

BIRMINGHAM (HALL GREEN) 1928

HALL GREEN STADIUM

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Tuesday, 31st July 1928

Opening meeting postponed until 3rd August.

Friday, 3rd August 1928

Promoted by International Speedways Ltd. Attendance 7-8,000.

Golden Helmet

Ht 1: Les Patrick, Jack Parker (f, rm, f, rm), Vic Huxley (f)	104.1
Ht 2: Dickie Smythe, Jack Lloyd, Bunny Wilcox, Ben Unwin (f)	91.0
Ht 3: Cyril Locke, Charlie Spinks, Harry Taft (f), Mart Seiffert (ef)	94.5
Ht 4: Eric Spencer, Colin Watson	82.8
Final: Eric Spencer, Les Patrick, Dickie Smythe (f), Cyril Locke (f)	90.0

Handicap Event

Ht 1: Ben Unwin, Vic Huxley	91.6
Ht 2: Bunny Wilcox (7), Jack Parker (scr), Dickie Smythe (ef)	94.0
Ht 3: Jack Lloyd, Colin Watson	92.1
Ht 4: Cyril Locke, Eric Spencer, Cyril Taft (f, rm, f)	94.7
SF1: Jack Parker, Bunny Wilcox, Vic Huxley, Ben Unwin	82.3
SF2: Jack Lloyd, Cyril Locke, Colin Watson (ns), Eric Spencer	94.3
Final: Jack Lloyd (9), Jack Parker (scr), [Bunny Wilcox, Cyril Locke]	98.4

Match Race:

Vic Huxley beat Charlie Spinks (f)

Lap Record Attempts

Eric Spencer	20.2 (record established)
Vic Huxley	21.4

Friday, 10th August 1928

Gold Gauntlet

Ht 1: Dickie Smythe, Bunny Wilcox	90.0
Ht 2: Ben Unwin, Gus Kuhn	89.2
Ht 3: Reg Pointer, Bert Perrigo	92.0
Ht 4: Vic Huxley, Fred Povey, Jack Bishop (f), Stan Reynolds (f)	88.4
Final: Vic Huxley, Dickie Smythe, [Ben Unwin, Reg Pointer]	80.5 (new record)

One-lap record attempt

Vic Huxley	19.9 (new record)
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Handicap Event

Ht 1: E Law (12 sec), Ben Unwin	104.4
Ht 2: Reg Marks (14 sec), Bunny Wilcox, E Roden	101.6

Ht 3: Reg Pointer, Fred Povey, Vic Huxley (f)	94.9
Ht 4: Dilly Gittins, Bert Perrigo, Stan Reynolds (f)	92.9
SF1: Reg Marks, Ben Unwin	102.5
SF2: Reg Pointer, Dilly Gittins, Bert Perrigo, Fred Povey	92.8
Final: Dilly Gittins, Ben Unwin, Reg Pointer (f), Reg Marks (f)	94.2

Match Races

Ben Unwin beat Jack Lloyd (f, rm, f)
Ben Unwin beat Gus Kuhn

Birmingham Encourage Match Race

Fred Povey beat Bunny Wilcox (f)

Friday, 17th August 1928

Silver Sash

Ht 1: Jack Parker, Bert Perrigo, Les Patrick (f)	87.2
Ht 2: Ben Unwin, Billy Lord, Jack Booker (f)	101.8
Ht 3: Cyril Taft, Dilly Gittins	92.9
Ht 4: Dickie Smythe, Cyril Locke 88.9	
Final: Dickie Smythe, Ben Unwin, Cyril Taft, Jack Parker (ef)	83.7

Handicap Event

Ht 1: Stan Reynolds, Jack Parker, Arthur Johnson	85.7
Ht 2: Ben Unwin, Les Patrick, Bunny Wilcox	101.9
Ht.3: Harry Taft, Cyril Locke, Dilly Gittins (f), Wally Lloyd (f)	84.1
Ht 4: Cyril Taft, Gus Kuhn, Dickie Smythe (f)	92.9
SF1: Jack Parker, Ben Unwin, [Les Patrick], Stan Reynolds (f)	94.4
SF2: Cyril Taft, Cyril Locke, Gus Kuhn, Harry Taft (f)	92.4
Final: Cyril Taft, Ben Unwin, Cyril Locke (f, rm), [Jack Parker]	91.8

