sam) Melvin

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 April 1989, Southampton, Hampshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Newport II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Newport II; (2006) Newport, Newport II;
(2007) Weymouth.

IRVING, Gary Michael

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 March 1989, Carlisle, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Cleveland; (2008) Scunthorpe II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Michael Irving (born: 19 November 1963, Longtown, Cumbria).

IRVING, Kriss Jackson

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 April 1987, Whitehaven, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Newcastle II; (2004) Newcastle II, Stoke II; (2005-07) Stoke II.

RIDER LINKS: Nephew of Greg Irving (born: 25 September 1954, Workington, Cumbria).

IRWIN, Nathan Christopher Terence

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 March 1983, Cuckfield, Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) King's Lynn II; (2000) Peterborough II; (2002) Wimbledon; (2004)
Weymouth, Swindon II; (2005-06) Boston; (2007) Weymouth; (2008) Sittingbourne.

RIDER LINKS: Nephew of former junior rider Nick Irwin (born: 22 February 1959, Croydon, South
London).

ISHERWOOD, Gareth Andrew

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 November 1988, Manchester, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Stoke II; (2006-07) Stoke II, Buxton; (2008) Buxton.

IVERSEN, Niels-Kristian Trochmann

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 June 1982, Esbjerg, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) King's Lynn; (2003) Newport, Oxford; (2004-05) Oxford; (2006-07)
Peterborough; (2008) Wolverhampton.

MAJOR HONOURS: Danish Under-21 Champion: 2002; World Cup Champion: 2006, 2008.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Grand Final Champion: 2007.

JACOBSEN, Krister

DATE OF BIRTH: 31 March 1987, Logstrup, Denmark.
BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Stoke.

JAKOBSEN, Klaus

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 January 1989, Aaby, Denmark.
BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Stoke.

JAMES, Scott Terry

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 May 1984, Adelaide, South Australia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Workington, Mildenhall; (2003) Mildenhall, Coventry (British League Cup only); (2005) Wimbledon, Workington; (2006) Buxton; (2007) Workington, Buxton; (2008) Redcar II.

JANKOWSKI, Lukasz

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 December 1982, Leszno, Poland
BRITISH CAREER: (2002) King's Lynn; (2007-08) Belle Vue.
NOTE: Jankowski made one British League Cup appearance for Oxford in 2003, but this is not counted in his career record because his inclusion in the side was later deemed ineligible.
RIDER LINKS: Son of Roman Jankowski (born: 5 October 1957, Koscian, Poland).

JANNIRO, Billy Mitchell

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 July 1980, Vallejo, California, USA.
BRITISH CAREER: (2001-04) Coventry; (2005) Peterborough, Coventry; (2006-08) Coventry.
MAJOR HONOUR: SRA American Champion: 2004.

JANSSON, Kim Patrik

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 October 1981, Gothenburg, Sweden.
BRITISH CAREER: (2002-07) Ipswich.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Jansson was left paralysed from the chest down after crashing whilst representing Team Bikab in a Swedish Division fixture at home to Filbyterna on 16 August 2008. The accident saw him sustain two crushed vertebrae.

JAROS, Jan

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 November 1984, Prague, Czech Republic.
BRITISH CAREER: (2003) King's Lynn (British League Cup only); (2004) Belle Vue; (2005) King's Lynn; (2006) Ipswich.

JIROUT, Marian (Mario)

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 July 1976, Pardubice, Czech Republic.
BRITISH CAREER: (1995-97) Peterborough; (1999) Peterborough; (2001) Peterborough; (2002-03) Somerset; (2004) Newcastle; (2007) Mildenhall.
MAJOR HONOUR: Czech Republic Under-21 Champion: 1994.
RIDER LINKS: Son of Jiri Jirout (born: 14 March 1953).
ADDITIONAL INFO: Jirout was due to participate in the British Grand Prix at Coventry on 31 July 1999, but was injured in the official practice for the event when a bizarre accident saw a chain partially imbed itself in the rider's leg after snapping. Although the Czech did receive a solitary GP point, he was forced to miss the prestigious meeting.

JOHANSSON, Benny

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 January 1977, Linköping, Sweden.
BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Berwick.

JOHNSON, Ashley

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 September 1984, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.
BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Newcastle II; (2005) Scunthorpe; (2006) Cleveland II; (2007) Newcastle, Cleveland.

JOHNSON, Benjamin (Ben)

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 December 1989, Manchester, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Boston.

JOHNSON, Brendan David

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 June 1992, Poole, Dorset.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Oxford II; (2008) Weymouth.

JOHNSON, Christopher (Chris) Simon

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 October 1987, Chichester, Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Wimbledon; (2003) Oxford II, Trelawny II, Isle of Wight; (2004) Isle of Wight, Swindon II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Reading, Rye House II, Mildenhall; (2006) Isle of Wight, Plymouth, Weymouth II; (2007) Isle of Wight.

NOTE: Ruled out of the 2008 campaign after suffering a badly broken thigh and kneecap, along with a broken pelvis while representing the Isle of Wight in a Premier League fixture at King's Lynn on 12 October 2007.

JOHNSON, Peter Collin

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 December 1976, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994) Cleveland; (1995) Berwick, Linlithgow; (1996) Berwick; (1997) Berwick II; (1998) Berwick; (1999) Newcastle, Mildenhall; (2006) Weymouth.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Brian Johnson (born: 13 June 1952, Middlesbrough, Cleveland).

JOHNSTON, Steven (Steve) Paul

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 October 1971, Kalgoorlie, Western Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1992) Sheffield; (1993) Sheffield, Long Eaton; (1994-96) Long Eaton; (1997) Ipswich; (1998-2002) Oxford; (2003) Belle Vue; (2004) Swindon; (2005) Wolverhampton; (2006) Arena-Essex; (2007) Coventry; (2008) Ipswich.

NOTE: Johnston also appeared for Oxford prior to joining Coventry in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MAJOR HONOURS: Western Australia State Champion: 1993, 1996, 2004.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Coventry hosted a testimonial meeting for the Australian racer on 22 June 2008, when Scott Nicholls took victory in an individual event.

JONASSON, Thomas Hjelm

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 November 1988, Vetlanda, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Edinburgh.

JONES, Steven Paul

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 September 1979, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Lathallan; (1998) Edinburgh, Newcastle; (1999) Newcastle, Linlithgow; (2002-03) Newcastle II; (2004) Carmarthen; (2006-07) Cleveland; (2008) Redcar II.

JONSSON, Andreas Karl Rune

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 September 1980, Hallstavik, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998-99) Coventry; (2001-05) Coventry; (2006) Arena-Essex; (2007-08) Lakeside.

MAJOR HONOURS: Swedish Under-21 Champion: 1998, 2000; World Under-21 Champion: 2000; World Cup Champion: 2003, 2004; Swedish Champion: 2006, 2007; Czech Golden Helmet Champion: 2007.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Scandinavian GP Champion: 2006; Danish GP Champion: 2007; German GP Champion: 2007.

JUUL SORENSEN, Richard Kristian

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 October 1970, Copenhagen, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (1991-94) Newcastle; (1995) Wolverhampton; (1997) Newcastle, Berwick; (1998) Stoke; (1999) Wolverhampton; (2000) Glasgow, Isle of Wight; (2001-05) Newcastle; (2006) Redcar, Workington; (2008) Newcastle.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Always rode as Richard Juul; (2) Enjoyed a testimonial meeting at Newcastle on 28 March 2004, when Wolverhampton defeated a Newcastle Select 45-44.

KARLSSON, Magnus Erik

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 December 1981, Gullspang, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Edinburgh; (2003) Edinburgh, Wolverhampton; (2004) Hull, Wolverhampton; (2005-07) Wolverhampton; (2008) Scunthorpe.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Gunnar Karlsson (born: 16 December 1947, Nybble, Sweden). Brother of Peter Karlsson and Mikael Max (see separate entries).

KARLSSON, Peter Gunnar

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 December 1969, Gullspang, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (1990) Wolverhampton; (1992-97) Wolverhampton; (1999) Wolverhampton; (2000) Peterborough; (2001) King's Lynn, Belle Vue; (2002-03) Wolverhampton; (2005) Peterborough; (2006-07) Wolverhampton.

MAJOR HONOURS: Nordic Under-21 Champion: 1989; Swedish Champion: 1989, 1991; World Team Cup Champion: 2000; World Cup Champion: 2003, 2004.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Challenge Champion: 2000.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Gunnar Karlsson (born: 16 December 1947, Nybble, Sweden). Brother of Magnus Karlsson and Mikael Max (see separate entries).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Monmore Green hosted a testimonial meeting for 'PK' on 16 March 2003, when Wolverhampton defeated Kaparna 50-40.

KASPRZAK, Krzysztof

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 July 1984, Leszno, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003-06) Poole; (2007) Lakeside; (2008) Poole.

NOTE: Kasprzak joined Swindon at the start of 2004, but is not credited with any official appearances as he rode only in four challenge matches.

MAJOR HONOURS: European Champion: 2003; World Under-21 Champion: 2005; World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2005; World Cup Champion: 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Zenon Kasprzak (born: 10 May 1962, Poniec, Poland). Brother of Robert Kasprzak (see separate entry).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Kasprzak's spell with Swindon in 2004 was short-lived because of a crash in his homeland. This occurred in the Criterion of Aces individual event at Bydgoszcz on 21 March. He was initially replaced temporarily in the Robins' side by Andy Smith, but the move later became a permanent one for the season. Swindon did try to re-introduce Kasprzak following Rafal Kurmanski's suicide, but the BSPA refused to reduce his grading status and the move was vetoed; (2) The Pole's success in the 2005 World Under-21 Championship was bizarre, to say the least. Both he and Tomas Suchanek were tied on 8 points apiece when the meeting, at Wiener Neustadt, Austria, was abandoned because of adverse weather conditions. Kasprzak subsequently took the title on the toss of a coin!; (3) 'KK' didn't have a British team berth in 2008, but answered an SOS call to join Poole on a short-term basis after club No. 1 Bjarne Pedersen had sustained a broken wrist in the Craven Shield semi-final at Coventry on 2 May.

KASPRZAK, Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 April 1987, Leszno, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Isle of Wight.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Zenon Kasprzak (born: 10 May 1962, Poniec, Poland). Brother of Krzysztof Kasprzak (see separate entry).

KATAJISTO, Kalle

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 April 1991, Varkaus, Finland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Edinburgh.

KATT, Stephan

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 September 1979, Kiel, Germany.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Somerset; (2006-08) Somerset.

KENDREW, Guy

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 October 1987, Stokesley, Middlesbrough, Cleveland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Stoke II; (2008) Redcar II.

KENNETT, Edward David

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 August 1986, Hastings, Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Rye House, Mildenhall; (2002-03) Rye House, Rye House II, Eastbourne; (2004) Eastbourne; (2005) Rye House, Poole; (2006) Rye House, Eastbourne; (2007) Poole; (2008) Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: British Under-21 Champion: 2005, 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Dave Kennett (born: 18 April 1952, Farnborough, Kent). Nephew of Gordon Kennett (born: 2 September 1953, Bromley, Kent) and Barney Kennett (15 March 1955, Orpington, Kent).

KERR, Christopher (Chris) Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 June 1984, Grass Valley, California, USA.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Redcar; (2007) Redcar, Wolverhampton; (2008) Redcar.

KESKINEN, Joni

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 January 1986, Ylihärmä, Finland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Redcar.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Keskinen suffered a bad crash at Seinajoki in his homeland when he was a teenager. He subsequently spent several months in a wheelchair and another year or so recuperating before returning to the saddle; (2) He joined Redcar as a short-term replacement for the injured Chris Kerr in 2008, but found the going tough and quickly returned home to Finland. He was subsequently deemed to be withholding his services.

KESSLER, Robert (Robbie)

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 April 1973, Neuwied, Germany.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994) Sheffield; (1996-97) Sheffield; (1999) King's Lynn; (2000-01) Sheffield; (2002) Hull; (2003) Stoke; (2004) Stoke, Peterborough; (2005-06) Stoke; (2007) Stoke, Redcar, Rye House; (2008) Mildenhall, Coventry.

MAJOR HONOURS: German Under-21 Champion: 1992, 1993.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Johann Kessler.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Stoke hosted Kessler's testimonial meeting on 27 May 2006, when a four-team tournament resulted thus: Stoke 30, Sheffield 25, Hull 24, Wolverhampton 24.

KING, Daniel (Danny) Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 August 1986, Maidstone, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Peterborough II; (2002) Peterborough II, Swindon II; (2003) Peterborough II, Ipswich (British League Cup only), Reading, Mildenhall, Arena-Essex; (2004) Ipswich, Mildenhall; (2005) Rye House, Ipswich; (2006) Mildenhall, Ipswich; (2007-08) Peterborough.

MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-18 Champion: 2004.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Jason King (see separate entry).

KING, Jason Gary

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 April 1985, Maidstone, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000-01) Peterborough II; (2002) Swindon, Swindon II, Peterborough II; (2003) Arena-Essex, Peterborough II; (2004) Mildenhall, Rye House; (2005) Somerset, Newport; (2006-07) Mildenhall; (2008) Newcastle.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Daniel King (see separate entry).

KLING, Ricky

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 June 1987, Mallila, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007-08) Lakeside.

NOTE: Kling also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Anders Kling.

KLINDT, Nicolai

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 December 1988, Outrup, Vestjylland, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Wolverhampton.

MAJOR HONOURS: Danish Under-19 Champion: 2006; Danish Under-21 Champion: 2006, 2008; European Under-19 Champion: 2007.

KOLODZIEJ, Janusz

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 May 1984, Tarnow, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Reading; (2006-07) Reading.

