Season 1929

Leicester Super Melton Road, Leicester

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18th May 1929

STADIUM SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: J Humphries 98.3, A H Elliott 96.3, E W Greenwood 95.3 Len Middleton 94.1 Richard Christian 97.4 Final: J Humphries, A H Elliott, E W Greenwood, Len Middleton, Richard Christian 92.1

MELTON HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: E Bowden (10 secs) 84.3 Heat 2: George Wigfield (scratch) 86.3 Heat 3: Sprouts Elder (scratch) 82.1 Heat 4: Joe Palastrand (5 secs) 89.2 Heat 5: Alec Bowerman (3 secs) 85.1 Heat 6; Wilf Josephs (12 secs) 86.2 Final: Sprouts Elder, Wilf Josephs, George Wigfield, E Bowden 80.3 (Standing Start Track record)

BIG 8 SCRATCH RACE

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: Sprouts Elder Heat 2: George Wigfield 77.1 Heat 3: Stewie St George 83.4 Heat 4: Nev Wheeler 83.2 Final: Sprouts Elder, George Wigfield, Stewie St George, Nev Wheeler 78.0

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Sprouts Elder bt Stewie St George 76.0 (Rolling Start track record) George Wigfield bt Arthur Sherlock 79.4 George Wigfield bt Alec Bowerman 80.4

ONE MILE TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT

Sprouts Elder failed in his attempt to beat Vic Huxley's time as the current holder.

Note: 20-25,000 attendance with many locked out.

20th May 1929

SYSTON SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners:

Fred Wilkinson 93.1, H P Warren 96.1, A H Elliott 95.2, Wilf Josephs 89.2 A Waite 101.3 Final: Fred Wilkinson, H P Warren, A H Elliott, Wilf Josephs, A Waite 92.1

BUSHBY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock, Bill Shuker 87.0 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson, Ed Bradley 86.3 Heat 3: Alec Bowerman, F Middleton 90.2 Heat 4: George Wigfield, Al Wilkinson 86.3 Heat 5: Wilshore, Douglas Heat 6: Nev Wheeler Semi-Final 1: Al Wilkinson, George Wigfield Semi-Final 2: Ed Bradley, Middleton 91.6 Final: George Wigfield, Fred Wilkinson, Arthur Sherlock, Len Middleton, Ed Bradley and Alec Bowerman 87.1

FLYING 9 SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: Nev Wheeler, Alec Bowerman 85.2 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock, Will Joseph 82.4 Heat 3: Al Wilkinson, George Wigfield 84.2 Final: Al Wilkinson, Arthur Sherlock, Will Josephs, Nev Wheeler 85.0

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Alec Bowerman bt A Bradley 81.3 Heat 2: Ed Bradley bt Alec Bowerman 80.2 Heat 3: Ed Bradley bt Alec Bowerman no time

CHALLENGE RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock bt George Wigfield 82.1 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock bt George Wigfield 82.1

25th May 1929

LOUGHBOROUGH SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: A H Elliott 96.4 Heat 2: Len Middleton 104.2 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 92.4 Heat 4: Stanton 106.2 Heat 5: Bill Hadfield Final: Fred Wilkinson, Bill Stanton, Len Middleton, William Hadfield 92.2

QUORN HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: B Sanderson 88.4 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock 88.2 Heat 3: Roy Sanderson 89.4 Heat 4: George Wigfield Heat 5: Al Wilkinson 86.0 Final: George Wigfield, Fred Wilkinson, Arthur Sherlock, Tiger Sanderson, Roy Sanderson 83.2

FLYING 8 RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock, Nev Wheeler 81.6 Heat 2: Joe Palastrad, Ed Bradley 93.6 Final: Arthur Sherlock, Ed Bradley, Nev Wheeler, Joe Palastrad 81.3

ONE MILE TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT

Ed Bailey (Unsuccessful)

MATCH RACE CHALLENGES EVENT

Heat 1: George Wigfield bt Stewie St George 80.0 Heat 2: Tiger Sanderson bt Arthur Sherlock 80.0 Heat 3: Tiger Sanderson bt George Wigfield 79.3 Final: Tiger Sanderson, Arthur Sherlock no time

