"Oh, dad, what have you done to MY car?" says young LES MITCHELL (238) to his famous father FRED (38) as they survey the up-turned car on the pits bend at the Walthamstow stadium. It's not often that veteran Fred gets turned over these days — but this opening July meeting provided such an instance. At the time Fred was driving his old 1964 car — the car he has given to son Les to drive this year, but which he borrowed back when his own car blew its engine. Two days later at Cadwell, Fred blew his engine up, too! Now both father and son have got their 'own' cars... and Les is not so keen to loan his to dad again.
In the Midlands and the North former British Champion FRED BALL (285) is very popular — deservedly so, for he's a trier. The same can be said of Corby Formula II top-ranker, JOHNNY GRAY (625), who is always ready to mix it en-route to winning.