MAJOR HONOURS: Polish Under-21 Champion: 2004; Polish Champion: 2005; World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2005.

KORNELIUSSEN, Mads Klit

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 June 1983, Aalborg, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003-04) Newport; (2005) Newport, Swindon; (2006-08) Swindon.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Tim Korneliusen (born: 28 January 1968, Aalborg, Denmark).

KRAMER, Emil

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 November 1979, Mariestad, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) King's Lynn, Hull; (2003) Hull; (2004-05) Hull, Oxford; (2006-08) Somerset.

KRISTIANSEN, Jesper

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 July 1985, Givskud, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Stoke.

KROGER, Matthias (Matten)

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 May 1969, Schleswig, Germany.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Somerset.

KRONER, Tobias (Tobi)

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 October 1985, Dohren, Nr Bremen, Germany.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Oxford; (2006-08) Ipswich.

KSIEZAK, Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 January 1987, Pooraka, Adelaide, South Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Edinburgh; (2006-07) Glasgow; (2008) Glasgow, Belle Vue.

KUS, Matej

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 July 1989, Plzek, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Berwick.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The Czech youngster was introduced into the Berwick side late in 2007, but, just two days into his British career, on 9 September, the new recruit, who spoke very little English, awoke in hospital speaking the language fluently after crashing in a league match at Glasgow! This phenomenal tale was actually included in many of the national papers. Suffering from concussion and a leg injury, Kus didn't ride again for the Bandits.

KYLMAKORPI, Joonas Nikolai

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 February 1980, Stockholm, Sweden.
BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Eastbourne; (2002) Ipswich; (2003) Arena-Essex, Eastbourne; (2004) Eastbourne; (2005) Peterborough, Coventry; (2006) Arena-Essex; (2007-08) Lakeside.
MAJOR HONOURS: Swedish Under-21 Champion: 1999; Nordic Under-21 Champion: 2001.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Received a 28-day ban from the BSPA in 2005, when he was deemed to have been withholding his services from the Peterborough side.

LAMB, Jessica Nancy

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 February 1977, Poole, Dorset.
BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Boston; (2003) Somerset, Trelawny II; (2005) Armadale, Scunthorpe; (2006) Plymouth.

LAMBERT, Simon James

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 February 1989, Boston, Lincolnshire.
BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Boston, King's Lynn II; (2005) Boston; (2006) King's Lynn II, Boston; (2007) Boston; (2008) King's Lynn, Boston.

LANGLEY, Karl

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 June 1981, Whitehaven, Cumbria
BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Workington; (2003) Newcastle II, Armadale, Mildenhall; (2004) Newcastle II, Sheffield II; (2005) Armadale; (2006) Cleveland.

LANHAM, Leigh Stefan

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 August 1977, Ipswich, Suffolk.
BRITISH CAREER: (1993) Ipswich, Arena-Essex; (1994-96) Ipswich; (1997) Exeter, Bradford, King's Lynn; (1998-99) Arena-Essex; (2001) Arena-Essex; (2002-03) Arena-Essex, Ipswich; (2004-06) Arena-Essex; (2007-08) Lakeside.
MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-21 Champion: 1997.
RIDER LINKS: Son of Mike Lanham (born: 2 August 1951, Ipswich, Suffolk).
BRITISH FINAL: 8 pts (2008).
ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Ipswich-born rider is not credited with any official appearances in 2000, because he crashed in Arena-Essex's opening home challenge meeting against the Isle of Wight on 31 March and was to miss the entire year while he recovered from multiple fractures to his right thigh and a cracked pelvis; (2) Lanham suffered horrendous misfortune with his testimonial at Arena-Essex, his special meeting being postponed on no fewer than three occasions because of inclement weather, on 15 October 2004, 22 October 2004 and 8 April 2005. However, the event finally went ahead at the fourth time of asking on 5 October 2005, when victory went to Jason Crump.

LAUKKANEN, Kaj Pekka

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 April 1975, Seinajoki, Finland.
BRITISH CAREER: (1995-96) Long Eaton; (1998) Glasgow; (1999-2002) Belle Vue; (2003) Oxford; (2004) Belle Vue; (2007) Belle Vue, Edinburgh; (2008) Mildenhall.
MAJOR HONOURS: Finnish Under-21 Champion: 1995; Finnish Champion: 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006; Nordic Champion: 2001.

LAURENCE, Nicholas (Nick) Steven

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 June 1990, Eastbourne, East Sussex.
BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Weymouth; (2008) Rye House II.

LAWSON, Richard (Rich)

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 February 1986, Maryport, Cumbria.
BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Redcar II.
RIDER LINKS: Son of Steve Lawson (born: 11 December 1957, Workington, Cumbria).
ADDITIONAL INFO: Lawson forged a successful career in moto-cross, prior to taking up speedway at the age of twenty-two, in 2008. His two achievements in the discipline occurred in 2003, when he became British 125cc Youth Moto-cross Champion and Moto-Cross Champion of Champions.

LAWSON, William

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 February 1987, Perth, Perthshire, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Newcastle II; (2003) Newcastle, Newcastle II; (2004) Newcastle, Newcastle II; (2005) Edinburgh, Armadale; (2006-07) Edinburgh, Wolverhampton; (2008) Edinburgh.

MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-18 Champion: 2005.

LEE, Paul Kevin

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 March 1981, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1996) Peterborough II; (1997) Long Eaton, Shuttle Cubs, Peterborough, Coventry; (1998) Hull; (1999-2000) Sheffield; (2001) Coventry; (2002) Swindon; (2003) Mildenhall; (2004) Mildenhall, King's Lynn; (2005) Peterborough, King's Lynn; (2007) King's Lynn; (2008) Mildenhall.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Lee broke his left arm whilst riding for King's Lynn in a home match against Berwick in 2005, causing him to miss the whole of the following season. The accident also left him suffering nerve damage to his hand and he subsequently returned to hospital in April 2008 to correct the problem, before resuming his racing career late in August with Mildenhall.

LEGAULT, Kyle Patrick

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 May 1985, St Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-06) Sheffield; (2007) Mildenhall; (2008) Birmingham.

MAJOR HONOURS: Canadian Champion: 2003, 2004, 2006.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Fred 'Hot Dog' Legault.

LEGG, Billy Peter

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 September 1988, Swindon, Wiltshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Swindon II; (2004) Newport II, Mildenhall, Weymouth; (2005) Newport II; (2006) Newport, Newport II; (2007) Plymouth, Stoke II.

LEMON, Mark Ian John

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 February 1973, Bairnsdale, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1990) Poole; (1991) Poole, Middlesbrough; (1992) Middlesbrough, Long Eaton; (1996) Oxford; (1997-98) Poole; (1999) Eastbourne, Hull; (2000) Oxford; (2002) Oxford; (2003) Somerset, Belle Vue; (2004) Exeter, Poole; (2005) Exeter; (2006) Stoke, Reading; (2007) Reading; (2008) Reading, Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: Victoria State Champion: 1993, 1996.

RIDER LINKS: Son-in-law of Tom Owen (born: 19 June 1951, Ormskirk, Lancashire).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Swindon applied for a work permit to sign Lemon in three successive years (1993-95), but they were refused the necessary paperwork on each occasion. The rider finally earned a work permit after finishing sixth in the 1996 Australian Final, subsequently joining Oxford.

LEVERINGTON, Trent Ashley

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 May 1980, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Glasgow, Armadale, Wolverhampton II; (2004) Buxton, Stoke; (2005)

Glasgow; (2006) Stoke; (2007-08) Glasgow.

LINDBACK, Antonio

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 May 1985, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003-06) Poole; (2007) Belle Vue.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Cup Champion: 2004; European Under-19 Champion: 2004; Swedish Under-21 Champion: 2006.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Grand Final Champion: 2004.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Lindback announced his retirement from the sport in 2007 after being detained by police in Avesta, Sweden following a drink-driving offence. The authorities were somewhat lenient with him and handed out a punishment of fifty hours community service. The Brazilian-born Swede subsequently had a change of heart and resumed his racing career in 2008 with Vargarna in the Swedish Allsvenskan League.

LINDGREN, Jan Fredrik (Freddie)

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 September 1985, Örebro, Närke, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003-08) Wolverhampton.

MAJOR HONOURS: Swedish Under-21 Champion: 2003, 2004.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Tommy Lindgren (born: 19 November 1966, Östersund, Jämtland, Sweden).

Brother of Ludvig Lindgren (see separate entry).

LINDGREN, Ludvig

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 September 1990, Örebro, Närke, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Wolverhampton.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Tommy Lindgren (born: 19 November 1966, Östersund, Jämtland, Sweden).

Brother of Fredrik Lindgren (see separate entry).

LITTLE, Kevin John

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 September 1972, Edinburgh, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1989) Glasgow, Berwick; (1990-91) Berwick; (1992) Bradford; (1993) Edinburgh; (1994) Edinburgh, Berwick; (1995) Berwick, Belle Vue, Edinburgh, Coventry; (1996) Coventry; (1997) Berwick; (1998-2000) Edinburgh; (2001-04) Newcastle; (2005) Workington; (2006) Redcar.

MAJOR HONOUR: Academy League Riders' Champion: 1995.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Redcar played host to a farewell meeting for Little on 5 April 2007, when a four-team tournament resulted thus: Newcastle 31, Redcar 28, Workington 23, Edinburgh 21.

LOOF, Henning

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 October 1983, Hamburg, Germany.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Somerset, Mildenhall.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Loof is resident in the UK and, in 2002, he attempted to establish himself in British speedway, but had to abort a proposed team place with Newcastle when he was saddled with an 8.00 assessed average. As a German, he would have been permitted to ride in the Premier League on an assessed average of 5.00, but, virtually overnight, he became an 8.00 rider, simply because he appeared in two meetings in Denmark! However, in 2008, an alteration in his assessed figure to 5.00 points was agreed by the BSPA Management Committee, opening the door for him to join Somerset after Tom Hedley's change of heart.

LORAM, Mark Royston Gregory

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 January 1971, Mtarfa, Malta.

BRITISH CAREER: (1987) Hackney; (1988) Hackney, King's Lynn, Belle Vue, Reading, Swindon; (1989) Ipswich; (1990-94) King's Lynn; (1995-96) Exeter; (1997) Bradford; (1998) Wolverhampton; (1999-2000) Poole; (2001) Peterborough; (2002-03) Eastbourne; (2004-05) Arena-Essex; (2006-07) Ipswich.

MAJOR HONOURS: British Under-21 Champion: 1988; National League Riders' Champion: 1989; Commonwealth Champion: 1994; British Champion: 1997, 1999, 2001; Overseas Champion: 1999; World Champion: 2000.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Danish GP Champion: 1997; Swedish GP Champion: 1999.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Loram was born in Malta, due to his father being stationed there whilst on army service; (2) The rider suffered a crushing blow on the first lap of the opening race in Ipswich's initial league meeting of the 2007 season versus Reading on 22 March, when, in a racing accident, visiting rider Zdenek Simota had moved across his line. With little room to spare, Loram went clattering through the Foxhall Heath safety fence and suffered a badly broken left femur. As well as suffering the leg injury, Loram also broke his elbow and spent a considerable amount of time in hospital recuperating after several operations. Regrettably, he still wasn't fit to resume riding as the 2008 season dawned and it was subsequently revealed that he required a further operation to repair his femur on 28 April.

LOUIS, Christopher (Chris)

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 July 1969, Ipswich, Suffolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (1988) Hackney, Wolverhampton, King's Lynn, Ipswich; (1989-2002) Ipswich; (2004-08) Ipswich.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Under-21 Champion: 1990; British Champion: 1998, 2000.

RIDER LINKS: Son of John Louis (born: 14 June 1941, Ipswich, Suffolk).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Englishman enjoyed a successful testimonial meeting at Ipswich on 29 June 1997, when the South defeated the North, 48-42; (2) Louis missed part of the 2001 season after being involved in a bizarre track accident on 24 June, whilst riding for Pila at Czestochowa in a Polish Extraleague fixture, which left him suffering from head injuries. Unfortunately, in heat three, the starting marshal, Waldemar Ulamek (the uncle of Polish rider Sebastian Ulamek), inadvertently left a pole on the line, which served the purpose of holding up the tapes as the riders prepared to blast away. One lap later, the metal pole was hit by Louis' team-mate Jaroslaw Hampel and sent flying into the path of the on-coming Englishman, who crashed awkwardly as a result. Regrettably, Louis took a heavy knock to the shoulder and suffered swelling to part of the brain; (3) On 23 April 2002, he was involved in another horrific accident whilst representing Ornarna in a home match against Smederna in the Swedish Elite League. The accident occurred on the first lap of heat ten, when visiting rider Rickard Sedelius hit a rut and accidentally careered into Louis. The Ipswich-born rider managed to get off his steed, but hit the safety fence with some force, crushing his fifth vertebra. He was to miss the remainder of the season and all of 2003, before bravely returning to track action at the start of the 2004 campaign.

LOWE, Adam

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 February 1989, Leicester, Leicestershire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Boston; (2006) Stoke II; (2007-08) Boston.

LYONS, Jason Rodney

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 June 1970, Mildura, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1990-91) Glasgow; (1992-2003) Belle Vue; (2004) Poole, Newcastle; (2005) Belle Vue; (2006) Mildenhall; (2007-08) Birmingham.

MAJOR HONOURS: Victoria State Champion: 1997, 1998, 1999; Overseas Champion: 1998, 2001; South Australia State Champion: 1999; World Team Cup Champion: 1999; World Cup Champion: 2002.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Rod Lyons (born: 25 April 1946, Mildura, Victoria, Australia).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Lyons celebrated a much-deserved benefit season in 2001, with his testimonial meeting going ahead at Belle Vue on 12 August, when Jason Crump emerged victorious from an individual contest.

