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WELCOME TO TEAM USA VERSUS THE WORLD STARS AT KERN COUNTY RACEWAY!

Sitting here writing this two weeks before the big day and looking back, it is quite amazing that 2 years ago we had not yet staged a Speedway event here at Kern County Raceway Park. Mid a global pandemic and perhaps with more time on our hands than we were both used to, an idea was formed to bring Speedway back to the Bakersfield area. Here we now are and staging our 20th Speedway race and they don't get bigger than this.

It was never our intention in this project to simply be another track staging race events but instead to create a speedway program that would be the catalyst to a renaissance of the good old days and to success for USA on the world stage. Whilst we have only taken small steps towards a huge goal, we can be satisfied with where we are and what is ahead.

September 10th 1988 at Long Beach Veterans Stadium was the last time the USA World Cup team raced at home. On that night the USA placed second place to Denmark in the four Nation World Team final with future World Champion Sam Ermolenko top scoring for the Stars and Stripes with 13 points. Other riders on the American team that night were brothers Shawn & Kelly Moran, Lance King and Rick Miller. For all of the talent on that star studded team, there were riders who didn't make selection that day who were themselves some of the best in the World, such was the USA depth then. Though the USA has competed as a National team in world competition since overseas, this is the first time that the USA World Cup team has raced at home since that amazing night in Long Beach.

Our team today features some of the best riders in the USA, a mix of experience and youth with all 7 of the starting line up having experience racing in Europe. After several years of making up the numbers, the USA began its serious challenge again 2012 when it exploded back onto the World Cup scene. The following year of 2013 saw the team achieve a World ranking of #5, which though far cry from the glory days of the 1980s and 1990s, did signal that there was intent to once more compete at the very top again.

Today's event is the biggest that the USA has seen in some years, but it isn't an exhibition race or a gimmick event. Rather, it is a necessary step forward for both Team USA and American Speedway as a whole. It is being broadcast live on the British Speedway Network in Europe and the world's eyes are finally back on speedway on this side of the pond. We see this event as a first of its kind but also it is far from as good as we intend to go. The sky is the limit really, with more races in the future featuring the world's best riders and more often on these shores. And hopefully, the ultimate prizes await with World Championship events in the States and new American World Champions.

Our visiting team tonight is absolutely star studded with some of the finest in the World right here at KCRP. We have current World #6, the ultra-talented 23-year-old British rider Dan Bewley leading the World Team. He is joined by current Danish National Champion-Rasmus Jensen, 2021 British Champion-Adam Ellis, Double Swedish Champion-Jacob Thorssell, 2021 World Nations Champion-Tom Brennan and 5 time Canadian Champion-Kyle Legault. These riders will provide tough opposition for Team USA today. May the best team win!

And if that is not enough once the team competition of the event is over, all 14 racers in the Main show plus two Qualifiers will return for the 'Motor City Throwdown World Challenge' where sudden death elimination heats, semis and final will determine an Individual winner.

We thank you for attending this special event. We thank our sponsors and donors for helping us to achieve the impossible, without you and your above and beyond support, this would just be a nice idea floating around in our heads. We want to give a special shout out to John Pitre and Motor City GMC for their incredible support tonight as title sponsor, and from day one of our speedway program.

So, sit back and enjoy the show and make some noise for Team USA!

Larry Collins (KCRP General Manager)

Steve Evans (Team USA Manager & KCRP Speedway Race Director)

2023 SPEEDWAY / FLAT TRACK SCHEDULES AT KERN COUNTY RACEWAY PARK

March 11 – Speedway & Flat Track Double Header

April 1 – Speedway & Flat Track Double Header

May 13 – Speedway

May 20 - Flat Track Track Round 3

June 24 – 'Digger Helm' AMA Speedway National Championship Series

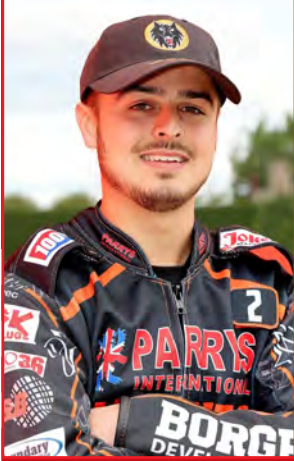
Sept 16 – Speedway & Flat Track Double Header