1st June 1929

LEICESTER SCRATCH RACE

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: G Preston 96.4 Heat 2: Richard Christian 100.0 Heat 3: A Elliot 94.2 Heat 4: E Watts 95.6 Final: Ernest Watts, Richard Christian, Len Middleton 94.1

MELTON HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Reg Airey 90.8 Heat 2: Jim Douglas 90.6 Heat 3: R Hibbert 88.6 Heat 4: Vic Huxley (0 secs) 83.6 Heat 5: Alec Bowerman 90.6 Final: Vic Huxley, Alec Bowerman, R Hibbert, Reg Airey, Jim Douglas 82.1

FLYING 9 EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Wilf Josephs 87.6 Heat 2: Alec Bowerman 83.2 Heat 3: Vic Huxley 80.0 Final: Vic Huxley, Arthur Sherlock, Wilf Josephs, Alec Bowerman 79.2

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Vic Huxley bt Arthur Sherlock 80.1 Heat 2: Vic Huxley bt Arthur Sherlock 81.1

3 LAP TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT

Vic Huxley 74.6 (Rolling Start track record)

BRISTOL 4th JUNE 1929

Inter-City Challenge Bristol, Cardiff, Leicester super, Exeter

Bristol v Leicester Super

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock, Jim Douglas, no third, Nev Wheeler & Len Parker (ret) 100.2

Bristol 3 Jim Douglas 3 Len Parker R

Leicester Super 4 Arthur Sherlock 4 Nev Wheeler R

Cardiff v Exeter

Cardiff 4 Nick Carter 4 Champ Upham 0

Exeter 3 Ron Stokes 2 Frank Buckland 1

Heat 1: Nick Carter, Ron Stokes, Frank Buckland, Champ Upham 100.4

Final Leicester Super v Exeter

Leicester Super 7 Arthur Sherlock 4 Nev Wheeler 3

Exeter 2 Ron Stokes R Frank Buckland 2

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock, Nev Wheeler, Frank Buckland, Ron Stokes (ret) no time

Source: John Jarvis

8th June 1929

HINCKLEY SCRATCH RACE

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: George Airey 93.2 Heat 2: Bill Henstock 96.2 Heat 3: B Middleton 93.4 Heat 4: Warren 88.2 Final: Bill Henstock, Richard Christian, George Airey 92.0

BARWELL HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Nev Wheeler (5 secs) 81.4 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson (6 secs) 83.4 Heat 3: Len Padley (6 secs) 84.2 Heat 4: Al Wilkinson (5 secs) 82.4 Heat 5: Alec Bowerman (4 secs) 84.6 Final: Nev Wheeler, Fred Wilkinson, Len Padley 79.3

SPEEDWAY DERBY SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Syd Parsons 79.6 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock 80.6 Heat 3: Stewie St George 78.0 Final: Syd Parsons, Stewie St George, Arthur Sherlock 79.3

SPECIAL MATCH RACES EVENT

Heat 1: Sid Parsons bt Arthur Sherlock 78.3 Heat 2; George Wigfield bt Frank Duckett 78.3 Final: Sid Parsons bt George Wigfield 78.0

15th June 1929

ROTHLEY SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Jim Middleton, Bill Hadfield 100.3 Heat 2; Bill Henstock, Joe Gooding 92.2 Heat 3: Bill Stanton 104.4 Heat 4: Len Padley, A H Elliott 93.2 Final: Bill Henstock, Len Padley, Jim Middleton, Bill Stanton, A H Elliott 91.2

CROPSTON HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Jim Middleton 91.1 Heat 2: Reg Airey, Bill Stanton 87.2 Heat 3: Wally Humphrey, Alec Bowerman 83. 1 Heat 4: Al Wilkinson 86.2 Heat 5: Joe Gooding 87.0 Heat 6: Tom Wilkinson 86.4 Final: Tom Wilkinson, Al Wilkinson, Len Middleton, George Airey, Joe Gooding, Wally Humphrey 85.4

BRADGATE PARK SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock, Stewie St George 82.5 Heat 2: Ed Bradley, Al Wilkinson 80.2 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 80.4 Heat 4: George Wigfield 80.8 Final: Ed Bradley, Stewie St George, Arthur Sherlock, Fred Wilkinson 79.3 (rolling start)