MacDONALD, Grant

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 December 1979, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (1996) Linlithgow, Cradley Heath + Stoke, Sheffield, London, Poole; (1997) Glasgow, Lathallan; (1998) Glasgow; (1999) Workington; (2000) Newcastle; (2001) Peterborough, Stoke, Newcastle; (2002) Glasgow; (2005) Wimbledon; (2007) Oxford II, King's Lynn.

McALLAN, David John

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 June 1980, Edinburgh, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1996) Berwick; (1997) Berwick, Berwick II, Sheffield; (1998) Berwick, Newcastle; (1999) Edinburgh, Linlithgow; (2000) Ashfield, Stoke; (2001) Berwick, Boston, Workington; (2002) Glasgow, Sheffield II; (2003-04) Glasgow, Boston; (2005) Sittingbourne, Edinburgh, Boston; (2006-07) Glasgow.

ADDITIONAL INFO: McAllan's career came to an abrupt end in the first match of a Premier League double-header versus Birmingham at Glasgow on 14 October 2007, when, in heat thirteen, he clashed with visiting rider Phil Morris, suffering a broken collarbone and a serious back injury, which subsequently left him with partial paralysis below the waist.

McDADE, Cal

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 April 1987, Glasgow, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Swindon II; (2005) Armadale; (2006-07) Boston.

McGOWAN, Travis

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 January 1981, Mildura, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999-2000) King's Lynn; (2002) King's Lynn; (2003-05) Oxford; (2006-07) Reading; (2008) Swindon.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 1993; Australian Under-21 Champion: 1998, 2000, 2002; Victoria State Champion: 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005.

McKINNA, Adam Kenneth

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 August 1986, Crewe, Cheshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004-05) Armadale; (2006) Newcastle, Scunthorpe; (2007) Newcastle, Cleveland, Boston; (2008) Berwick, Buxton.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Kenny McKinna (born: 21 October 1962, Johnstone, Scotland). Nephew of Charlie McKinna (born: 25 June 1961, Johnstone, Scotland) and Martin McKinna (born: 6 December 1965, Paisley, Renfrewshire, Scotland).

McLEOD, Alexander (Alex) Lewis

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 August 1990, Poole, Dorset.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Weymouth.

MADSEN, Tom Paarup

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 November 1977, Esbjerg, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Berwick; (2000-02) King's Lynn; (2003) Ipswich, King's Lynn; (2004) King's Lynn, Oxford, Berwick; (2005) Oxford, Berwick; (2006) Belle Vue; (2007) Mildenhall; (2008) Reading.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) An unsavoury incident prior to the 2004 season saw Madsen lose £9,500 worth of equipment from his van after thieves broke into the vehicle, which was parked outside his home at Tilney St Lawrence in Norfolk.

MAGOSI, Norbert

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 April 1975, Szeged, Hungary.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Peterborough; (2008) Berwick.

MAKINEN, Jari Aulis

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 June 1990, Hämeenkyrö, Finland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Mildenhall.

MAJOR HONOUR: Finnish Under-21 Champion: 2007.

MAKOVSKY, Michal

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 April 1976, Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-04) Berwick; (2005) Berwick, Oxford; (2006-08) Berwick.

MAJOR HONOUR: Czech Republic Champion: 1999.

MALLET, Darren Carl

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 May 1986, Boston, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Somerset, Boston; (2002) Boston; (2003) Boston, King's Lynn; (2004) King's Lynn, King's Lynn II, Boston; (2005) Boston, King's Lynn; (2006-08) Boston.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Dennis Mallett (born: 16 May 1961, Boston, Lincolnshire).

MALLET, Nicholas (Nick) John

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 May 1987, Newport, Gwent, South Wales.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Swindon II; (2003-04) Newport II; (2006) Stoke II.

MARSH, Krister Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 March 1976, Hereford, Hereford & Worcestershire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1995) Devon; (1996) Swindon, Swindon II, Sheffield, London; (1997) Oxford, Oxford II, Reading; (1998) Reading; (1999) Swindon; (2000) Reading, Newcastle; (2001) Newport,

Swindon, Exeter; (2002-03) Exeter; (2004) Isle of Wight; (2005) Isle of Wight, Belle Vue; (2006) Isle of Wight.

RIDER LINKS: Son-in-law of Martin Yeates (born: 24 November 1953, Salisbury, Wiltshire).

MARTIN, Sam Alan

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 February 1989, Bedford Park, Adelaide, South Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004-05) Oxford II; (2006) Boston; (2007) Oxford II, Berwick; (2008) Sheffield, Scunthorpe II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Mark Martin (born: 13 April 1961, Murray Bridge, South Australia).

MASON, David Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 December 1976, Crawley, West Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (1995) Sittingbourne, Reading, Arena-Essex, Swindon, Poole, Oxford; (1996) Sittingbourne, London, Reading; (1997) Arena-Essex; (1998) Newport, Stoke, Arena-Essex, Mildenhall; (1999) Swindon, Rye House; (2000) Rye House, Arena-Essex, Poole; (2001-03) Rye House; (2004-07) Weymouth; (2008) Plymouth.

MAJOR HONOUR: Conference League Riders' Champion: 2001.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Decided to take a break from racing to head-up Lewis Bridger's pit crew in 2008, although he did agree to help out Plymouth as a back-up rider if any of their heat-leaders got injured.

MASON, Karl Lewis

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 March 1986, Hillingdon, London.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Buxton, Mildenhall, Somerset; (2002) Newport II; (2003) Newport, Newport II; (2004) Newport, Newport II, Coventry II; (2005) Newport, Newport II; (2006) Newport II; (2007) Newport, Weymouth; (2008) Weymouth.

MAX, Karl Mikael Karlsson

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 August 1973, Amneharad, Gullspang, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (1993-94) Wolverhampton; (1996-99) Wolverhampton; (2001-05) Wolverhampton; (2006) Arena-Essex.

MAJOR HONOURS: Swedish Under-21 Champion: 1992; World Under-21 Champion: 1994; World Team Cup Champion: 1994, 2000; World Cup Champion: 2003, 2004.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Gunnar Karlsson (born: 16 December 1947, Nybble, Sweden). Brother of Peter and Magnus Karlsson (see separate entries).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Rode under his original name of Mikael Karlsson, before deciding to use his mother's maiden name in 2003; (2) Monmore Green successfully hosted a testimonial meeting for the Swedish ace on 23 May 2004, when Wolverhampton were held to a 45-45 draw by the Mikael Max Select.

MEAKINS, Gordon

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 March 1974, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) King's Lynn II; (2000) Peterborough II; (2001) Buxton; (2002) Carmarthen; (2003) Carmarthen, Somerset (British League Cup only); (2004) Carmarthen; (2006) Weymouth II; (2007) Sittingbourne.

RIDER LINKS: Father of Scott Meakins (born: 26 September 1992, Carmarthen, West Wales). Son of former junior rider Nigel Meakins.

MEAR, Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 January 1989, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004-07) Rye House II; (2008) Rye House, Rye House II.

MELDRUM, David

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 October 1977, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994-95) Berwick; (1996) Berwick, Eastbourne II; (1997) Berwick, Berwick II; (1998) Berwick, Buxton; (1999-2001) Berwick; (2002) Somerset, Wimbledon; (2003) Berwick; (2004) Berwick, Newcastle, Newcastle II; (2005) Sittingbourne, Stoke; (2006) Berwick, Stoke II; (2007) Berwick.

RIDER LINKS: Nephew of Andy Meldrum (born: 3 December 1949).

MESSING, Andreas

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 January 1987, Hallstavik, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Arena-Essex; (2007) Lakeside; (2008) Coventry.

MIEDZINSKI, Adrian

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 August 1985, Torun, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Eastbourne; (2006) Swindon.

NOTE: Miedzinski also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MAJOR HONOURS: Polish Under-21 Champion: 2005; World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2006.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Stanislaw Miedzinski (born: 18 March 1962, Poland).

MILLS, Christopher (Chris) William

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 March 1983, Chelmsford, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Arena-Essex; (2002) King's Lynn II, Wimbledon; (2003) Isle of Wight, Oxford II; (2004) Reading, Oxford II; (2005) Reading, Oxford, Oxford II, Somerset; (2006) King's Lynn, Reading; (2007) King's Lynn, Lakeside; (2008) Reading.

MISKOWIAK, Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 November 1983, Rawicz, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-08) Ipswich.

MAJOR HONOUR: World Under-21 Champion: 2004.

MITCHELL, Michael

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 April 1984, Halifax, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Peterborough II, Newport II; (2001) Sheffield II, Newport II; (2002) Sheffield II, Buxton, Boston; (2003) Sheffield II, Stoke II, Carmarthen, Rye House II; (2004) Stoke II, Sheffield II; (2005) Stoke II; (2008) Redcar II.

MOGRIDGE, Alan John

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 November 1963, Westminster, London.

BRITISH CAREER: (1981) Wimbledon; (1982-83) Crayford, Wimbledon; (1984) Canterbury, Wolverhampton; (1985) Hackney; (1986) Canterbury, Rye House, Ipswich, Hackney; (1987) Hackney; (1988) Hackney, Sheffield, Bradford; (1989-90) Ipswich; (1991-92) Arena-Essex; (1993) Peterborough; (1994) Middlesbrough, Sheffield; (1995) Arena-Essex; (1996) London, Eastbourne; (1997) Eastbourne; (1999-2000) Berwick; (2001) Swindon; (2002-05) Stoke; (2006) Stoke, Workington.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) 'Moggo' held his testimonial meeting at Arena-Essex on 11 May 1993, when Leigh Adams was victorious in an individual event; (2) Mogridge spent the whole of the 1998 season in retirement, before making a return to the sport in 1999; (3) The Londoner subsequently enjoyed a second testimonial at Stoke on 23 July 2005, when Moggo's Maniacs defeated the Super Seven Select 47-43.

MOLLER, Henrik

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 September 1985, Fredericia, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Peterborough; (2006) Edinburgh; (2007) Edinburgh, Birmingham; (2008) Peterborough.

NOTE: Moller also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MONBERG, Jesper Bruun

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 October 1977, Esbjerg, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997-2003) Wolverhampton; (2004) Ipswich; (2005) Oxford, Peterborough; (2006) Peterborough; (2007) Ipswich; (2008) Wolverhampton.

NOTE: Jensen also appeared for Oxford prior to joining Ipswich in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MAJOR HONOURS: Nordic Under-21 Champion: 1995; World Team Cup Champion: 1997; World Under-21 Champion: 1997; European Champion: 2005.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Dane staged his testimonial meeting at Peterborough on 25 March 2007, when a three-team tournament resulted thus: Peterborough 42, Oxford 35, Wolverhampton 31; (2) He received a 28-day ban from the BSPA in 2007, when, prior to their closure, he was deemed to have been withholding his services from the Oxford side; (3) The rider was known as Jesper B. Jensen throughout the majority of his racing career, before adopting his wife's maiden name in March 2008.

MOORE, Andrew David

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 October 1982, Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Skegness, Norfolk; (1999) Mildenhall, Sheffield; (2000) Sheffield, Sheffield II, Berwick; (2001) Sheffield, Sheffield II; (2002-03) Sheffield; (2004) Sheffield, Swindon, Eastbourne; (2005) Eastbourne; (2006) Eastbourne, Mildenhall; (2007) Swindon; (2008) Scunthorpe, Stoke.

RIDER LINKS: Son of former junior rider Richard 'Chippy' Moore.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Due to financial constraints, Moore quit the sport part-way through the 2006 campaign, shortly after linking with Mildenhall; The Lincoln-born rider subsequently made a return to the sport with Swindon in 2007; (2) In June 2008, agreement was reached between Scunthorpe and Stoke for Moore and Emiliano Sanchez to change sides in a direct rider exchange.

MORRIS, Keiran

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 October 1988, Glasgow, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Armadale; (2007) Boston.

MORRIS, Phillip (Phil) William

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 September 1975, Newport, Gwent, South Wales.

BRITISH CAREER: (1991-96) Reading; (1997) Stoke; (1998-2003) Reading; (2004) Reading, Poole; (2005) Newcastle, Arena-Essex; (2006) Belle Vue; (2007) Newport, Reading, Birmingham; (2008) Birmingham.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Morris was rewarded for his loyalty to Reading with a benefit year in 2000 and his testimonial meeting duly took place at Smallmead Stadium on 31 July, when Craig Watson took victory in an individual meeting;

(2) The Welshman suffered a recurring knee injury in 2003 and didn't ride for Reading after appearing in a league match at Newport on 20 April; (3) Suffered a damaged elbow and internal bleeding in a 2005 crash while making a guest appearance for Stoke in a league match versus Workington at Loomer Road on 30 July. The crash happened in heat eleven, when he collided with Comets' guest James Grieves on the third bend of lap three; (4) Morris was again injured late in 2006, when representing Belle Vue in the Knock-Out Cup final at Coventry on 13 October. This was sustained in heat eight and saw Morris struck by his handlebars, suffering a broken rib and a neck injury, although, thankfully, after initial concerns over a possible vertebra problem, he was to make a full and rapid recovery; (5) The Welshman received a dislocated left shoulder when he tangled with Newport team-mate Tony Atkin on the third bend of heat ten during Newport's Premier League match at Mildenhall on 4 September 2007; (6) The 'Welsh Wizard', or 'Wizzer' for short, was hurt in Birmingham's Premier Trophy fixture at Mildenhall on 6 April 2008. The accident occurred in an aborted heat thirteen, with the Welshman receiving a fractured rib and severe bruising after locking machines with Casper Wortmann on the first bend. Following an earlier delay, the match was subsequently abandoned without the race being re-run, with the score at the time permitted to stand as a result; (7) Having recovered from the injuries that he suffered in Birmingham's Premier Trophy encounter at Mildenhall on 6 April 2008, he resumed racing for the Brummies in a Knock-Out Cup tie at Rye House on 31 May, only to sustain a dislocated shoulder in his first ride back, in a re-run of heat one. The accident occurred on the third bend, with the Welshman falling after he had been cleanly passed by home rider Robert Mear. Closely following Birmingham team-mate Adam Roynon attempted to lay his machine down, but was unable to avoid his stricken colleague, with the resultant crash causing the damage to Morris; (8) Off-track, the Newport-born rider became something of a quiz show television personality in his latter riding years, appearing in programmes such as Supermarket Sweep, The Weakest Link, Eggheads, Donny Osmond's Identity, Brainbox Challenge and Are You Smarter Than a 10-Year-Old?