Oct 14 – 'John Schroeder' AMA National Under 21 Championship & Flat Track Double Header

Nov 4 – AMA National Pairs Speedway & Flat Track Double Header

Dec 2 – AMA FIM North America Final & Flat Track Double Header

MEET THE USA TEAM



#1 Luke Becker

Captain

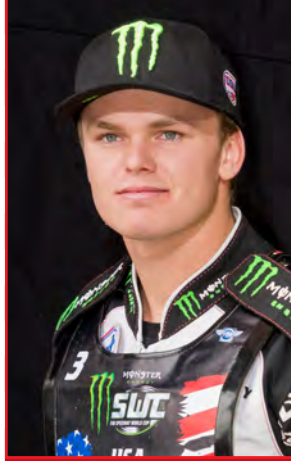
DOB: February 11, 1999
Brentwood, CA

2022/2018 FIM North America Champion
2020 AMA Under 21 National Champion
2022/21/20 AMA Pairs National Champion

6 appearances for Team USA World Cup / Nations

Teams: Wolverhampton (England), Piraterna (Sweden), Zielona Gora (Poland)

2023 Grand Prix Series Reserve rider



#2 Broc Nicol

DOB: April 22, 1998
Torrance, CA

2022/21/20 AMA Pairs National Champion
2019 AMA National Under 21 Champion
2017 US National Champion

6 appearances for Team USA World Cup / World Nations

Team: Glasgow Tigers, Scotland (2022)

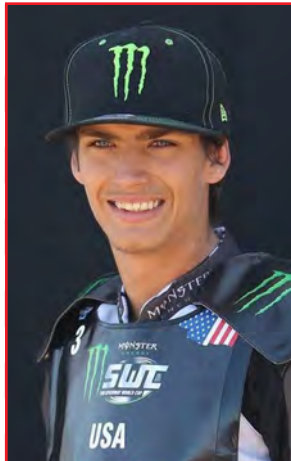


#3 Billy Janniro

DOB: July 3, 1980
Vallejo, CA

2022 & 11 time AMA National Champion
6 time US National Champion
2020 FIM North America Champion
5 time California State Champion
2007 / 2005 British League Champions (Coventry Bees)

14 appearances for Team USA World Cup



#4 Gino Manzares

DOB: August 15, 1993
Corona, CA

2013 AMA National Long Track Champion
2012 AMA National Under 21 Champion

8 appearances for Team USA World Cup / World Nations

Team: Vetlanda, Sweden



#5 Max Ruml

DOB: March 15, 1997
Orange, CA

2022 US National Champion
2022/19/16 California State Champion
2021/2020 FIM North America Champion
2021 AMA National Champion
2019 / 2018 AMA Pairs Champion
2015 /14 / 13 AMA Under 21 National Champion

4 appearances for Team USA World Cup



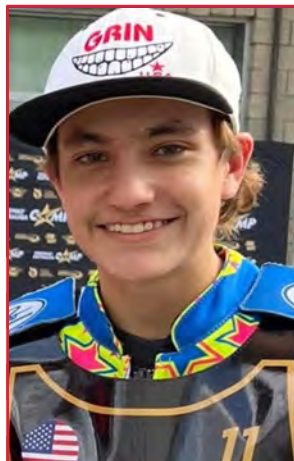
#6 Dillon Ruml

DOB: March 4, 1999
Garden Grove, CA

2019/2018 AMA Pairs National Champion
2018 California State Champion
2013 AMA 250cc Youth National Champion

3 appearances for Team USA World Cup / World Nations

Team: Oxford Cheetahs, England (2022)



#7 Alex Martin

DOB: December 16, 2004
Monterey, CA

2022 AMA Under 21 National Champion
2021 AMA 250cc Youth National Champion
2020 AMA 250cc Youth Long Track National Champion
2016 California State 150cc Youth Champion