3 CORNERED CHALLENGE RACE

Nev Wheeler, Alec Bowerman, Arthur Sherlock 81.0

MATCH RACES EVENT

Heat 1: Jack Chapman bt Les 'Ned' Kelly 81.0 Heat 2: Les 'Ned' Kelly bt Jack Chapman 80.0 Heat 3: Les 'Ned' Kelly bt Jack Chapman 82.1

22nd June 1929

BELGRAVE SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Len Middleton 92.2 Heat 2: Ernest Watts 92.0 Heat 3: Joe Gooding 89.8 Heat 4: Jim Middleton 87.6 Fastest Second: Bill Stanton Final: Jim Middleton, Bill Stanton, Joe Gooding, Ernest Watts, Len Middleton 87.3

SYSTON HANDICAP FINAL

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Len Middleton (7 secs) 84.6 Heat 2: Alec Bowerman (3 secs) 81.2 Heat 3: Wilf Josephs (5 secs) 81.4 Heat 4: Al Wilkinson (3 secs) 84.5 Heat 5: Jim Middleton (6 secs) 81.8 Heat 6: Joe Gooding (6 secs) 84.4 Final: Wilf Josephs, Joe Gooding, Jim Middleton, Alec Bowerman, Fred Wilkinson, Len Middleton 81.4

OAKLAND SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Stewie St George 80.2 Heat 2: Dickie Wise 80.2 Heat 3: Nev Wheeler 80.2 Heat 4: George Wigfield 79.4 Fastest Second Arthur Sherlock Final: Arthur Sherlock, George Wigfield, Stewie St George (finished with a flat tyre), Nev Wheeler 80.1

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Dickie Wise bt Alf Chick 84.0 Heat 2: Alf Chick bt Dickie Wise 81.3 Heat 3: Alf Chick bt Dickie Wise 82.1

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock bt Ed Bradley 80.4 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock bt George Wigfield 82.2

JUNIOR RACE EVENT

Final winning time 100.2

NOTTINGHAM

Nottingham v Leicester Super Relay Challenge Match 22nd June 1929 (3.00pm Start)

Nottingham 4	
Fred Strecker	R
Ernest Lester	4
George Wigfield	F

Leicester Super 10Alec Bowerman4Nev Wheeler2Arthur Sherlock (cap)4

Heat 1: Bowerman, Strecker (ef) Heat 2: Lester, Wheeler Heat 3; Sherlock, Wigfield (fell)

Note: Leicester won the relay match – 2 heats to 1 based on heat times in a time of 4 minutes, 46.1 seconds –helped by two non-finishers in the Nottingham team.

Source: Programme, Nottingham Journal & Nottingham Guardian

29th June 1929

LUTTERWORTH SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Jim Middleton, Wally Humphries 90.6 Heat 2: Bill Stanton, Ernest Watts 89.6 Final: Jim Middleton, Ernest Watts 89.0

GOLDEN GAUNTLETS EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Jimmy Gent, S Chance Heat 2: Brown, Arthur Westwood Heat 3: Nobby Kendrick. Hal Herbert Heat 4: Vic Huxley, J Keeling Heat 5: Syd Jackson, E Platts

NARBOROUGH HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Stewie St George (o secs) 81.4 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson (3 secs) 82.2 Heat 3: Arthur Sherlock (1 secs) 85.4 Heat 4: Ernest Watts (7 secs) 83.8 Heat 5: Jack Jackson (3 secs) 83.8 Heat 6: Bill Stanton (7 secs) 84.4 Final: Fred Wilkinson, Bill Stanton, Arthur Sherlock, Jack Jackson 83.0

BLABY SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Stewie St George 81.6 Heat 2: George Wigfield 80.2 Heat 3: Alec Bowerman 86.6 Heat 4: Ed Bradley 81.4 George Wigfield, Ed Bradley, Nev Wheeler 80.1

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Stan Catlett bt Arthur Sherlock 81.3 Heat 2: Stan Catlett bt Arthur Sherlock 79.1

LEICESTER SUPER V WEMBLEY CHALLENGE MATCH

Leicester Super 20	
Alec Bowerman	246
Ed Bradley	415
Nev Wheeler	145
Arthur Sherlock (cap)	404