MORRISON, John Robin

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 January 1988, Ashington, Northumberland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Berwick, Isle of Wight, Swindon II, Newcastle II; (2006) Stoke II.

MORTON, Raymond (Ray) Paul

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 June 1968, Peckham, London.

BRITISH CAREER: (1985-87) King's Lynn; (1988) Wimbledon, King's Lynn; (1989-90) Wimbledon; (1991-92) Reading; (1993) Poole; (1994-95) Reading; (1996) Reading, Hull; (1998) Isle of Wight; (1999) Hull; (2000-03) Isle of Wight; (2004) Isle of Wight, Arena-Essex; (2005) Poole, Exeter; (2006) Isle of Wight; (2007) Rye House.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Londoner was awarded a testimonial in 1999, with his special meeting going ahead at Hull on 22 September, when Ray's Select beat Ripper's Rebels, 47-43; (2) Morton enjoyed a second testimonial meeting at the Isle of Wight on 2 August 2005, when Thorpy's Tape Touchers beat Ripper's Rebels 47-46.

MROZ, Marek

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 February 1971, Opole, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Newport, Mildenhall.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Newport were forced to close down after promoter Tim Stone's death on 26 April 2008. Only the side's Premier Trophy matches were permitted to count in the riders' records.

MUDGWAY, Jade

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 June 1988, Wellington, North Island, New Zealand.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Redcar II.

MULLINS, Rikki Joe

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 October 1988.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Sittingbourne.

NEATH, Christopher (Chris)

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 January 1982, Worcester, Worcestershire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998-99) Newport, Newport II; (2000-01) Newport; (2002-03) Swindon, Wolverhampton; (2004) Rye House, Wolverhampton; (2005-06) Rye House; (2007) Rye House, Lakeside, Reading; (2008) Rye House, Wolverhampton.

NERMARK, Daniel Karl

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 July 1977, Karlstad, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-02) Wolverhampton; (2003) Ipswich; (2004) Wolverhampton; (2005) Edinburgh; (2006-07) King's Lynn; (2008) Workington.

RIDER LINKS: Son of former junior rider Anders Nermark.

NEWMAN, Kyle

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 December 1991, Poole, Dorset.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007-08) Weymouth.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Keith Newman (born: 3 May 1962, Poole, Dorset)

NICHOLLS, Scott Karl

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 May 1978, Ipswich, Suffolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994) Peterborough; (1995-98) Ipswich; (1999-2000) Poole; (2001-04) Ipswich; (2005-07) Coventry; (2008) Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: British Under-21 Champion: 1998, 1999; British Champion: 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008; Czech Golden Helmet Champion: 2005.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Shaun Nicholls (born: 30 November 1971, Ipswich, Suffolk).

BRITISH FINAL: 12 pts – 1st (2008).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Nicholls' testimonial meeting was held at Ipswich on 24 July 2004, when victory in an individual event went the way of Leigh Adams.

NIEMINEN, Kauko Tapio

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 August 1979, Seinajoki, Finland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002-05) Workington; (2006) Glasgow; (2007) Workington; (2008) Workington, Lakeside.

MAJOR HONOURS: Finnish Under-21 Champion: 1998, 1999, 2000.

NORRIS, David Michael

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 August 1972, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (1988-89) Eastbourne; (1990-92) Ipswich; (1993) Ipswich, Eastbourne; (1994) Eastbourne; (1995) Reading; (1996-2007) Eastbourne.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Eastbourne staged a testimonial meeting for Norris on 1 September 2002, which saw Lee Richardson take the spoils of victory in an individual event; (2) A keen fisherman, Norris set a lake record at Whitevans Pond Fisheries, near Horsham, in 2004, when he landed a 42 lb common carp; (3) The rider, Eastbourne's all-time highest points-scorer, announced his retirement after the 2007 season, having been plagued by injury and illness since a crash at Swindon on 28 April 2005. However, he subsequently stated in February 2008 that he was ready to make a return to the sport after learning he would have to wait more than a year for a farewell meeting.

DUSHER-NORTON, Daniel (Danny)

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 August 1986, Boston, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-02) Peterborough II; (2003) Peterborough (British League Cup only), Peterborough II, Armadale, Reading, Mildenhall; (2004) Oxford II, Reading; (2005) Scunthorpe; (2007) Cleveland.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Kye Dusher-Norton (born: 6 April 1992, Hull, East Yorkshire).

OLIVER, John Francis

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 July 1987, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Carmarthen, Buxton; (2004) King's Lynn II, Boston; (2006) King's Lynn, Boston; (2007-08) King's Lynn.

ONDRASIK, Pavel

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 December 1975, Prague, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-03) Trelawny; (2004) Newport; (2005) Exeter; (2006) Somerset.

MAJOR HONOURS: Czech Republic Under-21 Champion: 1995, 1996.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Petr Ondrasik (born: 8 October 1951, Gottwaldove, Czech Republic).

OSTERGAARD, Ulrich

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 April 1981, Odense, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Eastbourne (British League Cup only); (2004) Eastbourne, Isle of Wight; (2005) Isle of Wight, Eastbourne, Swindon; (2006) Peterborough; (2007) Birmingham, Peterborough, Workington; (2008) Reading.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Ostergaard was sensationally axed from the Birmingham side in early August 2007, after a conflict of interests between his British racing commitments had been created due to him being nominated for a reserve position in a European Championship round in his homeland.

PARKER, Shane Andrew

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 April 1970, Adelaide, South Australia, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1990-94) Ipswich; (1995-96) Middlesbrough; (1997-98) King's Lynn; (1999) Hull; (2000) King's Lynn, Belle Vue; (2001-02) Peterborough; (2003) King's Lynn, Peterborough; (2004-08) Glasgow.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 1985; South Australia State Champion: 1991, 1994, 2001, 2002.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Glasgow played host to Parker's testimonial on 17 July 2005, when Sam Ermolenko took victory in an individual event.

PARNABY, Stuart Graham

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 May 1970, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1989-90) Bradford; (1991) Long Eaton; (1992) Bradford; (1993) Newcastle; (2008) Scunthorpe II.

PARSONS, Joel Lewis

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 July 1985, Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Rye House II, Wimbledon; (2004) Rye House II, Hull, King's Lynn II; (2005) Hull, Mildenhall; (2006) Newport, Belle Vue; (2007) Sheffield, Belle Vue; (2008) Sheffield, Swindon.

PAVLIC, Jurica

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 July 1989, Prelog, Croatia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Swindon.

MAJOR HONOURS: Croatian Champion: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007; European Under-19 Champion: 2006; European Champion: 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Zvonimir 'Zvonko' Pavlic (born: 28 August 1960, Cakovec, Croatia).

PECYNA, Krzysztof

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 September 1978, Pila, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-06) Wolverhampton.

PEDERSEN, Bjarne

DATE OF BIRTH: 12 July 1978, Ryde, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000-01) Newcastle; (2002) Poole; (2003) Poole, Newcastle; (2004-08) Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: Danish Under-21 Champion: 1999; Danish Champion: 2004; Elite League Riders' Champion: 2004; World Cup Champion: 2006, 2008.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: European GP Champion: 2004.

PEDERSEN, Nicki

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 April 1977, Odense, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Newcastle; (1999-2000) Wolverhampton; (2001-02) King's Lynn; (2003) Oxford, Eastbourne; (2004-07) Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: Danish Under-21 Champion: 1997, 1998; Danish Champion: 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008; World Champion: 2003, 2007; Elite League Riders' Champion: 2005, 2007; World Cup Champion: 2006, 2008.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: European GP Champion: 2002, 2007; British GP Champion: 2003; Slovenian GP Champion: 2006, 2007; Polish GP Champion: 2006; Italian GP Champion: 2007; Czech Republic GP Champion: 2007, 2008.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Ronni Pedersen (born: 6 October 1974, Middelfart, Denmark).

PHILLIPS, Glen Alan

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 November 1982, Farnborough, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Exeter, Isle of Wight, King's Lynn II; (2000) Isle of Wight, Somerset; (2001) Isle of Wight; (2002) Wimbledon, Reading; (2003-05) Isle of Wight; (2006) Somerset; (2007-08) Isle of Wight.

PICKARD, Jaimie

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 February 1990, Stourbridge, Worcestershire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Plymouth; (2007) Plymouth, Stoke II; (2008) Plymouth.

PICKERING, Michael Philip

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 October 1982, Hull, East Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Buxton; (2000) Somerset; (2002) Newport II; (2003) Hull, Newcastle II; (2004) Newcastle II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Boston, Armadale; (2006) Scunthorpe; (2007) Cleveland; (2008) Scunthorpe.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Phil Pickering (born: 25 October 1963, Hull, East Yorkshire).

PICKERING, Paul

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 February 1966, Hartlepool, Cleveland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1992) Middlesbrough; (1993) Middlesbrough, Bradford; (1994-96) Bradford; (1997) Reading; (1998-2003) Stoke; (2004) Stoke, Ipswich; (2005) Stoke; (2007) Stoke.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Received serious arm injuries during Stoke's first official match of the 2005 season at Hull in the Premier Trophy on 16 March. Following complications and a series of operations, he eventually returned to the Stoke side at the start of 2007. However, having failed to find his scoring touch, he was replaced after just a few weeks, in April, by Lee Complin.

PIETRASZKO, Adam

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 August 1982, Czestochowa, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Berwick, Peterborough; (2005) Berwick; (2006) Oxford.

PIJPER, Theo

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 February 1980, Dokkum, Holland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002-06) Edinburgh; (2007) Wolverhampton, Edinburgh, Berwick; (2008) Swindon, Mildenhall.

PIPER, George David

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 August 1991, Kettering, Northamptonshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Weymouth; (2007) Weymouth, Oxford II.

PISZCZ, Tomasz

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 June 1977, Lublin, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Peterborough, Coventry; (2005-06) Workington; (2008) Birmingham.

POVAZHNY, Roman

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 October 1976, Togliatti, Russia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Eastbourne; (2000) Oxford, Wolverhampton; (2001) Eastbourne; (2002) King's Lynn; (2004) Eastbourne, Arena-Essex; (2005) Arena-Essex; (2007) Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: Russian Under-21 Champion: 1997; Russian Champion: 2001.

POWELL, Benjamin (Ben) Richard

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 November 1984, Helensvale, Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Sheffield II; (2003) Carmarthen; (2004) Carmarthen, Coventry II, Boston; (2005) Boston, Rye House II; (2006) Rye House II, Mildenhall; (2007) Birmingham, Rye House II; (2008) Newcastle, Scunthorpe.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Powell lost his team spot with Newcastle in 2008, having been deemed to be withholding his services after failing to arrive at Glasgow for the Diamonds' league fixture on 4 May. This came after the rider had reported that his van was being repaired and although the Newcastle promotion arranged for him to collect another vehicle from a hire company, this didn't occur due, apparently, to the number of points on his driving licence. The Aussie subsequently served a 28-day BSPA suspension, before linking with Scunthorpe. Shortly afterwards, on 17 June, Powell escaped a driving ban after North Staffordshire Magistrates accepted that a disqualification would cause him hardship. The rider from Queensland told the court that although a ban would not affect his profession, he needed his driving licence to transport his speedway machines to race meetings. Powell pleaded guilty to driving without insurance in Longton on 24 April. He was fined £240, had eight penalty points placed on his licence and ordered to pay costs of £50. He already had two previous convictions for speeding and the further eight points meant he faced disqualification under the totting-up procedure. However, chairman of the bench John Twigg said the court accepted there would be hardship for Powell if he was banned. He told the defendant: "As a professional speedway rider you should know better." Mr. Twigg warned Powell: "Do not forget that you can only use this defence once, and that is all."

PRIEST, Luke Alex James

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 June 1985, Birmingham, West Midlands.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Ashfield, Owlerton; (2001) Sheffield II, Boston; (2002) Sheffield II; (2003) Sheffield II, Stoke II; (2004) Newport, Stoke II, Sheffield II; (2005) Stoke II; (2006) Stoke, Stoke II; (2007) Stoke II; (2008) Weymouth, Mildenhall.

RIDER LINKS: Son of John Priest (born: 5 September 1952, Birmingham, West Midlands).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Received severe injuries whilst riding for Stoke's Conference League side in a home fixture versus Scunthorpe on 5 July 2006. The accident saw Priest go under the air safety barrier, suffering pelvic, elbow and ankle injuries in addition to internal organ damage. After initially being in a critical but stable condition, a long period of recuperation followed, before he bravely returned to the saddle late in the 2007 campaign; (2) On 31 July, Priest was traveling to Redcar to take a guest booking for Newcastle in a Premier League fixture that fell foul to inclement weather. On the journey, he stopped at Manchester Birch services, but when he returned to his van, the side door had been forced open and his kitbag stolen. Two helmets and two race suits, together with back protectors, knee pads and boots were amongst the items taken, which totaled £2,500 in value.

PROCTOR, Tyron (Ty)

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 February 1987, Longwarry, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Redcar, Peterborough.