Lap Record Attempt

Dicky Smythe 19.2 (new record)

Friday, 24th August 1928

Silver Armlet

Ht 1: Jack Parker, Dilly Gittins (f)	
Ht 2:	
Ht 3: Harry Taft, Cyril Locke, George Povey (f)	
Ht 4: Jimmy Stevens, E Roden, Cyril Lord (f), Les Patrick (l)	
Final: Jack Parker, Jimmy Stevens, George Povey	90.2

Birmingham Handicap

Ht 1: Jack Parker, George Allbrook, Jimmy Stevens (f)	
Ht 2: Bert Perrigo, Cyril Locke, Cyril Lord, Larry Coffey (f), George Dalby (f)	
Ht 3: Les Patrick, Harry Taft, K H Sanders, Arthur Johnson (ex, crossed inner line), Vic Huxley (f, n)	
Ht 4: Jack Jennings, Dilly Gittins, Jack Butler (f), Frank Arthur (f)	
SF1: Cyril Locke, Jack Parker, Bert Perrigo, George Allbrook	
SF2: Harry Taft, Dilly Gittins, Jack Jennings (chain), Les Patrick (f)	
Final: Harry Taft, Jack Parker, [Cyril Locke, Dilly Gittins]	87.7

Shirley Cup Handicap

Ht 1: Jack Butler, Wally Lloyd, [W Ashcroft, W Dickinson]	
Ht 2: W Arnott, Wal Morton, [R Harland, Jack Jennings]	105.2

Ht 3: Sid Peace, L Perry, [W Bailey, J Chedder] 105.5
Ht 4: Arthur Johnson, Stan Reynolds, [George Allbrook, George Dalby] 95.4
SF1: [Jack Butler, Wally Lloyd, W Arnott, Wal Morton]
SF2: [Sis Peace, L Perry, Arthur Johnson, Stan Reynolds]
Final: Arthur Johnson, Wally Lloyd 100.0

Birmingham Track Championship (6 local riders each rode 1 lap, flying start)
Winner: Harry Taft 19.8
(other contestants were Jack Parker, Cyril Locke, & Arthur Johnson)

Lap Record Attempt

Jack Parker 19.9 (unsuccessful)

Friday, 31st August 1928

Silver Helmet

Ht 1: Bunny Wilcox, Fred Povey, Jack Parker (chain)
Ht 2: Bert Perrigo, Les Patrick (f, rm), Larry Coffey (f, rm)
Ht 3: Dickie Smythe, Cyril Locke, Jimmy Stevens (f, rm)
Ht 4: Billy Lamont, Dilly Gittins, H or C? Taft (f)
Final: Billy Lamont, Dickie Smythe [Bunny Wilcox, Bert Perrigo] 82.6

Shirley Cup Scratch Race Final

Final: Bill Stanley, Jimmy Gent (f, rm), K H Sanders 100.1

Birmingham Track Championship

Jack Parker beat Harry Taft (f) 83.6

Match Race

Billy Lamont beat Dickie Smythe (fell on last corner when level with Lamont)

Birmingham Handicap (standing start)

Ht 1: Reg Marks (10 sec start), Jack Jennings (f, ns)
Ht 2: Dickie Smythe, George Allbrook, Cyril Locke (fell)
Ht 3: Cyril Taft, Jack Parker, Sid Reynolds, Wally Lloyd
Ht 4: Jack Booker, George Dalby, Billy Lamont (f)
SF1: Reg Marks, Dickie Smythe, [George Allbrook]
SF2: Jack Parker, Jack Booker, George Dalby (f), Cyril Taft (ef)
Final: Jack Parker, Dickie Smythe, Reg Marks, Jack Booker 87.5

Lap Record Attempt

Larry Coffey (unsuccessful)