Makes Team USA debut today



#8 Slater Lightcap

Reserve Rider

DOB: August 28, 2005
Long Beach, CA

2021 AMA National Under 21 Champion
2017 AMA 150 Youth National Champion
2017 FIM Silver Cup Youth 150 Champion

Making his Team USA debut today

Team USA vs The World Stars

Usa	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T	BP	World	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T	BP
1 Luke Becker										1 Dan Bewley									
2 Broc Nicol										2 Tom Brennan									
3 Billy Janniro										3 Rasmus Jensen									
4 Gln0 Manzares										4 Jacob Thorsell									
5 Max Ruml										5 Adam Ellis									
6 Dillon Ruml										6 Kyle Legault									
7 Alex Martin										7 Wilbur Hancock									
8 Slater Lightcap										8 Louie Mersaroli									

Heat	Riders	Gate	Pts	Home	Away	Home	Away
Heat 1	1 Luke Becker	3	.....			
	2 Broc Nicol	1	.....			
	1 Dan Bewley	4	.....			
	2 Tom Brennan	2	.....			
Heat 2	6 Dillon Ruml	2	.....			
	7 Alex Martin	4	.....			
	6 Kyle Legault	1	.....			
	7 Wilbur Hancock	3	.....			
Heat 3	3 Billy Janniro	3	.....			
	4 Gln0 Manzares	1	.....			
	3 Rasmus Jensen	2	.....			
	4 Jacob Thorsell	4	.....			
Heat 3A	World Challenge Qualifying Heat 1 137 Justin Almon 188 Louie Mersaroli 66 Charlie Trana 27 Chris Kerr 1 st & 2 nd to 11A, 3 rd & 4 th to 18A						
Heat 4	5 Max Ruml	3	.....			
	7 Alex Martin	1	.....			
	5 Adam Ellis	4	.....			
	7 Wilbur Hancock	2	.....			
Heat 5	3 Billy Janniro	2	.....			
	4 Gln0 Manzares	4	.....			
	1 Dan Bewley	3	.....			
	2 Tom Brennan	1	.....			
Heat 5A	World Challenge Qualifying Heat 2 251 Greg Moore 214 Michael Wells 28 Slater Lightcap 321 Russell Green 1 st & 2 nd to 11A, 3 rd & 4 th to 18A						
Heat 6	1 Luke Becker	1	.....			
	2 Broc Nicol	3	.....			
	5 Adam Ellis	2	.....			
	6 Kyle Legault	4	.....			
Heat 7	5 Max Ruml	2	.....			
	6 Dillon Ruml	4	.....			
	3 Rasmus Jensen	1	.....			
	4 Jacob Thorsell	3	.....			
Heat 7A	150cc Mini Speedway Heat 169K Kayd Fiore 175x Maddux Myers 175 Morgan Myers 5 Brandon Soto						
Heat 8	2 Broc Nicol	4	.....			
	7 Alex Martin	2	.....			
	2 Tom Brennan	3	.....			
	7 Wilbur Hancock	1	.....			

Heat	Riders	Gate	Pts	Home	Away	Home	Away
Heat 9	3 Billy Janniro	4	.....			
	4 Gln0 Manzares	2	.....			
	5 Adam Ellis	1	.....			
	6 Kyle Legault	3	.....			
Heat 9A	250cc Junior Speedway Heat 29 Nick Hohlbein 203 Darren Armbruster 226 Levi Leutz 145 William Cairns						
Heat 10	1 Luke Becker	4	.....			
	2 Broc Nicol	2	.....			
	3 Rasmus Jensen	3	.....			
	4 Jacob Thorsell	1	.....			
Heat 11	5 Max Ruml	1	.....			
	6 Dillon Ruml	3	.....			
	1 Dan Bewley	2	.....			
	2 Tom Brennan	4	.....			
Heat 11A	World Challenge Race Off (Gate Choice order) 1 st 3A 1 st 5A 2 nd 5A 2 nd 3A 1 st to Event 18, 2 nd to Event 16, 3 rd & 4 th to Event 20B						
Heat 12	3 Billy Janniro	1	.....			
	7 Alex Martin	3	.....			
	3 Rasmus Jensen	4	.....			
	6 Kyle Legault	2	.....			
Heat 13	4 Gln0 Manzares	3	.....			
	6 Dillon Ruml	1	.....			
	4 Jacob Thorsell	2	.....			
	7 Wilbur Hancock	4	.....			
Heat 14	1 Luke Becker	2	.....			
	5 Max Ruml	4	.....			
	1 Dan Bewley	1	.....			
	5 Adam Ellis	3	.....			
Tie Breaker If Needed		2	.....			
		4	.....			
		1	.....			
		3	.....			