PROTASIEWICZ, Piotr (Pepe)

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 January 1975, Zielona Gora, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) King's Lynn; (2002-03) Peterborough; (2005-06) Ipswich.

NOTE: Protasiewicz also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Under-21 Champion: 1996; World Team Cup Champion: 1996; Polish Champion: 1999; World Cup Champion: 2005.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Challenge Champion: 1997; Grand Final Champion: 2003.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Pawel Protasiewicz (born: 1948, Poland).

PURCHASE, James

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 October 1987, Southampton, Hampshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Oxford II, Peterborough II; (2004) Swindon II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Mildenhall; (2006) Mildenhall II.

PUSZAKOWSKI, Mariusz

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 May 1978, Torun, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Ipswich; (2006) Arena-Essex.

RAJKOWSKI, Michal

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 December 1984, Rawicz, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Newport; (2008) Belle Vue, Mildenhall.

RAUN, Jonas Lorenzen

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 August 1989, Haderslev, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Peterborough; (2007) Newcastle; (2008) Belle Vue.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Raun's 2007 campaign came to an abrupt halt on 9 September, whilst representing Newcastle in a home league match versus Somerset. In heat five, the Dane lost control exiting the final bend and struck the safety fence on the home straight, suffering two broken bones in his right ankle and a fractured right hand; (2) The Dane took a hefty knock to his head in a league fixture in his homeland on 21 May 2008, whilst representing Holsted in a match at Brovst. Bravely, he turned up to race for Belle Vue the following evening at Ipswich, but was forced to withdraw from the meeting due to the after-effects of the accident.

RAYSON, Oliver Henry

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 March 1993, Culford, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Boston.

REIMA, Tomi

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 October 1973, Järvenpää, Finland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Workington.

REMPALA, Jacek (Jac)

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 February 1971, Tarnow, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1992) Ipswich; (2006) Berwick, Coventry; (2007) Berwick.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Grzegorz Rempala (born: 27 May 1974, Tarnow, Poland), Tomasz Rempala (born: 15 July 1978, Tarnow, Poland) and Marcin Rempala (see separate entry).

ADDITIONAL INFO:

REMPALA, Marcin

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 November 1984, Tarnow, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Ipswich.

MAJOR HONOUR: World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2005.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Jacek Rempala (see separate entry), Grzegorz Rempala (born: 27 May 1974, Tarnow, Poland) and Tomasz Rempala (born: 15 July 1978, Tarnow, Poland).

REYNOLDS, Joseph (Joe) Michael

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 March 1989, Wordsley, West Midlands.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Buxton; (2005) Buxton, Stoke II, Weymouth; (2006) Newport II; (2007) Sittingbourne.

RICHARDSON, Lee Stewart

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 April 1979, Hastings, Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (1995) Reading; (1996) Reading II, Poole; (1997) Reading, Peterborough, King's Lynn; (1998) Reading; (1999) Poole; (2000-03) Coventry; (2004) Peterborough; (2005-07) Swindon; (2008) Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: World Under-21 Champion: 1999; Elite League Riders' Champion: 2003.

GRAND PRIX HIGHLIGHTS: Grand Final Champion: 2002.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Colin Richardson (born: 24 November 1958, Southwark, South-East London).

Nephew of Steve Weatherley (born: 26 November 1957, Dartford, Kent).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) 'Rico' fractured his left thumb when he crashed whilst representing Coventry in a home league match versus Poole on 20 April 2002. The accident, in heat eight, saw the Englishman rear from the gate, before coming down heavily at the 30-metre mark; (2) Richardson suffered a broken bone in his right wrist that was to plague him in the early part of 2008. The injury originally occurred whilst he was representing Czestochowa against Torun in the Polish Extraleague on 1 May. This occurred in heat two, when the Englishman, together with team-mate Michal Szczepaniak and visiting rider Adrian Miedzinski, was involved in a frightening first bend melee. Richardson further aggravated the problem in Eastbourne's league match at Belle Vue on 7 May, prior to coming down heavily on the affected area during the Eagles' home fixture versus Poole on 12 May.

RICHARDSON, James Alan Scott

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 September 1988, Mirfield, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-07) Scunthorpe; (2008) Scunthorpe II.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Derek Richardson (born: 22 July 1958, Earlsheaton, West Yorkshire).

RICKARDSSON, Jan Tony Soren

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 August 1970, Grytas, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (1991-94) Ipswich; (1997-98) Ipswich; (1999) King's Lynn; (2001-04) Poole; (2005) Arena-Essex; (2006) Oxford.

MAJOR HONOURS: Swedish Champion: 1990, 1994, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005; Nordic Champion: 1992; Czech Golden Helmet Champion: 1992, 1993, 1995; World Pairs Champion: 1993; World Team Cup Champion: 1994, 2000; World Champion: 1994, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2005; Elite League Riders' Champion: 1998, 2002; World Cup Champion: 2004.

GRAND PRIX: Czech Republic GP Champion: 1998, 2005; German GP Champion: 1998; Swedish GP Champion: 1998, 2002; British GP Champion: 1999, 2001, 2005; Danish GP Champion: 1999, 2001, 2002, 2005; Polish GP Champion: 2000; Norwegian GP Champion: 2002, 2004; European GP Champion: 2003, 2005; Slovenian GP Champion: 2004, 2005; Italian GP Champion: 2005.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Rickardsson equaled Ivan Mauger's record of six World Championship successes in 2005; (2) Poole hosted a farewell meeting for Rickardsson on 23 July 2006 and this saw the Rest of the World defeat the Pirates 52-44. The Swede didn't participate himself, due to the effects of double vision and dizziness; (3) In the lead-up to the Scandinavian Grand Prix at Malilla, Sweden on 12 August 2006, Rickardsson announced his retirement from the sport. The legendary Swede, who had missed the previous event in Italy after suffering concussion in a nasty-looking crash in the round before at Parken, Copenhagen on 24 June, explained that he was acting on medical advice and was unwilling to risk further injury. Two further farewell meetings were subsequently staged in 2006 for him in Poland and Sweden; (4) Rickardsson is the highest scorer in GP history, having totaled 1,401 points from 84 rounds between 1995 and 2006.

RISAGER, Morten

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 September 1987, Arhus, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004-06) Coventry; (2007) Coventry, Eastbourne; (2008) Peterborough, Wolverhampton.

ROBERTS, Jack Blain

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 October 1990, Stockport, Cheshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Buxton; (2008) Buxton, Birmingham.

ROBERTSON, Jamie

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 October 1986, Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Newcastle II; (2003-04) Newcastle, Newcastle II; (2005) Newcastle, Oxford II; (2006) Newcastle; (2007) Workington, Berwick; (2008) Newcastle, Scunthorpe II.

ROBSON, Stuart Anthony

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 November 1976, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear.

BRITISH CAREER: (1993-94) Newcastle, Edinburgh; (1995) Coventry; (1996) Coventry, Middlesbrough; (1997) Hull; (1998-2002) Coventry; (2003) Coventry, Newcastle; (2004) Coventry; (2005-07) Rye House. RIDER LINKS: Son of John Robson (born: 12 February 1950, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear). Brother of Scott Robson (born: 15 August 1971, Sunderland, Tyne & Wear).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Robson cracked a thumb and chipped a finger whilst riding for Coventry in a match against Ipswich on 23 March 2002; (2) The Sunderland-born rider was awarded a testimonial in 2004, with his special meeting going ahead at Coventry on 11 July, when Steve Johnston and Chris Harris came out on top in a pairs event; (3) Robson received a nasty wrist injury while representing Rye House in a Premier Trophy match against King's Lynn at Hoddesdon on 1 April 2006, when, in heat ten, he accidentally caught the back of visiting rider Kevin Doolan's machine and was sent flying into the safety fence. The extent of his injuries were sufficient to keep him on the sidelines until late September that year; (4) 'Robbo' was again in the wars when he shattered his pelvis and suffered serious back injuries, whilst also fracturing his sternum and receiving extensive internal bleeding in a frightening crash at Mildenhall in a Knock-Out Cup tie for Rye House on 29 April 2007. The accident occurred in heat nine of the match and saw Robson's machine lift when the throttle jammed open on the run to the first corner, prior to him hitting the board and wire safety fence at full tilt. The meeting was subsequently abandoned.

ROLPH, Darren John

DATE OF BIRTH: 17 May 1982, Braintree, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Boston; (2004) Boston, King's Lynn II; (2008) Boston.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Received a four-match ban, suspended for a year, after walking out at the CL Knock-Out Cup final at Mildenhall on 31 October 2004. Rolph subsequently took a break from the sport, but is on the comeback trail in 2008.

ROMANEK, Lukasz

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 August 1983, Rybnik, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Arena-Essex.

MAJOR HONOUR: European Under-19 Champion: 2001; Polish Under-21 Champion: 2003.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Regrettably, at the age of just 22, Romanek committed suicide in his Polish homeland on 3 June 2006.

ROYNON, Adam Wayne

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 August 1988, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Swindon II, Armadale; (2004) Newcastle II, Mildenhall; (2005) Mildenhall, Boston, Glasgow; (2006) Buxton, Rye House; (2007) Rye House, Plymouth; (2008) Birmingham.

MAJOR HONOUR: Conference League Riders' Champion: 2006.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Chris Roynon (born: 22 May 1946, Bristol, Avon).

BRITISH FINAL: 6 pts (2008).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Prior to racing speedway bikes, Roynon actually won the Under-8 British BMX Championship at Chesterfield in 1996. He then enjoyed a stint at karting and was also part of the junior scene at Blackburn Rovers FC; (2) Roynon's appearances for Mildenhall in 2004 were restricted by injury, since he broke both wrists in a spill against Buxton at West Row on 31 May. Then, shortly after returning to action, he suffered a hairline fracture to his upper right arm in a crash at Wimbledon in a Conference Trophy engagement on 22 September; (3) He was in the wars again in 2005, whilst representing Glasgow on 11 September. The match saw the Tigers entertain their counterparts from Sheffield and, on the second bend of heat two, Roynon unavoidably clashed with Paul Cooper, sustaining a broken arm; (4) Another injury followed in 2006, when, on 16 September, he received a broken right ankle while riding for Rye House in a home encounter with the Isle of Wight; (4) The Barrow-born rider received a broken leg whilst representing Birmingham in a Knock-Out Cup tie at Rye House on 31 May 2008. This occurred in a re-run of heat one, when, on the third bend, his team-mate Phil Morris tumbled down after he had been cleanly passed by home rider Robert Mear. The closely following Roynon attempted to lay his machine down, but was unable to avoid his stricken colleague, with the resultant crash causing the leg break.

RYMEL, Adrian

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 October 1975, Koprivnice, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-03) Berwick; (2004) Berwick, Peterborough; (2005) Berwick, Coventry; (2006) Berwick; (2008) Berwick.

MAJOR HONOUR: Czech Republic Champion: 2006.

SANCHEZ, Emiliano Diebo

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 December 1977, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999-2001) Glasgow; (2002-03) Trelawny; (2004) Hull, Peterborough; (2005) Hull; (2006) Sheffield; (2007) Birmingham; (2008) Stoke, Scunthorpe.

MAJOR HONOURS: Argentine Champion: 2000, 2001, 2002; Italian Champion: 2004, 2005.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The rider nicknamed 'Potty' spent the 2007 campaign with Birmingham, but his season was cut short after suffering serious injuries in a league match at Newport on 19 August, when he sustained two broken fingers on the right hand, a broken nose, collapsed lung and internal injuries. He subsequently required an operation that led to the removal of his spleen; (2) In June 2008, agreement was reached between Stoke and Scunthorpe for Sanchez and Andrew Moore to change sides in a direct rider exchange.

SCARBORO, Ricky John

DATE OF BIRTH: 31 July 1966, Grunby, Nr. Skegness, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1999) Mildenhall, King's Lynn II; (2000-01) Boston; (2002) Boston, King's Lynn II; (2003) Oxford (BLC), Oxford II, Mildenhall, Stoke II; (2004) Oxford II, Coventry II; (2005) Oxford II, Sittingbourne, Scunthorpe; (2008) Scunthorpe, Sittingbourne.

SCHLEIN, Rory Robert

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 September 1984, Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-02) Edinburgh, Sheffield II; (2003-04) Edinburgh, Belle Vue; (2005-07) Coventry; (2008) Ipswich.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 2000; Australian Under-21 Champion: 2003, 2004; South Australia State Champion: 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Lyndon Schlein.

SCHRAMM, Chris

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 May 1984, Maldon, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Peterborough II, Berwick, Arena-Essex; (2001-02) Peterborough II, Reading; (2003) Newport, Wimbledon, Peterborough II, Oxford II; (2004) Reading, Oxford II; (2005) Berwick, Peterborough; (2006) Newport; (2007) Newport, Ipswich; (2008) Ipswich.

SCREEN, Joseph (Joe)

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 November 1972, Chesterfield, Derbyshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1989-93) Belle Vue; (1994-97) Bradford; (1998) Belle Vue; (1999) Hull; (2000-02) Eastbourne; (2003) Eastbourne, Belle Vue; (2004-08) Belle Vue.

MAJOR HONOURS: British Under-21 Champion: 1990, 1993; Division One Riders' Champion: 1992; World Under-21 Champion: 1993; British Champion: 1996, 2004.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Screen had qualified for the 2001 Grand Prix series, but broke a thigh whilst representing Eastbourne at King's Lynn on 25 April. The injury was to rule him out for the remainder of the season, with his GP place filled throughout by Henrik Gustafsson; (2) The Chesterfield-born rider celebrated his testimonial at Belle Vue on 2 May 2004, when the meeting was abandoned following a nasty crash involving Sean Wilson in the first semi-final. Having headed the qualifying scorers at the time of the curtailment, Jason Crump was subsequently awarded first place.