Friday, 7th September 1928

Handicap

Ht 1: Bill Stanley (10 sec start), K H Sanders, Jimmy Stevens
Ht 2: Jack Parker, Billy Dallison, Vic Huxley (ef)
Ht 3: F H Chambers, Fred Povey, Jack Jennings (f), Dickie Smythe (ef)
Ht 4: Bunny Wilcox, Arthur Johnson, Larry Coffey
SF1: Jack Parker, Billy Dallison, Bill Stanley, K H Sanders
SF2: Fred Povey, Bunny Wilcox, Arthur Johnson (f, rm), [F H Chambers]
Final: Jack Parker, Fred Povey, Billy Dallison, Bunny Wilcox (f, rm) 88.2

Silver Wings

Ht 1: Jack Parker, Cecil Lord, Jimmy Stevens (f, rm), Dilly Gittins 84.9
Ht 2: Bunny Wilcox
Ht 3: Vic Huxley, Fred Povey 84.0

Ht 4: Dickie Smythe, Reg Marks, Les Patrick
Final: Vic Huxley, Bunny Wilcox, Dickie Smythe, Jack Parker (ef) 81.7

Match Races

Vic Huxley beat Dickie Smythe (ef)
Jimmy Stevens beat Larry Coffey

Shirley Cup

Final: Arthur Johnson, Charles Davis, Jack Jennings 98.1

Friday, 14th September 1928

Handicap

Ht 1: Jack Booker, Eric Spencer
Ht 2: Bill Stanley (8 sec start), Jimmy Stevens
Ht 3: Bunny Wilcox, Les Patrick, Billy Lamont
Ht 4: Arthur Johnson (10), Sid Peace, Larry Coffey (ef)
SF1: Eric Spencer, Bill Stanley, Jack Booker, Jimmy Stevens
SF2: Arthur Johnson, Sid Peace, Les Patrick, Bunny Wilcox
Final: Eric Spencer, Bill Stanley, Arthur Johnson, **Sid Peace** 89.1

Silver Pennant

Ht 1: Eric Spencer, Bunny Wilcox
Ht 2: Jack Lloyd, Cyril Locke, Arthur Westwood (f, ns) 94.8
Ht 3: Billy Lamont, Reg Marks, C Dellar
Ht 4: Larry Coffey, Dilly Gittins, Jimmy Stevens (f)
Final: Billy Lamont, Larry Coffey, Jack Lloyd, Reg Marks, Eric Spencer (f) 98.3

In the first staging of heat 3 Lamont mistook the yellow flag to mean an unfair start and the race was won by Marks. It was re-run with Lamont the winner. It was decided that Marks would compete in the final with the heat winners.

Shirley Cup

Ht 4: Jack Booker
Final: Jack Booker, Bill Stanley, Jimmy Gent 98.3

Lap Record Attempt

Eric Spencer 20.5 (unsuccessful)

Tuesday, 18th September 1928

Silver Wheel

Ht 1: Colin Watson, Billy Dallison, Dilly Gittins
Ht 2: Jack Parker, Bill Stanley, Jack Lloyd (f), Bert Spencer (f)
Ht 3: Larry Coffey, Bunny Wilcox, Charles Bellisent (f), Reg Marks (f)
Ht 4: Freddie Hore, Cyril Lord, Wally Lloyd (f, rm)
Final: Jack Parker, Colin Watson, Larry Coffey, Freddie Hore (ns injured)

International Race (England v France v Australia)

Jack Parker, Charles Bellisent, **Colin Watson (ns)*** 84.9
***Watson replaced the absent Dickie Smythe**

Handicap

Ht 1: Billy Dallison, Cyril Locke, Colin Watson, Jack Booker (ret broke chain)
Ht 2: Jack Parker, Wally Lloyd, John Lloyd (f)

Ht 3: Charles Bellisent, Cyril Lord, [K H Sanders, F H Chambers, Dilly Gittins], Les Patrick (exc)
Ht 4: Freddie Hore, Jack Butler, Fred Povey (ret)
SF1: Jack Parker, Billy Dallison
SF2: Cyril Lord, Jack Butler, Charles Bellisent (f), Freddie Hore (ns engine trouble)
Final: Jack Parker, Billy Dallison, Cyril Lord, Jack Butler,

