



# **THE** Living **M**emory **A**ssociation **NEWSLETTER**

## **THELMA** says, 'Celebrating Edinburgh Monarchs.'



Old Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh in 1960 with the Monarchs Speedway team.

I was taken by my parents to Meadowbank. I loved the Speedway. The riders that I remember are, Doug Templeton, Ivan Mauger, Jimmy Cox. Jimmy is in this picture, third from right. He always wore the fringed buckskin jacket. I thought it was 'real cool' way back then.  
**Says Margaret Mooney**

The picture shows Gordon Mitchell, Ron Johnson, Willie Templeton, Ian Hoskins (promoter), Freddie Greenwell, Doug Templeton (captain, on bike), Jimmy Cox, George Hunter, Bill Landels. Bill Landels is the only surviving member of the people in the photo. He lives in northern New South Wales, Australia. **Says Ian Marshall**

Dougie Templeton was one of the dominant riders in the Provincial League 1960-64 alongside teammates George Hunter, Ivor Brown, Ivan Mauger, Charlie Monk, Jimmy Cox and others. The bikes had no kick start and were pushed to start them. They had J.A.P. engines and no silencer. They had no brakes and the riders had to control the bikes on the corners by leaning low and counter steering. **Says Doug Belam**



This is Reidar Eide, Swedish heartthrob!  
At Meadowbank in the mid-60s.



Monarchs pictured at old Meadowbank in 1951.

500 cc J.A.P engineered bike. The frame had several manufacturers including Hagon. It burned Ethanol and had a total loss oil system using Castrol R which gave the exhaust the most delightful smell I've ever experienced. Meadowbank was my go-to place every Saturday night in the 60s. The sport has toned down in terms of smell and sound although today's bikes are faster. **Says Steve Walker**



Dougie and Willie Templeton in Stoke for an away match. Two members of the Monarchs Speedway Racing Team 1964.

A crowd of us from Royston used to go every Saturday night to Meadowbank to support Edinburgh Monarchs. We were fifteen or sixteen years old. It was around 5 shillings to get in. The fuel they used had a fantastic smell. There was a great atmosphere, and you could buy a hotdog. We went to one or two away contests in Ayr and Dundee. **Says John Thomson**

Remember going every Saturday came home with grit in my hair the spray of grit especially when they skidded round the corners. **Says Pat Archibald**

This photo was taken in London, probably outside Buckingham Palace in 1967. From left to right: Catherine Henderson, Dot Law, Christine Couper, Linda Henderson. They have two handmade banners – which Dot still has!



Dogie Templeton is sitting on the bike. He was the captain of the Monarchs. This is early sixties at Meadowbank.

This photo was taken at Meadowbank in the sixties. It was a Monarchs meeting but not all the riders in the photo are part of the Monarch's team.





This is Bernt Persson from Sweden. We called him Bernie. He was a lovely lad. He rode with the Monarchs for a season then went off elsewhere. **Says Dot Law**

The Monarchs at Meadowbank in the mid-sixties. This could be Bert Harkins in the foreground of the photo as he takes a bend in the track. **Says Dot Law**



Leif Ericson Sweden	Torbjorn Harrysson Sweden	Björn Knutsson Sweden	Leif Larsson Sweden	Göte Nordin Sweden	Peo Söderman Sweden	Mike Broadbanks England	Nigel Boocock England	Barry Briggs New Zealand
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Ivan Mauger New Zealand	Sverre Harrfeldt Norway	Marian Kaiser Poland	Andrzej Pogorzelski Poland	Stanislaw Tkocz Poland	Antoni Waryna Poland	Igor Piechanov Sovjet	Bengt Brannefors Sweden	Ken McKinley Scotland

My sister, Christine Ramsay, went with her Lambretta scooter, on the ferry from Hull to see the Speedway World Championship in Sweden. She went with Linda and Catherine Henderson. **Says Dot Law**

This is a memento postcard from the World Speedway Championship in Malmo, Sweden in 1966.

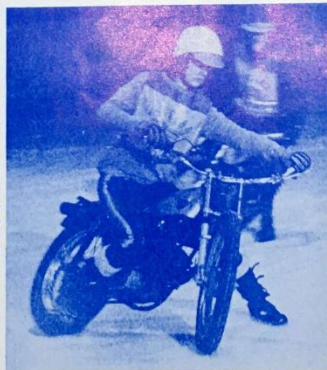
# MURRAYFIELD ice. racing

Official Programme 5p

Edinburgh Monarchs v  
Scottish Stars

Allan Forbes  
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Tommy Hughson  
in the Match  
of 23rd Jan.

Strictly no betting  
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The Speedway Control Board  
and Auto Cycle Union



## MONARCHS v SCOTTISH STARS

I used to watch them with my Uncle Bill. He used to come from Falkirk to take me. I loved it. *Says Maggi Kilpatrick*

We went once to the speedway on ice at Murrayfield. There were one or two came off their bikes, they went one way and the bike went another. *Says John Thomson*

The inaugural meeting took place at Murrayfield on 9<sup>th</sup> January 1972 and featured teams representing Edinburgh and Ayr. The event captured the public's imagination and was a sell out, with the queue stretching from the rink entrance out to the main road. Chatham Cars, in conjunction with Kenning Tyres were the main sponsors and Kennings worked on producing a suitable set of tyre studs for racing. Puch engined 175cc Greeves bikes were the most suitable for ice racing.



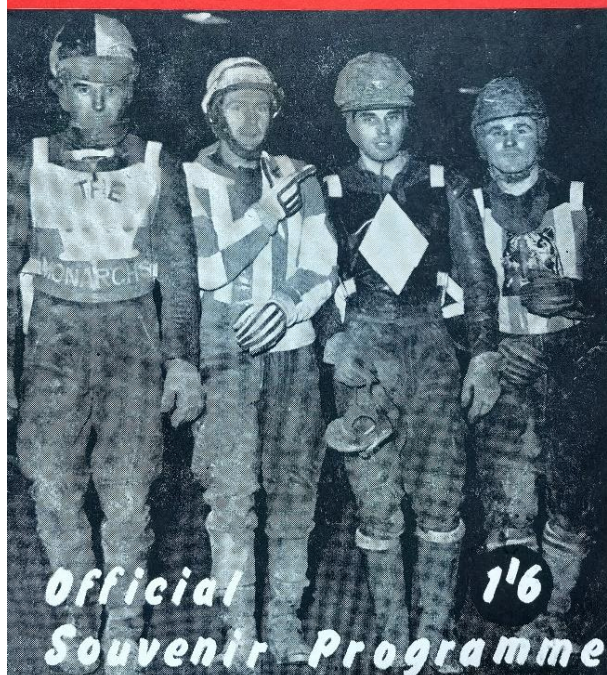
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Ivan Mauger was a motorcycle speedway rider from New Zealand. He won a record six World Championships. Ivan Mauger was voted as the 'Greatest Rider of the 20th Century'.

Monarchs  
Speedway Team at  
Old Meadowbank,  
1964.



The speedway was a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon, especially if you were a supporter of the Edinburgh Monarchs. *Says John Thomson*



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