SEDGMEN, Ryan

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 February 1990, Mildura, Victoria, Australia.

MAJOR HONOURS: Victoria State Under-16 Champion: 2005; Australian Under-16 Champion: 2006.

SHIELDS, Adam Matthew

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 February 1977, Kurri-Kurri, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000-02) Isle of Wight; (2003) Isle of Wight, Eastbourne; (2004-06) Eastbourne; (2007-08) Lakeside.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-21 Champion: 1997; Premier League Riders' Champion: 2002; New South Wales State Champion: 2005.

RIDER LINKS: Nephew of David Shields (born: 1 October 1957, Waratah, New South Wales, Australia). Cousin of Ben Shields (born: 10 December 1981, Mulbring, New South Wales, Australia).

SIMMONDS, Mark Douglas

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 May 1971, Truro, Cornwall.

BRITISH CAREER: (1989-96) Exeter; (1997) Isle of Wight; (1998-04) Exeter; (2008) Plymouth.

RIDER LINKS: The father of Simmons' wife, Tony Sanford (born: 31 July 1951, Exeter, Devon), lost his life the day after crashing on the first bend at Exeter on 7 September 1981.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Truro-born rider enjoyed a successful testimonial meeting at Exeter on 20 September 1999, when his own Simmo's Select defeated Colesie's One 2 Six, a team headed by Michael Coles, 47-43; (2) Simmons made a surprise comeback bid in 2008, when he agreed to be a back-up rider for Plymouth. Having not ridden since the end of the 2004 season, this came after he had completed eight practice laps at Newport, followed by another sixteen laps at the Devils' Press and Practice Day the following week.

SIMMONS, Nicholas (Nick) Steven John

DATE OF BIRTH: 24 July 1981, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Shuttle Cubs, Ryde; (1998) Newport, Newport II, Isle of Wight, Exeter; (1999) Isle of Wight, Stoke, Newport II; (2000) Arena-Essex; (2001) Newport, Newport II, Somerset; (2002) Isle of Wight; (2003) Stoke, Mildenhall; (2004) Exeter, Weymouth; (2005) Exeter, Sittingbourne; (2006) Isle of Wight; (2007) Newport; (2008) Newport, Belle Vue.

RIDER LINKS: Son of former junior rider Steve Simmons (born: 25 December 1955, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Newport staged a testimonial meeting for Simmons on 16 March 2008, when Lewis Bridger took victory in an individual event; (2) Newport were forced to close down after promoter Tim Stone's death on 26 April 2008. Only the side's Premier Trophy matches were permitted to count in the riders' records.

SIMOTA, Zdenek (Sam)

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 May 1985, Prachatice, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005-07) Reading; (2008) Peterborough.

SITERA, Filip

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 April 1988, Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Coventry.

MAJOR HONOURS: Czech Republic Under-19 Champion: 2006; Czech Republic Under-21 Champion: 2006.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of Miloslav Verner; Nephew of Vaclav Verner (born: 6 May 1949, Prague, Czech Republic) and Jan Verner (born: 9 March 1951, Mlada Boleslav, Czech Republic).

SKORNICKI, Adam

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 October 1976, Wolsztyn, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000-04) Wolverhampton; (2005) Wolverhampton, Arena-Essex; (2006) Oxford; (2007) Belle Vue; (2008) Poole.

MAJOR HONOUR: Polish Champion: 2008.

SMART, Lee Mitchell

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 April 1988, Swindon, Wiltshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Swindon II, Stoke II; (2004) Mildenhall; (2005) Somerset, Weymouth, Mildenhall; (2006) Plymouth; (2007) Birmingham, Weymouth; (2008) Birmingham, Mildenhall.

SMETHILLS, Lee Kenneth

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 March 1982, Bolton, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Mildenhall; (1999) Workington, Buxton, Rye House, Belle Vue, Newcastle; (2000) Workington, Buxton; (2001) Workington; (2002) Hull, Belle Vue; (2003) Exeter; (2004) Newcastle, Berwick; (2005) Exeter; (2006) Berwick, Wolverhampton, Rye House; (2007) Glasgow, Oxford II; (2008) Sheffield.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Smethills is something of an all-rounder, since, prior to taking his first speedway laps at Sheffield's training track in November 1997, he was crowned British Cycle Speedway Champion on three occasions and also represented England in the European Team Championship. He was a useful runner too and once took victory in the Salford Cross Country Championship.

SMITH, Andrew (Andy)

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 May 1966, York, North Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1982-88) Belle Vue; (1989-90) Bradford; (1991) Swindon; (1992-95) Coventry; (1996) Bradford; (1997) Coventry; (1998) Belle Vue, Swindon; (1999-2001) Belle Vue; (2003) Oxford, Oxford II; (2004) Swindon; (2005) Belle Vue; (2006) Reading; (2007) Reading.

NOTE: Smith also appeared for Oxford prior to joining Reading in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

MAJOR HONOURS: British Champion: 1993, 1994, 1995.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Paul Smith (born: 17 July 1970, York, North Yorkshire).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Smith's 1986 season was brought to a premature end on 7 June, when he broke his right leg while riding for Belle Vue in a League Cup encounter at Bradford; (2) In 1987, misfortune was

to strike again when he cracked an ankle while riding in the Alan Grahame Testimonial meeting at Cradley Heath on 26 July. That meant another spell on the sidelines, although he bravely battled back to see out the latter stages of the season; (3) More but bad luck was to befall the diminutive racer when he represented England in a Test match versus the USA at Bradford on 4 August 1991. He was involved in a frightening first heat crash with Rick Miller, which unfortunately left him nursing a broken neck; (4) 'Smudger' successfully staged his testimonial at Belle Vue on 17 September 2006, when Simon Stead took victory in an individual contest.

SMITH, Jamie Paul

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 July 1983, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Norfolk; (1999) Eastbourne, Glasgow; (2000) Newcastle, Peterborough II, Hull, Somerset; (2001) Hull, Somerset; (2002) Hull; (2003) Swindon; (2004) Somerset, Coventry; (2005) Somerset; (2006) Somerset; (2007) Mildenhall, Stoke; (2008) Reading, Boston.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Darren Smith (born: 19 May 1981, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Smith's 2003 season came off the rails in a home match against Somerset on 3 July, when, on a track left heavy by rain, he lost control on the pits corner in heat five and came down, with the closely following Graeme Gordon unable to avoid the stricken rider. The upshot was torn muscle and knee ligament damage for Smith and he was out of action for a little over two months. Despite the obvious hindrance of his injury, he determinedly returned to the saddle in August, but he was only back for five weeks before a further hefty knock in a home fixture versus King's Lynn aggravated his knee injury and spelled the end of his campaign; (2) The Peterborough-born rider sustained broken ribs when he crashed whilst riding for Somerset at Newport in a Premier Trophy encounter at Newport on 24 April 2005. This occurred in heat eight, when spun around on the first corner and hit the safety fence after being forced wide by home rider Kristian Lund; (3) Regrettably, the 2006 season had barely got underway, when Smith was involved in a much-publicized freak collision with the track grader after winning heat twelve of Somerset's Premier Trophy match at King's Lynn on 29 March. His season was immediately over and he spent the rest of the year recuperating from a shattered left tibia, together with damage to his knee and ankle; (4) Bravely, he returned to track action with Mildenhall in 2007, but he was to be involved in another horrific early-season accident. This occurred at the Fen Tigers' West Row venue on 7 April, when Newport provided the opposition in a Premier Trophy encounter. In heat fourteen, the Peterborough-born racer tangled with Nick Simmons on the pits bend and his throttle appeared to jam open, sending him careering into the safety fence at high speed, prior to cart-wheeling over the 12-foot high stock-car barrier and on to the greyhound track. He received a cracked right tibia and a broken ankle, although things could so easily have been much worse. Having recovered, he subsequently made another comeback with Stoke some three and a half months later, on 21 July.

SMITH, Kozza

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 March 1988, Cessnock, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) King's Lynn.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Formerly known as Korey Williams.

SMITH, Robert (Rob) William

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 February 1988, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Mildenhall; (2005) Wimbledon; (2006) Plymouth; (2007) Boston, Plymouth.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of former junior rider Phil Smith.

SMITH, Scott Anthony

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 September 1973, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1990-95) Cradley Heath; (1996-99) Sheffield; (2000) Berwick; (2001-02) Sheffield; (2003) Sheffield, Exeter; (2005) Berwick; (2008) Workington, Berwick.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) For practically all his career, the rider was affectionately known as 'Scud' Smith throughout the speedway fraternity; (2) Smith was in the wars whilst representing Berwick in a home league match against the Isle of Wight on 10 May 2008. Regrettably, the meeting came to shocking end due to an horrific crash that also injured two supporters. As the tapes went up on heat seven, visiting rider Paul Fry locked machines with Smith going into the first bend, leaving the duo unable to control the outcome. With both bikes going at full-bore, the pair smashed head-long into the first bend fencing,

shattering the barrier to smithereens and sending Smith deep into the no-man's-land, but Fry, and the machines kept on going, flying over the remains of the fence and into the supporters' area. Fry ended up against the stadium's perimeter wall, some fifty feet from the track, while the flying bikes struck three unlucky spectators who walking past. Fry sustained knee ligament damage and a couple of broken toes, while Smith sustained whiplash injuries and ligament damage to his right knee. Both riders were well shaken-up and shocked at the severity of the incident. The local police subsequently treated the incident as they would a regular accident scene and the meeting was abandoned. Smith returned to the Berwick side in a league match against Scunthorpe at Shielfield Park on 24 May, but, in heat two, he jarred his right leg and aggravated the injury to his knee ligaments, forcing his early withdrawal from the meeting.

SMOLINSKI, Martin

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 December 1984, Graefelfing, Nr. Munich, Germany.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004-07) Coventry.

MAJOR HONOURS: German Under-21 Champion: 2003; German Champion: 2007.

SNEDDON, Derek

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 July 1982, Falkirk, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) Hull; (1999) Linlithgow, Isle of Wight; (2000) Ashfield, Edinburgh; (2001) Edinburgh, Glasgow; (2002) Newcastle; (2003) Edinburgh; (2004-05) Armadale; (2006-08) Edinburgh.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The Scot sustained a badly broken left femur whilst representing Edinburgh in a British League Cup fixture at Workington on 29 March 2003. The accident occurred on the first lap of a re-run heat eight, when he was involved in a coming together with home rider Chris Collins on the exit of the second bend. As a result, Sneddon straightened up and smashed through the safety fence, before ending up on the Derwent Park terracing.

SPEIGHT, David Andrew

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 March 1980, Bradford, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Owlerton; (2001) Sheffield II; (2002) Hull, Sheffield II, Wolverhampton II; (2003) Sheffield II; (2004) Newcastle II, Sheffield II, Stoke II; (2005) Scunthorpe, Stoke II; (2006) Cleveland.

STANCL, Jiri (George)

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 August 1975, Prague, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994-95) Sheffield; (1996-99) Wolverhampton; (2000) Coventry; (2002-04) Glasgow; (2005) Glasgow, Ipswich; (2006) Newcastle; (2007) Glasgow, Edinburgh; (2008) Newcastle.

MAJOR HONOUR: Czech Republic Under-21 Champion: 1993.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of Jiri Stancl [1]. Son of Jiri Stancl [2] (born: 18 November 1949, Prague, Czech Republic).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Stancl was hurt in Newcastle's Premier Trophy match at Scunthorpe on 4 April 2008. The accident happened on the warm-down lap after heat thirteen and saw the Czech ace clip Richard Hall's back wheel, before hitting the deck and suffering rib and collarbone breaks.

STARKE, Paul Simon

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 November 1990, Hereford, Hereford & Worcestershire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Buxton; (2008) Plymouth.

STEAD, Garry

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 January 1972, Holmfirth, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1990-92) Stoke; (1993) Newcastle; (1994) Newcastle, Bradford; (1995) Bradford; (1996) Sheffield; (1997) Bradford; (1998) Wolverhampton; (1999-2002) Hull; (2003) Hull, Eastbourne; (2004-05) Hull; (2006) Workington; (2007) Stoke.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Stead's racing career came to a sudden halt whilst riding for Stoke in a league match at Somerset on 18 May 2007. In heat three, whilst racing off the second bend, he went wide and clipped the back straight kickboard and was thrown to the ground. The closely following Jordan Frampton was unable to avoid the stricken rider and inadvertently ran into the back of Stead. After lengthy on-track treatment, the meeting was abandoned, with the injured rider taken to hospital, having suffered a broken

back, pelvis, femur and ankle. Regrettably, the effects of the back injury were to leave him wheelchair-bound; (2) Two benefit meetings were staged for Stead at Sheffield on 23 August 2007 and at Stoke on 27 October the same year. Victory in the first went the way of Lee Complin, whilst Rory Schlein was the winner of the second event.

STEAD, Simon Trevor

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 April 1982, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Peterborough II; (1998) Peterborough, Buxton; (1999-2001) Sheffield; (2002) Sheffield, Peterborough; (2003-04) Workington, Wolverhampton; (2005-07) Belle Vue; (2008) Coventry.

MAJOR HONOURS: British Under-21 Champion: 2001, 2002, 2003.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Trevor Stead (born: 24 May 1956, Sheffield, South Yorkshire). Nephew of Ian Stead (born: 25 April 1964, Sheffield, South Yorkshire). Cousin of Adam Allott (see separate entry).