Wembley 8	
Len Reeve	011
Chas Rous	123
Vic Deale	000
Jack Jackson	224

Heat 1: Bradley, Bowerman, Rous, Reeve 81.3	61	61
Heat 2: Sherlock, Jackson, Wheeler, Deale 83.0	5 2	11 3
Heat 3: Bowerman, Jackson, Bradley, Deale 84.0	5 2	16 5
Heat 4: Wheeler, Rous, Reeve, Sherlock 87.1	43	20 8

MELTON SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Don Underwood, George Marsh 86.6 Heat 2: Bill Stanton, Richard Christian 94.6 Final: Don Underwood, George Marsh, Richard Christian 83.1

BELVOIR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson (3 secs) 85.8 Heat 2: Don Underwood (6 secs) 85.4 Heat 3: Jim Middleton (5 secs) 86.0 Heat 4: Ted Clairmonte (2 secs) 85.8 Heat 5: Joe Gooding 88.2 Heat 6: Bill Stanton (6 secs) 89.0 Final: Fred Wilkinson, Joe Gooding, Jim Middleton, Bill Stanton 83.2

COTTESMORE SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: George Wigfield 78.6 Heat 2: Nev Wheeler 80.2 Heat 3: Ted Clairmonte 81.2 Heat 4: Fred Wilkinson 79.2 Fastest Second: Len Parker Final: George Wigfield, Fred Wilkinson, Nev Wheeler, Ted Clairmonte 76.3

ROLLING START TRACK RECORD SOLO ATTEMPT

George Wigfield broke the track record in a time of 73.2

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: George Wigfield bt Stewie St George 78.2 Heat 2: George Wigfield bt Stewie St George 79.3

LEICESTER SUPER V LONDON CHALLENGE MATCH

Leicester Super 20	
Alec Bowerman	448
Ed Bradley	101
Arthur Sherlock (cap)	448
Nev Wheeler	213
London 8	
Lionel Wills	000
Ted Clairmonte	224
Taffy Williams	123
Jack Allmark	011

Heat 1: Bowerman, Clairmonte, Bradley, Wills 81.1	52	52
Heat 2: Sherlock, Wheeler, Williams, Allmark 79.0	61	11 3
Heat 3: Bowerman, Williams, Allmark, Bradley 81.4	43	15 6
Heat 4: Sherlock, Clairmonte, Wheeler, Wills 79.1	52	20 8

BIRSTALL SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: George Marsh, Ernest Watts 87.2 Heat 2: K Hamilton, Richard Christian 96.0 Final: Ernest Watts, George Marsh, Richard Christian 86.2

CROFT HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Ted Clairmonte (2 secs) 85.0 Heat 2: Len Middleton (5 secs) 84.4 Heat 3: Jim Middleton (5 secs) 83.4 Heat 4: Ernest Watts (6 secs) 84.4 Heat 5: Joe Gooding (5 secs) 85.6 Heat 6: George Marsh (8 secs) 84.4 Final: Ernest Watts, Jim Middleton, George Marsh 83.3

ENDERBY SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Jim Middleton 80.4 Heat 2: Nev Wheeler 82.2 Heat 3: Ed Bradley 80.6 Heat 4: Arthur Sherlock 78.2 Fastest Second: Taffy Williams Final: Arthur Sherlock, Ed Bradley, Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams, Nev Wheeler 78.1

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock bt Paddy Stiepwich 78.2 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock bt Paddy Stiepwich 78.2

Heat 1: Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams bt Fred Wilkinson 80.4 Heat 2: Aubrey 'Taffy; Williams bt Fred Wilkinson 78.0

JUNIOR SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Richard Christian, Reg Airey 92.8 Heat 2: E W Greenwood, T Willshaw 92.6 Heat 3: A Vernon, H Shephard 117.4 Final: E W Greenwood, Richard Christian, Reg Airey 91.2

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Jim Middleton 86.8 Heat 2: Len Middleton 84.6 Heat 3: George Marsh 87.0 Heat 4: Fred Wilkinson 83.4 Heat 5: Alec Bowerman 85.6 Heat 6: E W Greenford 88.2 Final; Len Middleton, Fred Wilkinson, Alec Bowerman 87.2