Shirley Cup Scratch

Final: Wally Lloyd, Len Greenhalgh, Sid Peace

Lap Record Attempt

Jack Parker 20.0 (unsuccessful)

Friday, 21st September 1928

Handicap

Ht 1: Wally Lloyd, Fred Povey, Larry Coffey (f), Charlie Spinks (f) 96.5
Ht 2: Arthur Johnson, Jack Parker, Cyril Locke, George Allbrook 98.2
Ht 3: Bill Stanley (12 sec start), Billy Dallison, K H Sanders, Vic Huxley 99.4
Ht 4: Jack Booker (10 sec), Gus Kuhn, Bert Perrigo, Les Patrick (f) 97.4
SF1: Fred Povey, Jack Parker, Arthur Johnson, **Wally Lloyd** 94.1
SF2: Billy Dallison, Jack Booker, Bill Stanley (f), Gus Kuhn (f) 92.6
Final: Fred Povey, Billy Dallison, Jack Parker, Jack Booker (f) 94.3

Gold Helmet

Ht 1: Larry Coffey, Reg Marks, Charlie Spinks (f), Bert Spencer (f) 98.2
Ht 2: Jack Parker, Billy Dallison, Les Patrick (f, rm), Gus Kuhn (f) 86.2
Ht 3: Vic Huxley, Cyril Locke, Bunny Wilcox 84.1
Ht 4: Bert Perrigo, John Lloyd, Freddie Hore (f) 96.2
Final: Vic Huxley, Larry Coffey, Bert Perrigo, Jack Parker (f) 83.9

Shirley Club Scratch Final

Joe Dallison, L Perry (f, rm), Bill Stanley (f, rm) 98.2

Match Race

Jack Parker beat Bunny Wilcox 86.0

Lap Record Attempt

Vic Huxley 19.5 (unsuccessful)

Tuesday 25 September 1928

Handicap

Ht 1: Arthur Westwood, Eric Spencer 95.9
Ht 2: Jack Parker, Cyril Locke 89.4
Ht 3: Arthur Johnson, Bunny Wilcox, Les Patrick, Charlie Spinks 96.2
Ht 4: Billy Dallison; Freddie Hore & Bert Perrigo (dead-heat) 91.5
SF1: Jack Parker, Eric Spencer, Cyril Lock, Arthur Westwood 86.7
SF2: Billy Dallison, Bunny Wilcox, Arthur Johnson, Freddie Hore 92.1
Final: Billy Dallison, Eric Spencer, Bunny Wicox, Jack Parker (f) 89.7

Gold Gauntlet

Ht 1: Eric Spencer, Billy Dallison, Fred Povey, Stan Spencer 88.6
Ht 2: Jack Parker, Cyril Locke 86.5
Ht 3: Bunny Wilcox, Jimmy Stevens 91.8
Ht 4: Jack Lloyd, Bert Perrigo, Freddie Hore 92.2
Final: Eric Spencer, Jack Parker, Jack Lloyd, **Bunny Wilcox** 82.1

Match Race

Jack Parker beat Eric Spencer 83.8

Shirley Club Scratch Final

Tommy Deadman, T Guy, F Clarke

Lap Record Attempt

Billy Dallison 21.5 (unsuccessful)

Lap Record Attempt

Eric Spencer 20.5 (unsuccessful)

Friday, 28th September 1928

Meeting cancelled – rain

Friday, 5th October 1928**Handicap**

Ht 1: Billy Lamont, Les Patrick, Cyril Locke, J Hooker 88.4
 Ht 2: Jack Parker, Jimmy Stevens, Bert Perrigo, Sid Reynolds 84.7
 Ht 3: Billy Dallison, Arthur Johnson, Vic Huxley, Fred Povey (ret), Bert Spencer (ret) 92.3
 Ht 4: Gus Kuhn, Les Childer, John Lloyd, Dickie Smythe (ret) 85.9
 SF1: Jimmy Stevens, Jack Parker, Les Patrick, Billy Lamont (ef) 90.0
 SF2: Gus Kuhn, Arthur Johnson, Les Childer, Billy Dallison 89.4
 Final: Jack Parker, Gus Kuhn, Jimmy Stevens, Arthur Johnson 85.0