BRITISH FINAL: 10 pts (2008).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Sheffield-born rider received a crushed foot in a World Championship qualifying round at Lonigo, Italy on 27 April 2002. In heat six, he was sent flying by a challenge from Czech Josef Franc and then inadvertently hit by Russian Eduard Shaihullin, who had nowhere to go; (2) Stead sustained a badly broken arm whilst making a guest appearance for Swindon against Newport on 25 September 2003. The accident occurred in heat nine and saw the Englishman leading the race, only to hit a slick patch and spin the back end of his machine round, before clattering into the safety fence; (3) The Yorkshireman suffered a broken heel in Workington's opening meeting of the 2004 campaign, a challenge match versus Valsarna of Sweden, on 13 March. This happened in heat four, when Stead and visiting rider Peter I. Karlsson tangled on the first bend, with the Brit subsequently going into the safety fence back first.

STEPHENS, Seemond Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 August 1967, St Austell, Cornwall.

BRITISH CAREER: (1998) St Austell, Exeter, Sheffield, Swindon; (1999) Eastbourne, Swindon, St Austell; (2000-01) Exeter; (2002) Trelawny, Exeter; (2003) Exeter, Eastbourne; (2004-05) Exeter; (2006-08) Plymouth.

STEVENS, Jonathan (Jon) Richard Vernon

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 January 1983, Croydon, Surrey.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Rye House; (2001) Sheffield II; (2002-04) Wimbledon; (2007) Sittingbourne.

STODDART, Sean

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 January 1987, Edinburgh, Scotland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Armadale, Trelawny II, Carmarthen II, Newcastle II; (2004) Armadale, Edinburgh; (2005) Armadale; (2006) Edinburgh, Boston; (2007) Newcastle, Boston, Cleveland; (2008) Newcastle.

STOJANOWSKI, Krzysztof

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 January 1979, Zielona Gora, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Isle of Wight; (2006) Isle of Wight, Swindon; (2007-08) Isle of Wight.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The popular Pole, who actually lives with his family on the Isle of Wight, sustained a cracked left wrist, when he crashed in heat three of the Islanders' Premier Trophy encounter at Somerset on 4 April 2008. Not long after returning to the saddle, he dislocated a shoulder after crashing into the first bend air safety barrier at the end of heat fifteen of the Isle of Wight's Premier League match at Reading on 5 May. This, after he had made a terrific burst off the final bend in order to and improve his third position, behind a home 5-1.

STONEHEWER, Carl Bryan

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 May 1972, Manchester, Greater Manchester.

BRITISH CAREER: (1988-89) Belle Vue; (1990) Wolverhampton; (1991-93) Belle Vue; (1994) Peterborough; (1995-96) Long Eaton; (1997) Long Eaton, King's Lynn, Peterborough, Coventry, Eastbourne; (1998) Sheffield; (1999-2002) Workington; (2003) Workington, Belle Vue; (2004-05) Workington; (2007-08) Workington.

MAJOR HONOURS: Premier League Riders' Champion: 2000, 2001.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Didn't ride again in 2005 after receiving severe arm burns in a track accident during Workington's home league encounter against the Isle of Wight on 23 July. The Comets' supporters blamed Islanders' captain Craig Boyce for what happened, but the Aussie was later absolved from blame by the Workington promotion. (2) Stonehewer's testimonial was held at Workington on 24 September 2005, when Simon Stead emerged victorious from an individual event; (3) 'Stoney' was to miss the entire 2006 campaign while he recovered from his arm injury and announced his retirement from the sport. However, his appetite for racing was rekindled when he appeared in some support races in Kevin Little's farewell meeting at Redcar on 5 April 2007 and, following an early-season injury to new Comets' signing Kenneth Hansen, he sensationally returned to action for Workington as the young Danish rider's replacement a little over two weeks later on 21 April – almost twenty-one months after his last official meeting for the club! (4) Regrettably, Stonehewer's comeback campaign came to an abrupt halt on 3 August 2007, when he fractured the T5 vertebrae between his shoulder blades after being thrown over the top of his machine in heat eleven of the Scottish Open at Edinburgh. The rider was quick to stress his desire to continue racing, though, and having recuperated, he duly lined up once again for the Comets at the start of the 2008 season.

STONEMAN, Danny

DATE OF BIRTH: 22 April 1992, Cullompton, Devon.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007-08) Plymouth.

STRUDWICK, Lee

DATE OF BIRTH: 23 July 1988, Pembury, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Wimbledon; (2006-08) Rye House II.

RIDER LINKS: Cousin of Niall Strudwick (born: 29 May 1990, Pembury, Kent).

SUCHANEK, Tomas

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 April 1984, Pardubice, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) King's Lynn (British League Cup only); (2005) Isle of Wight, Poole; (2006) Redcar, Wolverhampton; (2007) Somerset, Mildenhall; (2008) Reading, Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: Czech Republic Under-21 Champion: 2002, 2003.

ADDITIONAL INFO: On the world stage, Suchanek suffered the misfortune of missing out on a major title in bizarre fashion in 2005. This happened in the World Under-21 Final at Wiener Neustadt, Austria on 17 September, when the meeting was curtailed by poor weather conditions, with both he and Krzysztof Kasprzak tied in first place on 8 points apiece after three rides. Incredibly, it was decided to toss a coin to settle the issue and it was Kasprzak who won, leaving Suchanek a dejected and frustrated runner-up.

SUCHECKI, Zbigniew (Zibi)

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 July 1984, Gorzow, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Ipswich; (2008) Poole.

SULLIVAN, Ryan Geoffrey

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 January 1975, Fitzroy, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1994-97) Peterborough; (1998) Poole; (1999-2003) Peterborough; (2004-05) Poole; (2006) Peterborough; (2008) Peterborough.

MAJOR HONOURS: Australian Under-16 Champion: 1991; Australian Under-21 Champion: 1993, 1996; South Australia State Champion: 1995, 1996, 1997; Overseas Champion: 1995; Inter-Continental Champion: 1997; Czech Golden Helmet Champion: 1997, 2003; World Team Cup Champion: 1999; Elite League Riders' Champion: 2000; World Cup Champion: 2001, 2002; Australian Champion: 2004.

GRAND PRIX: British GP Champion: 2002; Slovenian GP Champion: 2002; Swedish GP Champion: 2003; Scandinavian GP Champion: 2003.

ADDITIONAL INFO: 'Sully' enjoyed a successful testimonial event at Peterborough on 2 April 2006, when a four-team tournament result thus: Peterborough 43, Poole 19, Great Britain 18, Rest of the World 16.

SUMMERS, Aaron Richard

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 March 1988, Adelaide, South Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Buxton, Edinburgh; (2008) Edinburgh, Redcar II.

SWEETMAN, Richard Thomas

DATE OF BIRTH: 28 July 1990, Maitland, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Isle of Wight.

MAJOR HONOURS: New South Wales State Under-21 Champion: 2007.

SWIDERSKI, Piotr

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 May 1983, Gostyn, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Peterborough; (2008) Ipswich.

SWIST, Piotr

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 June 1968, Gorzow, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Arena-Essex; (2007) Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: Polish Under-21 Champion: 1987, 1988, 1989.

TACEY, Shaun James

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 November 1974, Norwich, Norfolk.

BRITISH CAREER: (1992) Ipswich; (1993) Ipswich, Arena-Essex; (1994-96) Coventry; (1997) King's Lynn, Isle of Wight, Bradford, Coventry; (1998-2000) Coventry; (2001-02) Arena-Essex; (2003) Hull; (2004) King's Lynn, Coventry; (2005) Workington; (2006) Mildenhall, Arena-Essex, Poole; (2007) Mildenhall; (2008) King's Lynn.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Tacey's testimonial meeting took place at Mildenhall on 10 September 2006, when Leigh Lanham took victory in an individual contest.

TAYLOR, Benjamin (Ben) Reece

DATE OF BIRTH: 7 November 1990, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-08) Buxton.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of Jack Hughes (born: 3 March 1932, Roberttown, West Yorkshire). Great nephew of Arthur Wright (born: 14 October 1933, Odsal, Bradford, West Yorkshire).

TESSARI, Daniele

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 August 1984, Albaredo d-Adige, Italy.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006-07) Edinburgh.

MAJOR HONOUR: Italian Under-21 Champion: 2002.

THEOBALD, James Anthony

DATE OF BIRTH: 31 December 1985, Ashford, Kent.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Rye House II, Carmarthen; (2003) Rye House II, Sheffield II, Newport II, Peterborough II; (2004) Sittingbourne, Wimbledon, King's Lynn II; (2005) Sittingbourne; (2007) Sittingbourne.

THOMPSON, Benjamin (Ben) Karl

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 September 1990, Lincoln, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Buxton.

THOMPSON, Mark

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 July 1979, Orsett, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (1996) Sittingbourne, Linlithgow, Mildenhall, Eastbourne II; (1997) Anglian Angels; (1998) Mildenhall, Newport, Stoke; (1999) King's Lynn II, Mildenhall, Newport II; (2000) St Austell, Arena-Essex; (2001) Peterborough II; (2002) King's Lynn II, Mildenhall; (2003) Boston, Peterborough (British League Cup only); (2004) Weymouth, Swindon II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Mildenhall; (2006) Mildenhall II, Sheffield; (2007) Mildenhall, Weymouth; (2008) Boston.

THORP, Paul

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 September 1964, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1980) Birmingham; (1981) Birmingham, Scunthorpe, Workington; (1982-83) Berwick, Birmingham; (1984-85) Stoke, Wolverhampton; (1986) Stoke, Sheffield, Belle Vue; (1987-88) Belle Vue; (1989-92) Bradford; (1993) Newcastle; (1994) Bradford; (1995-96) Hull; (1997) Belle Vue; (1998) Hull; (1999) Hull, Stoke; (2000-03) Hull; (2004) Hull, Belle Vue; (2005) Hull; (2006) Workington, Stoke.

MAJOR HONOURS: National League Riders' Champion: 1986; World Team Cup Champion: 1989.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Hull played host to Thorp's testimonial on 22 September 2004, when the Tape Touchers defeated the Ref's Rebels 45-39; (2) Having not ridden since 2006, the Macclesfield-born racer agreed a deal with Mildenhall to replace the injured Robbie Kessler in April 2008, however, the move fell through when Thorp was called into hospital for a minor operation.

TILLMAN, Simon

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 October 1988, Redhill, Surrey.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Weymouth.

RIDER LINKS: Son of junior rider Ray Tillman.

TOMICZEK, Lubos

DATE OF BIRTH: 14 March 1986, Prague, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Oxford (British League Cup only); (2004) Newcastle; (2005) Newcastle, Oxford; (2006) Oxford; (2007-08) Lakeside.

NOTE: Tomicek also appeared for Oxford in 2007, but this is not credited in his career record because the club closed down prematurely, with all their matches expunged from the records.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of Lubos Tomicek [1] (born: 16 August 1934). Son of Lubos Tomicek [2] (born: 10 July 1956).

TOPINKA, Tomas

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 June 1974, Prague, Czech Republic.

BRITISH CAREER: (1993-95) King's Lynn; (1996) Oxford; (1997-98) King's Lynn; (1999) King's Lynn, Ipswich; (2001) Belle Vue; (2002) Coventry; (2003-04) King's Lynn; (2005) King's Lynn, Coventry; (2006-08) King's Lynn.

MAJOR HONOURS: Czech Republic Under-21 Champion: 1992; Czech Republic Champion: 1996, 2003; Czech Golden Helmet Champion: 1996.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Czech rider was all set to join Reading in 2002 until his work permit application was turned down. He subsequently sought legal advice and, after re-applying, was able to resume his British career with Coventry after missing the first six weeks of the campaign; (2) Topinka's testimonial meeting was held at King's Lynn on 21 March 2004, when Mark Loram was victorious in an individual event.

TREGONING, Grant

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 January 1988, Christchurch, New Zealand.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Buxton.

MAJOR HONOUR: New Zealand Under-21 Champion: 2008.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Tregoning had originally agreed to ride for Mildenhall in 2008, but the start to his British career was delayed for two months due a red tape tangle over his visa. He eventually arrived towards the end of May and linked with Buxton instead.

TRESARRIEU, Mathieu

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 March 1986, Bordeaux, France.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002-03) Isle of Wight; (2005) Reading; (2006) Redcar, Oxford, Wolverhampton; (2007) Redcar.

MAJOR HONOURS: French Champion: 2002, 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of Stephane Tresarrieu (born: 27 February 1975, Bordeaux, France) and Sebastien Tresarrieu (born: 10 January 1981, Cenon, France).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Having overcome an injury earlier in the 2007 season, Redcar's popular Frenchman suffered a further blow in September, when he crashed during practice for the European Grass-track Championship at Swingfield in Kent, suffering a broken fibula and smashed knee socket. Tresarrieu was to

undergo two major operations and was ruled out of action for the whole of the 2008 campaign while he recuperated.

TRUMINSKI, Sebastian

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 April 1980, Lublin, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Berwick, Newport; (2008) Newport, Mildenhall.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Newport were forced to close down after promoter Tim Stone's death on 26 April 2008. Only the side's Premier Trophy matches were permitted to count in the riders' records and Truminski subsequently agreed to rejoin Berwick. However, the Pole was to have a quick change of heart and didn't turn a wheel for the Bandits, being replaced in the declared line-up by another former Newport rider, Paul Clews. He did return to the British racing scene later in 2008, though, when he linked with Mildenhall.

TULLY, Andrew Bruce

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 May 1987, Douglas, Isle of Man.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003-05) Armadale; (2006) Scunthorpe; (2007) Edinburgh, Scunthorpe; (2008) Edinburgh.

TUTTON, Matthew (Matt) Anthony

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 June 1982, Newport, Gwent, South Wales.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Rye House; (2002) Swindon II, Wimbledon; (2003) Mildenhall, Buxton, Carmarthen, Newport II; (2004-06) Newport II.

RIDER LINKS: Brother of junior rider David Tutton (born: 4 November 1988, Newport, Gwent, South Wales).