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Ted Clairmonte 81.2 Heat 2: Ed Bradley 80.2 Heat 3: Buster Frogley 83.6 Heat 4: Arthur Sherlock 81.2 Heat 5: Charlie Shelton 79.4 Final: Ted Clairmonte, Charlie Shelton, Ed Bradley, Arthur Sherlock (ret) 80.2

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock bt Buster Frogley 79.2 Heat 2: Buster Frogley bt Arthur Sherlock 85.3 Heat 3: Arthur Sherlock bt Buster Frogley 80.1

Heat 1: Nev Wheeler bt Alec Bowerman 80.4 Heat 2: Alec Bowerman bt Nev Wheeler 83.4 Heat 3: Alec Bowerman bt Nev Wheeler 91.0

JUNIOR SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: George Marsh. Hamilton 88.8 Heat 2: C Brown, Reg Airey 92.2 Final: C Brown, George Marsh, Reg Airey 88.3

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Len Ladley (4 secs) 83.0 Heat 2: Joe Gooding (4 secs) 86.4 Heat 3: Arthur Sherlock (0 secs) 84.0 Heat 4: Alec Bowerman (2 secs) 86.8 Heat 5: Nev Wheeler (2 secs) 86.6 Heat 6: Charlie Shelton (1 secs) 85.8 Final: Joe Gooding, Arthur Sherlock, Nev Wheeler, Len Padley 86.4

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Ed Bradley 79.0 Heat 2: Charlie Shelton 77.8 Heat 3: Ray Tauser 85.4 Heat 4: Nev Wheeler 82.0 Heat 5: Jack Jackson 83.6 Final: Jack Jackson, Ray Tauser, Charlie Shelton 88.0

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock bt Ray Tauser 77.4 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock bt Ray Tauser 80.0

Heat 1: Alec Bowerman bt Billy Ellmore 83.3 Heat 2: Billy Ellmore bt Alec Bowerman 79.3

Nottingham v Leicester Super Challenge Match

Nottingham 20	
Fred Strecker	448
Joe Gooding	F 2 2
Reg Lucas	404
Ernest Lester	246

Leicester Super 7Arthur Sherlock (cap)F N 0Nev Wheeler2 1 3Alec Bowerman1 1 2George Marsh0 0 0Bill HenstockF 2 2

Heat 1: Strecker, Wheeler, no third, Gooding & Henstock fell 82.4 Heat 2: Lucas, Lester, Bowerman, Marsh 83.2 Heat 3: Lester, Henstock, Wheeler, Lucas, 85.1 Heat 4: Strecker, Gooding, Bowerman, Marsh 82.3

Notes: (i)Billy Ellmore was programmed to ride for Leicester but stood down due to machine problems and Bill Henstock took his place in the team. (ii) Arthur Sherlock fell in Heat 1 and was not fit to take his place in the re-run. Henstock replaced him.

Source: Leicester Mercury, Leicester Evening Mail, Nottingham Evening Post, Programme.

JUNIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: George Marsh, Bill Hadfield 87.2 Heat 2: C Brown (scratch), Richard Christian Final: Bill Hadfield, George Marsh, Richard Christian 88.4

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Richard Christian 89.0 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson 85.0 Heat 3: Charlie Burnham 87.2 Heat 4: R Fields 86.8 Heat 5: Nev Wheeler 85.0 Heat 6: C Middleton, George Marsh 85.6 Final: Charlie Burnham, George Marsh, Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams 85.0

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Ed Bradley 80.4 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson 79.0 Heat 3: Ernest Watts 82.0 Heat 4: Charlie Burnham 83.2 Heat 5: Nev Wheeler 81.4 Final: Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams, Ernest Watts, Nev Wheeler, Ed Bradley 78.2

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock bt Faye Taylour 79.0 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock bt Faye Taylour 82.1

Heat 1: Ed Bradley bt Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams 82.1 Heat 2: Ed Bradley bt Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams 79.4

JUNIOR SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Final: Bill Hadfield, Richard Christian, E W Langford 91.2

SENIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Arthur Sherlock, Fred Wilkinson, Bill Stanton, Bill Henstock, Alec Bowerman Final: Fred Wilkinson, Bill Stanton, Arthur Sherlock 83.2