14A 150 Mini Speedway Heat			
1	175 Morgan Myers		
2	5 Brandon Soto		
3	169k Kayd Fiore		
4	175x Maddux Myers		

14B 250 Junior Speedway Heat			
1	226 Levi Leutz		
2	145 William Cairns		
3	29 Nick Hohlbein		
4	203 Darren Armbruster		

MOTOR CITY THROW DOWN INDIVIDUAL WORLD ELIMINATION CHALLENGE

15 World Challenge Heat 1			
1	1st USA		
2	4th World		
3	5th USA		
4	7th World		

16 World Challenge Heat 2			
1	2nd World		
2	3rd USA		
3	2nd Event 11A		
4	6th World		

17 World Challenge Heat 3			
1	1st World		
2	4th USA		
3	5th World		
4	7th USA		

18 World Challenge Heat 4			
1	2nd USA		
2	3rd World		
3	1st Event 11A		
4	6th USA		

Starting line ups for Events 15-18 determined by points in team program (including bonus points). Listed in gate choice order.

18A Last Man Out Qualifier			
1	3rd 5A		
2	3rd 3A		
3	4th 3A		
4	4th 5A		

Gate choice in order listed 1st and 2nd to Event 20B

18B 150 Mini Speedway Main			
1			
2			
3			
4			

Gate choice based on heat points

19 World Challenge Semi 1			
1	1st heat 1		
2	1st heat 2		
3	2nd heat 3		
4	2nd heat 4		

Gate choice preference goes to heat winners with overall points from team and events 15-18 determining priority for 1st / 3rd choice

20 World Challenge Semi 2			
1	1st heat 4		
2	1st heat 3		
3	2nd heat 2		
4	2nd heat 1		

20A 250 Junior Speedway Main			
1			
2			
3			
4			

Gate choice based on heat points

20B Last Man Out Challenge			
1	3rd 11A		
2	4th 11A		
3	1st 17A		
4	2nd 17B		

Gate choice in order listed

21 World Challenge Final			
21	1	1st semi 1	
	2	2nd semi 1	
	3	1st semi 2	
	4	2nd semi 2	

Gate choice preference goes to semi winners with overall points from team, events 15-18 and semifinals determining priority for 1st / 3rd choice

Supplementary Rules • Team Race

- Each heat consists of 4 riders, two from the USA team, two from the World Team
- Points score 3 for a win, two for second, 1 for third and 0 for fourth or non-finish.
- Points are accumulated over 14 heats with the team with the most points winning the match.
- If scores are tied after 14 heats, an additional heat will be added to determine the winning team. This race will employ a points system of 4,3,2,0 to ensure it creates an event winner. Team managers each nominate two riders for this race.
- Each rider has 4 programmed rides on the team program. They must take a minimum of 3 of those rides unless prevented by injury.
- Each team has a nominated #8 who will provide cover in event of injury or withdrawals. They are also allowed to be nominated as a substitute for an out of form rider. The #8 can have a maximum of 4 rides. No other rider substitutions are allowed.
- A two-minute time allowance violation or tape / starting penalty will result in a rider being handicapped 20 yards for the restart, with a further 10-yard penalties in the rerun added if they jump the start again after the penalty has been issued.
- A team who falls 8 or more points behind may nominate a rider for a tactical joker rider where they score double points. This can be done twice per team during the event, but it must be different riders.
- A team may draft in further reserve riders (from the non team qualifying heats) as needed during the event if they become shorthanded through additional injuries, etc.