ULAMEK, Sebastian (Seba)

DATE OF BIRTH: 20 November 1975, Czestochowa, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000) Wolverhampton; (2002) King's Lynn; (2003-04) Oxford; (2005) Coventry; (2006-07) Swindon.

MAJOR HONOUR: Continental Champion: 2001.

VISSING, Claus

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 June 1986, Grindsted, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Stoke; (2008) Peterborough.

WALASEK, Grzegorz (Greg)

DATE OF BIRTH: 29 August 1976, Krosno, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2000-02) Poole; (2004) Arena-Essex; (2005-06) Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: Polish Under-21 Champion: 1997; Polish Champion: 2004; World Cup Champion: 2005.

WALDRON, Shane Ashley

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 October 1989, Swindon, Wiltshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2005) Rye House II, Weymouth; (2006) King's Lynn, Plymouth; (2007) Plymouth, Boston.

WALKER, James Sam

DATE OF BIRTH: 5 April 1990, Eastbourne, East Sussex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Weymouth.

WALKER, Simon Mark

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 February 1980, Bristol, Avon.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Newport II; (2002) Newport II, Swindon II; (2003) Swindon II, Trelawny II; (2004) Somerset, Swindon II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Boston, Somerset; (2006-08) Somerset.

WALLINGER, David

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 April 1984, York, North Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Cleveland; (2008) Redcar II.
RIDER LINKS: Son of junior rider John Wallinger.

WARD, Darcy

DATE OF BIRTH: 4 May 1992, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Boston.

WARWICK, Daniel (Danny) John

DATE OF BIRTH: 21 November 1983, Poole, Dorset.
BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Newport II; (2003) Newport II, Poole (British League Cup only); (2004) Weymouth, Swindon II, King's Lynn II; (2005) Newport II; (2006) Berwick, Weymouth; (2007) Somerset, Sittingbourne; (2008) Reading.
RIDER LINKS: Brother of Carl Warwick (born: 7 October 1981, Poole, Dorset).
ADDITIONAL INFO: Remarkably, Warwick remained ever-present over a four-year period, from 2004 to 2007 inclusive, with four different teams, namely Swindon II, Newport II, Berwick and Somerset. That run came to an unfortunate end in 2008, when, whilst riding for Reading in a challenge match against Somerset at Smallmead on 17 March, he sustained a small fracture to his right ankle.

WATSON, Craig

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 August 1976, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.
BRITISH CAREER: (1997-99) Newport; (2000-01) Poole; (2002) Newport, Belle Vue; (2004-06) Newport; (2007) Poole, Glasgow; (2008) Newport, Birmingham.
MAJOR HONOUR: New South Wales State Champion: 2004.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Newport were forced to close down after promoter Tim Stone's death on 26 April 2008. Only the side's Premier Trophy matches were permitted to count in the riders' records and Watson subsequently re-located to Birmingham.

WATT, David (Davey) John

DATE OF BIRTH: 6 January 1978, Townsville, Queensland, Australia.
BRITISH CAREER: (2001) Isle of Wight; (2002) Newcastle; (2003) King's Lynn, Poole; (2004) Rye House, Poole, Eastbourne; (2005) Eastbourne; (2006) Oxford; (2007) Eastbourne; (2008) Poole.
MAJOR HONOUR: Queensland State Champion: 2005.

WEBSTER, Timothy (Tim) Mark

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 May 1989, Walsall, West Midlands.
BRITISH CAREER: (2004) King's Lynn II; (2005) Weymouth, Scunthorpe; (2006) Newport II; (2007) Plymouth; (2008) Weymouth.

WELLS, Ricky

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 July 1991, Auckland, New Zealand.
BRITISH CAREER: (2009) Coventry.
MAJOR HONOURS: USA Under-21 Champion: 2007, 2008.
ADDITIONAL INFO: Nicknamed 'The Kiwi Kid'.

WERNER, Jeffrey Brent

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 April 1974, Los Angeles, California, USA.
BRITISH CAREER: (1995-97) Long Eaton; (1998) Newcastle; (1999-2000) Workington; (2001) Eastbourne; (2002) Rye House; (2003) Rye House, Peterborough; (2004) Rye House, Belle Vue; (2005) Rye House, Oxford; (2006) Eastbourne, Mildenhall, Arena-Essex; (2007) Birmingham; (2008) Somerset, Eastbourne.
RIDER LINKS: Nephew of Dubb Ferrell (born: 1957, Los Angeles, California, USA).
ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Werner's testimonial was held at Rye House on 8 October 2005, when Morten Risager took victory in an individual event. (2)The American quit the sport after a poor run of form with Birmingham in May 2007, but was persuaded to return by Somerset in 2008 after Ritchie Hawkins had been injured prior to the season.

WESTACOTT, Jamie

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 April 1988, Newport, Gwent, South Wales.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Newport II, Stoke II; (2004) Newport II, Reading; (2005) Newport II; (2006) Plymouth; (2007) Weymouth, Plymouth.

WETHERS, Matthew James

DATE OF BIRTH: 30 May 1985, Adelaide, South Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Armadale, Wolverhampton II, Edinburgh; (2004) Edinburgh, Armadale; (2005) Glasgow, King's Lynn, Edinburgh; (2006) Edinburgh, Poole; (2007-08) Edinburgh.

WHITE, Karl David

DATE OF BIRTH: 1 December 1987, Thurrock, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004) Rye House II; (2005) Rye House II, Boston, Wimbledon; (2006) Plymouth, Sittingbourne.

WHITE-WILLIAMS, James (Jamie)

DATE OF BIRTH: 2 December 1985.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Plymouth.

ADDITIONAL INFO: Always rides as Jamie Williams.

WHITTINGTON, Scott

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 June 1989.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Buxton.

WILKINSON, Carl Adam

DATE OF BIRTH: 16 May 1981, Boston, Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (1997) Peterborough II; (1998) Norfolk; (1999) King's Lynn II; (2000) Boston, Newcastle, Glasgow; (2001) Boston; (2002-03) Newport, Newport II; (2004) Newport; (2005) Boston, Berwick; (2006) Newport, Ipswich; (2007) Newcastle, Wolverhampton; (2008) Scunthorpe.

WILLIAMS, Martin John

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 October 1979, Gloucester, Gloucestershire

BRITISH CAREER: (1996) Swindon II; (1997) M4 Raven Sprockets; (1998) Newport II; (1999) St Austell; (2000) Stoke, St Austell, Reading, Swindon, Isle of Wight; (2001) Newport, Newport II, Isle of Wight, Stoke; (2002) Wimbledon; (2006) Weymouth.

WILSON, Ben Ryan

DATE OF BIRTH: 15 March 1986, Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2001-02) Sheffield II; (2003) Sheffield, Sheffield II, Buxton; (2004) Sheffield, Sheffield II, Carmarthen; (2005) Sheffield; (2006) Sheffield, Wolverhampton; (2007) Sheffield, Belle Vue; (2008) Sheffield.

MAJOR HONOUR: British Under-21 Champion: 2006.

WILTSHIRE, Todd William

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 September 1968, Bankstown, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (1988) Wimbledon, Ipswich; (1989) Wimbledon; (1990-91) Reading; (1998-2001) Oxford; (2003) Oxford; (2006) Oxford.

MAJOR HONOURS: New South Wales State Champion: 1990, 2000, 2001; German Champion: 1997, 1998; Australian Champion: 1999, 2001; World Team Cup Champion: 1999; Inter-Continental Champion: 1999; World Cup Champion: 2001, 2002.

RIDER LINKS: Brother-in-law of Dave Hamnett (born: 12 June 1970, Waratah, New South Wales, Australia).

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) Crashed in heat eight of the Division One Four-Team Championship at Peterborough on 21 July 1991, receiving a damaged wrist and elbow. The accident happened on the back straight and saw men and machines scattered everywhere, as Wiltshire, Shane Parker, Greg Hancock and Roman Matousek all came down in a horrifying spill; (2) Having missed the remainder of the British

season in 1991, he resumed racing Down Under, prior to crashing in the Australian Final at North Arm Speedway, Adelaide on 26 January 1992. The accident, in heat three, saw Wiltshire suffer serious pelvic injuries and a cracked vertebra, when he hit the deck in an otherwise simple looking fall after a race-long duel with Jason Lyons. An extended period of recuperation followed and he was actually out of the saddle for some five years, before appearing in German league racing in 1997; (3) Quit the sport at the end of the 2003 season and had a farewell meeting in his native Australia; (4) Oxford subsequently hosted a farewell meeting for the Aussie on 15 October 2004, when victory went the way of Mikael Max in an individual event that was curtailed early because of rain; (5) Following the breakup of his marriage, Wiltshire embarked on the comeback trail late in 2005, but hasn't returned to the UK since the end of the 2006 season.

WOFFINDEN, Tai

DATE OF BIRTH: 10 August 1990, Scunthorpe, North Lincolnshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Scunthorpe, Sheffield; (2007) Rye House, Scunthorpe, Poole; (2008) Rye House.

MAJOR HONOURS: Conference League Riders' Champion: 2007; British Under-18 Champion: 2007; British Under-21 Champion: 2008.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Rob Woffinden (born: 27 March 1962, Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire).

WOODWARD, Cameron Jackson

DATE OF BIRTH: 8 January 1985, Mildura, Victoria, Australia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Poole (British League Cup only); (2004-05) Edinburgh; (2006-08) Eastbourne.

MAJOR HONOURS: Victoria State Champion: 2006, 2008.

WORTMANN, Casper

DATE OF BIRTH: 18 May 1988, Odense, Denmark.

BRITISH CAREER: (2008) Mildenhall.

ADDITIONAL INFO: The Dane sustained internal damage and a knee injury during Mildenhall's Premier Trophy clash with Birmingham on 6 April 2008. The accident happened in an aborted heat thirteen after the Dane had locked together with Phil Morris and both riders had hurtled into the first bend safety fence with great force. It was later revealed that the Dane had been fighting for his life and had required emergency surgery on the morning following the meeting, as he had liver and kidney injuries, with blood pumping into his abdomen. Thankfully, he was released from hospital some two weeks later, when he returned to Denmark to recuperate.

WRATHALL, Adam Mark Edward

DATE OF BIRTH: 27 November 1991, Blackpool, Lancashire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2007) Oxford II; (2008) Scunthorpe II.

WRIGHT, Charles

DATE OF BIRTH: 26 October 1988, Stockport, Cheshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2004-06) Buxton; (2007) Workington, Buxton; (2008) Workington.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of Jim Yacoby (born: 26 September 1939, Denton, Manchester, Greater Manchester). Brother of fellow rider James Wright (see separate entry).

WRIGHT, James

DATE OF BIRTH: 13 June 1986, Stockport, Cheshire.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Buxton; (2003) Buxton, Belle Vue (British League Cup only); (2004) Workington, Buxton; (2005-07) Workington, Belle Vue; (2008) Swindon.

MAJOR HONOURS: Conference League Riders' Champion: 2004; Premier League Riders' Champion: 2007.

RIDER LINKS: Grandson of Jim Yacoby (born: 26 September 1939, Denton, Manchester, Greater Manchester). Brother of fellow rider Charles Wright (see separate entry).

WRIGHT, Matthew Paul

DATE OF BIRTH: 19 November 1985, Harlow, Essex.

BRITISH CAREER: (2002) Boston, Mildenhall, Carmarthen, Wimbledon II; (2003) Mildenhall, Ipswich (British League Cup only); (2004-05) Wimbledon; (2006) Mildenhall, Mildenhall II; (2007) Boston; (2008) Boston, Mildenhall, Weymouth.

ZABIK, Karol

DATE OF BIRTH: 25 October 1986, Torun, Poland.

BRITISH CAREER: (2006) Peterborough; (2008) Poole, Peterborough.

MAJOR HONOURS: European Under-19 Champion: 2005; World Under-21 Team Cup Champion: 2005, 2006; Polish Under-21 Champion: 2006; World Under-21 Champion: 2006.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Jan Zabik (born: 1 January 1946, Kielc, Poland).

ZAGAR, Matej

DATE OF BIRTH: 3 April 1983, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

BRITISH CAREER: (2003) Trelawny; (2004-07) Reading.

MAJOR HONOURS: Slovenian Champion: 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007; European Under-19 Champion: 2002; European Champion: 2004, 2008.

RIDER LINKS: Son of Franci Zagar (born: 1954).

ADDITIONAL INFO: Zagar received a 28-day ban from the BSPA in 2007, after missing the prestigious Elite League Riders' Championship at King's Lynn. This came after the Slovenian had also been absent from a number of Reading's away fixtures during a troubled season for the Berkshire club.

ZETTERSTROM, Hans Magnus

DATE OF BIRTH: 9 December 1971, Eskilstuna, Sweden.

BRITISH CAREER: (1996) Poole; (1998-99) Poole; (2000) Peterborough; (2001) Poole; (2002) Poole, Peterborough; (2003) Poole (British League Cup only); (2004) Poole; (2005-07) Somerset; (2008) Poole.

MAJOR HONOURS: European Champion: 2002; Premier League Riders' Champion: 2006; Swedish Champion: 2008.

ADDITIONAL INFO: (1) The Swede enjoyed a successful testimonial at Poole on 30 March 2005, when a four-team tournament resulted thus: DJN Associates Kangaroos 40, Poole Bay Freight Euros 35, Farson Transport Vikings 32, Travis Perkins Bulldogs 18; (2) 'Zorro', as he was affectionately nicknamed, concluded the 2007 season in controversial fashion, as he was handed a 28-day ban and a £1,000 fine by the sport's governing body for choosing not to compete in the Premier League Riders' Championship, but instead opting to ride in a Polish Play-Off fixture.