SENIOR SCRATCH RACE EVENT (rolling start)

Qualifying Heat Winners: Jack Reynard, Arthur Sherlock 77.2 Fred Wilkinson, Ed Bradley Final: Arthur Sherlock, Jack Reynard, Fred Wilkinson, Ed Bradley 78.3

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock bt Fred Wilkinson 77.1 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock bt Fred Wilkinson 77.2

Heat 1: Alec Bowerman bt Nev Wheeler 82.2 Heat 2: Alec Bowerman bt Nev Wheeler 81.0

SCRATCH RACE EVENT (rolling start)

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: Harold Stevens 77.8 Heat 2: Cyril Wilcox 82.4 Heat 3: George Marsh 84.6 Heat 4: Nev Wheeler 81.8 Heat 5: Roy Reeves 85.2 Final: Cyril Wilcox, Nev Wheeler, Roy Reeves, George Marsh 83.0

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners: Heat 1: Alec Bowerman 83.8 Heat 2: Reg Lucas 82.0 Heat 3: Bill Henstock 85.8 Heat 4: Fred Strecker 86.0 Heat 5: Harold Stevens 84.2 Heat 6: Len Middleton 84.4 Final: Alec Bowerman, Bill Henstock, Len Middleton, Harold Stevens 82.3

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Charlie Burnham bt Len Middleton 81.0 Heat 2: Charlie Burnham bt Len Middleton 82.3

Heat 1: Harold Stevens bt Arthur Sherlock 78.1 Heat 2: Harold Stevens bt Arthur Sherlock 80.0

Heat 1: Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams bt Ed Bradley 82.0 Heat 2: Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams bt Ed Bradley 85.2

Wolverhampton v Leicester Super Challenge Match

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Time
1	Westwood	Bowerman			
2					
3					
4					

Wolverhampton	1	2	Total	Leicester Super	1	2	Total
Westy Westwood	4			Arthur Sherlock ©			
Joe Dallison				Alec Bowerman	2		
George Allbrook				Nev Wheeler			
Tommy Deadman				George Marsh			
			19				9

Note: Full heat details not known but they lined up as follows:

Heat 1: Westwood, Deadman, Bowerman, Wheeler

Heat 2: Dallison, Allbrook, Sherlock, Marsh

Heat 3: Dallison, Allbrook, Bowerman, Wheeler

Heat 4: Westwood, Deadman, Sherlock, Marsh

Source: Programme & Express & Star Newspaper

Leicester Greyhound Stadium Blackbird Road 22nd August 1929

ENGLISH DIRT TRACK LEAGUE KNOCK-OUT CUP 1ST ROUND 1ST LEG LEICESTER STADIUM V LEICESTER SUPER

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Time
1	Kendrick	Sherlock	Wheeler	Jackson (ef)	
2	Bowerman	Taft	Wilkinson	Ellmore (ef)	
3	Gent	Baines	Williams	Bradley	
4	Wheeler	Ellmore	No third	Taft (ef) Sherlock (ret)	
5	Kendrick	Bradley	No third	Jackson & Williams (ef)	
6	Gent	Wilkinson	Baines	Bowerman	
7	Reeves (rep Williams)	Taft	Bradley	Ellmore	
8	Gent	Sherlock	Baines	Wheeler	
9	Jackson	Bowerman	Wilkinson	Kendrick	

Leicester Stadium	1	2	3	Total	Leicester Super	1	2	3	Total
Syd Jackson ©	R	R	4	4	Arthur Sherlock ©	2	R	2	4
Nobby Kendrick	4	4	0	8	Nev Wheeler	1	4	0	5
Billy Ellmore	R	2	0	2	Fred Wilkinson	1	2	1	4
Harry Taft	2	R	2	4	Alec Bowerman	4	0	2	6
Stan Baines	2	1	1	4	Ed Bradley	0	2	1	3
Jimmy Gent	4	4	4	12	Taffy Williams	1	R	Ν	1
					Roy Reeves	4			
				34					27

Note: (i) In Heat 4 Ellmore pushed his bike after chain off and Sherlock retired after his chain came off. (ii) Reported attendance over 27,000 – record crowd.