MEET THE WORLD TEAM



#1 Dan Bewley

Captain

Great Britain
DOB May 10, 1999
Maryport, England

2022 6th Place World Individual Championship
2022 British Grand Prix Winner
2022 Polish Grand Prix Winner
2022 British Champion
2022 Czech Golden Helmet Winner
2021 Nations World Champion (Great Britain)
2020 British Under 21 Champion

Teams: Wroclaw (Poland), Belle Vue Aces (England), Smederna (Sweden)

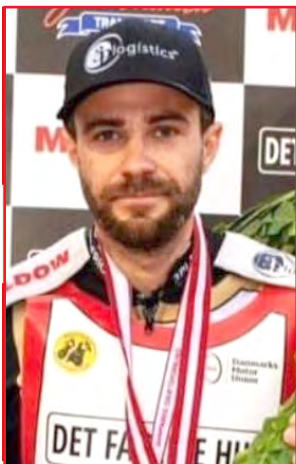


#2 Tom Brennan

Great Britain
DOB July 2 2001
Swindon, England

2021 Nations World Champion (Great Britain)
2022 British League Champion (Belle Vue)
2021 British Under 21 Champion
2021 9th Place World Under 21 Championship
2018 National League Champion (Eastbourne)
2018 9th Place European Under 19 Championship

Teams: Belle Vue Aces (England), Glasgow



#3 Rasmus Jensen

Denmark
DOB Oct 16 1993
Holsted, Denmark

2022 Danish National Champion
2022 Danish Grand Prix 5th Place
2022 17th Place World Championship
2019 British League Champion (Swindon)
2019 British League Cup Winner (Swindon)

Teams: Dackarna (Sweden), Zielona Gora (Poland), Stralsund (Germany)



#4 Jacob Thorsell

Sweden
DOB July 24 1993
Atvidaberg, Sweden

2020 Swedish National Champion
2019 Swedish National Champion
2016 British League Champion (Wolverhampton)
2x Swedish Grand Prix rider
Sweden National Speedway Team

Teams: Dackarna (Sweden), Opole (Poland),



#5 Adam Ellis

France / Great Britain
DOB March 21 1996
Marmande, France

2022 FIM Oceana Champ
2021 British Champion
2022 League Cup Champion
2019, 2017 British League Champion (Swindon)
2016 National League Cup Champion (UK)
2015 National League Champion (UK)
2011 French 250cc Grasstrack Champion

Teams: Sheffield Tigers (England), Dackarna (Sweden), Daugavpils (Latvia)



#6 Kyle Legault

Canada
DOB May 30 1985
St Catherines, Ontario, Canada

5x Canadian National Champion
2009 Argentina National Champion
2005-2010 British League
2008-2009 Polish League



#7 Wilbur Hancock

Sweden / USA
DOB May 12 2005
Sweden

2020 AMA 250cc Youth National Champion
2019 AMA 250cc Youth Long Track National Champion



**TEAM USA – 8 TIMES
SPEEDWAY WORLD
CHAMPIONS!**

**World Team Cup 5 Times
(1982, 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998)**

**World Pairs Champions 3 Times
(1981, 1982, 1992)**

**Team USA World Team /
Pairs Gold Medalists**

Sam Ermolenko (5)

1990, 1992x2, 1993, 1998

Billy Hamill (4) 1990, 1992, 1993, 1998

Greg Hancock (4) 1992x2, 1993, 1998

Bobby Schwartz (3) 1981, 1982x2

Ronnie Correy (2) 1992x2

Kelly Moran (2) 1982, 1990

Shawn Moran (2) 1982, 1990

Bobby Ott (2) 1992, 1993

Bruce Penhall (2) 1981, 1982

Scott Autrey 1982

Josh Larsen 1993

Rick Miller 1990

Dennis Sigalos 1982

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