Silver Armlet

Ht 1: Billy Lamont, Billy Dallison, Arthur Johnson 83.4
 Ht 2: Jack Parker, Fred Povey, Les Patrick, Freddie Hore (ef) 83.0
 Ht 3: Vic Huxley, Jack Lloyd, Bert Spencer 84.9
 HT 4: Gus Kuhn, Bert Perrigo, Dickie Smyth (f) 87.6
 Final: Billy Lamont, Vic Huxley, **Jack Parker, Gus Kuhn** 82.2

Match Race

Jack Parker beat Vic Huxley 81.5

Shirley Club Scratch

Final: F H Chambers, Jack Jennings, Tommy McDonald, B Harrison

Friday, 12th October 1928**Handicap**

Ht 1: Les Patrick, Jack Parker, Reg Marks 93.4
 Ht 2: Bert Perrigo (6 sec start), Dickie Smythe (scr), Sid Reynolds 91.1
 Ht 3: Joe Dallison, Eric Spencer, Gus Kuhn (e/t) 91.8
 Ht 4: Arthur Westwood (10 sec), Billy Dallison, Jimmy Stevens 95.9
 SF1: Bert Perrigo, Les Patrick (f, rm), Jack Parker (f), Dickie Smythe (ef) 90.4
 SF2: Billy Dallison, Joe Dallison (f, rm), Arthur Westwood (f), E Spencer (f) 90.9
 Final: Bert Perrigo, Joe Dallison, Billy Dallison, **Les Patrick** 90.8

Silver Pennant

Ht 1: Jack Parker, Billy Dallison	83.7
Ht 2: Dickie Smythe, Wally Lloyd, Freddie Hore (f), Les Childer (ret)	86.1
Ht 3: Eric Spencer, Jack Booker, Bert Perrigo, Les Patrick	83.9
Ht 4: Jimmy Stevens, Cyril Locke, Jack Lloyd	90.0
Final: Dickie Smythe, Eric Spencer, Jack Parker (f), Jimmy Stevens (f)	84.2

News of the World Belt

SF1: George Povey, Bill Stanley, Jack Parker, Eric Spencer	89.6
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Match Race

Eric Spencer beat Jack Parker	82.9
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Shirley Club Scratch

Final: Len Greenhalgh, Charlie Bowers, Tommy Deadman	91.4
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Lap Record Attempt

Dickie Smythe	20.1 (unsuccessful)
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Friday, 19th October 1928**Match Race**

Jack Parker v Dickie Smythe - VERY slow due to conditions, then Parker fell, Smythe ef, and both riders finished the race on foot!

Birmingham Handicap

SF1: Jack Lloyd (f rmted), Jim Kempster (slowed to let Lloyd win)	
SF2: Gus Kuhn, Cyril Lord, Jack Parker (f, rmted), Jimmy Stevens (f)	
Final: Jack Lloyd, Jim Kempster, [Gus Kuhn, Cyril Lord]	94.8

Silver Wings

Ht 1: Jim Kempster, Harry Taft, Jimmy Stevens (f), Bert Perrigo (f)	
Ht 2: Jack Lloyd, Billy Dallison (ef, pushed), Dickie Smythe, Les Patrick (ef)	
Ht 3: Cyril Lord, Freddie Hore, Jimmy Stevens (f), Wally Lloyd (f)	
Ht 4: Cyril Locke, Jack Parker (f, rmted, ef), George Povey (ef)	
Ht 5: Jack Jennings, Arthur Westwood (ef, pushed), Gus Kuhn (ef), Jack Butler (ef)	
Final: Jack Lloyd, Jim Kempster (ef), [Cyril Lord, Cyril Locke, Jack Jennings]	97.5

News of the World Challenge Belt

SF2 Gus Kuhn, George Povey	92.8
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Shirley Club Scratch Race

George Dalby, Geoff Litherland	91.8
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Match Race

Harry Taft bt Billy Dallison	105.1
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Friday, 26th October 1928

Cancelled due to waterlogged track.