GOLDEN GAUNTLET EVENT

Qualifying racesHeat 1: Jimmy Gent88.4Heat 2: Harry Taft94.4Heat 3: George Marsh97.2Heat 4: Taffy Williams102.0Final: Harry Taft, Jimmy Gent, Taffy Williams, George Marsh 90.0

BIG 12 SCRATCH EVENT

Qualifying races Heat 1: Cyril Squib Burton 83.0 Heat 2: Alec Bowerman 88.6 Heat 3: Billy Ellmore 89.0 Heat 4: Harry Taft 92.8 Final: Cyril Squib Burton, Billy Ellmore, Harry Taft 84.4

24th AUGUST 1929 ENGLISH DIRT TRACK LEAGUE KNOCK-OUT CUP 1ST ROUND 2nd LEG LEICESTER SUPER v LEICESTER STADIUM

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Time
1	Sherlock	Wheeler	Kendrick	Jackson (ef)	80.0
2	Bowerman	Summersby	Wilkinson	Ellmore (ef)	79.2
3	Gent	Williams	Baines	Bradley	73.6
4	Taft (rep Jackson)	Bowerman	Kendrick	Wilkinson	81.0
5	Wheeler	Baines	No third	Sherlock & Gent (ef)	82.8
6	Summersby	Bradley	Williams	Ellmore (ef)	80.8
7	Baines	Bowerman	Wilkinson	Gent	79.8
8	Taft (rep Jackson)	Williams	Marsh (rep Kendrick)	Bradley	80.4
9	Ellmore	Sherlock	Wheeler	Summersby	78.4

Leicester Super	1	2	3	Total	Leicester Stadium	1	2	3	Total
Arthur Sherlock ©	4	R	2	6	Syd Jackson ©	R	Ν	Ν	0
Nev Wheeler	2	4	1	7	Nobby Kendrick	1	1	Ν	2
Fred Wilkinson	1	0	1	2	Billy Ellmore	R	R	4	4
Alec Bowerman	4	2	2	8	Alf Summersby	2	4	0	6
Ed Bradley	0	2	0	2	Stan Baines	1	2	4	7
Aubrey Williams	2	1	2	5	Jimmy Gent	4	R	0	4
Roy Reeves					Harry Taft	4	4		8
Les Middleton					George Marsh	1			1
				30					32

SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Harry Taft 79.2 Heat 2: Syd Jackson 78.0 Heat 3: Alec Bowerman 80.6 Heat 4: Billy Ellmore 77.0 Fastest Second: Arthur Sherlock Final: Harry Taft, Arthur Sherlock, Alec Bowerman 78.4

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson 84.4 Heat 2: Stan Baines 84.2 Heat 3: Nev Wheeler, Les Middleton (3 secs), Aubrey Williams (0 secs), Billy Ellmore (1 sec), 86.0 Heat 4: Middleton 85.8 Final: Stan Baines, Fred Wilkinson, Harry Taft 83.1

Note: Reported attendance approaching 30,000

JUNIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Final: Bill Russell, R F Fields, Ken Hamilton 90.1

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Final: Hal Herbert, Roy Reeves, Nev Wheeler 83.0

SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Final: Harry Whitfield, Roy Reeves, R Fields, Fred Wilkinson and Arthur Sherlock (fell) 81.2

3 CORNERED CHALLENGE RACE EVENT

Ernest Watts, Nev Wheeler, Roy Reeves 83.3

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Noel Johnson bt Arthur Sherlock 79.2 Heat 2: Noel Johnson bt Arthur Sherlock 78.2

Heat 1: Harry Whitfield bt Fred Wilkinson 80.1 Heat 2: Harry Whitfield bt Fred Wilkinson 78.3

JUNIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Williams 85.0 Heat 2: Hal Herbert 87.0 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 84.4 Heat 4: Nev Wheeler 87.0 Heat 5: Harry Whitfield 82.2 Roy Reeves fastest second. Final: W H Russell, R F Fields, Ken Hamilton 90.1

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Final: Hal Herbert (2 sec), Roy Reeves, Nev Wheeler 83.0

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Roy Reeves 87.2 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson 80.0 Heat 3: Harry Whitfield 79.4 Heat 4: R Fields 84.0 Arthur Sherlock Fastest second Final: Harry Whitfield, Roy reeves, R Fields 81.2

