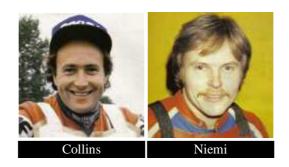
## **Dream Team: Michael**

Speedway fan from Tampere (Finland) where speedway is not hot anymore because they moved the track to edge of the world.



# Grigori Markatanov

Probably the first time I saw speedway. Don't remember nothing but the name: Grigori Markatanov. Never saw the man or his name ever since. But this Soviet rider was there.

#### **Peter Collins**

Greatest picture ever. Peter Collins and Wembley stadion. It was late 70's when I saw it. Whole sport in one picture.

#### Heimo Kaikko

My speedway fan era started when I saw this picture in local newspaper. Heimo Kaikko and local star Lehtonen side by side in curve. I saw those riders later many times in action.

#### Kai Niemi

Shiny star from cold, dark winter of Finland. Wimbledon rider. Thanks to him I loved FC Dons as well. Where are those teams nowadays?

### Hans Nielsen

1979. Local track in Tampere. Team Denmark with Olsen and Gundersen. They drove. But this man, Curly Hans, did not. He flew.

## Ivan Mauger

Ivan the great. There was a chance and I saw this flaming legend. Mid 80's. He lent bike from Kai Niemi and I was there and saw the race.

## Juha Moksunen

Local gun who made us believe there can be a World Champion from our own neighbourhood someday. It was all before the tractors came...

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