3 CORNERED CHALLENGE RACE EVENT

Ernest Watts, Nev Wheeler, Roy Reeves 83.3

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Noel Johnson bt Arthur Sherlock 79.2 Heat 2: Noel Johnson bt Arthur Sherlock 78.2 Heat 3: Harry Whitfield bt Fred Wilkinson 80.1 Heat 4: Harry Whitfield bt Fred Wilkinson 78.3

TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT

Harry Whitfield 75.2 (Unsuccessful)

7th SEPTEMBER 1929

JUNIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Bill Hadfield, Ed Woolley 88.2 Heat 2: Vernon Sryring (3 seconds) 100.4 Heat 3: Bill Styring (0 seconds) 100.4 Final: Bill Hadfield, Ed Woolley, A Vernon 92.0

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Len Middleton 87.2 Heat 2: Roy Reeves 85.2 Heat 3: Fred Townsend, Fred Wilkinson 82.2 Heat 4: Les Otter 88.2 Heat 5: Wilf Joseph 88.0 Final: Fred Wilkinson, Fred Townsend, Len Middleton 79.3 (New Standing Start track record)

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Alec Bowerman 79.0 Heat2: Norman Parker 77.4 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 76.4 Heat 4: Taffy Williams 80.0 Final: Fred Wilkinson, Taffy Williams, Alec Bowerman 76.0 (equalled Rolling Start track record)

3 CORNERED CHALLENGE RACE EVENT

Nev Wheeler, Roy Reeves, Alec Bowerman 79.1

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson bt Bert Spencer 81.2 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson bt Bert Spencer 76.0 (equalled Rolling Start track record)

Heat 1: Wilmot Evans bt Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams 77.3 Heat 2: Wilmot Evans & Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams (dead heat) 80.1

Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams bt Alec Bowerman 77.3

Note: A 20,000 attendance reported.

14th SEPTEMBER 1929

JUNIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Bill Russell (3 secs) Ed Woolley (0 secs) 92.6 Heat 2: R V Johnson, Richard Christian (2 secs) 93.6 Final: Bill Russell, R V Johnson, Richard Christian 88.4

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Fred Townsend 80.4 Heat 2: Roy Reeves 85.6 Heat 3: Jack Parker 81.8 Heat 4: Ernie Lester 85.4 Heat 5: Nev Wheeler 85.6 Final: Roy Reeves, Jack Parker, Ernie Lester, Nev Wheeler 82.2

SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Fred Townsend 78.8 Heat 2: Tom Farndon 80.4 Heat 3: Jack Parker 77.0 Heat 4: Bill Henstock, 79.8 Final: Jack Parker, Nev Wheeler, Bill Henstock, Tom Farndon 78.0

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Jack Parker bt Fred Wilkinson 76.0 Heat 2: Jack Parker bt Fred Wilkinson 78.0

Heat 1: Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams bt Al Wilkinson 79.4 Heat 2: Al Wilkinson bt Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams 84.0 Heat 3: Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams bt Al Wilkinson 83.0

Note: A 30,000 attendance reported.

21st SEPTEMBER 1929

JUNIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Bill Russell (0 secs), Reg Airey (1 sec) 96.0 Heat 2: R F Johnson (2 secs), Richard Christian (0 secs) 94.2 Final: R F Johnson, Richard Christian, Bill Russell 91.0

HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Cliff Watson 83.0 Heat 2: Nev Wheeler 86.8 Heat 3: R V Johnson (5 secs) 88.6 Heat 4: Fred Wilkinson (0 secs) 82.8 Heat 5: Taffy Williams (0 secs) 90.2

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Jack Bishop bt Arthur Sherlock 77.0 Heat 2: Jack Bishop bt Arthur Sherlock 77.3

Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson bt Cliff Watson 77.2 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson bt Cliff Watson 77.1

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Event and meeting abandoned after fatality to Roy Reeves who tragically lost his life following an accident. Arthur Sherlock was leading, followed by Roy Reeves who fell. Alec Bowerman managed to miss the fallen rider but Richard Christian was unable to avoid an impact.

Note: A reported attendance of 30,000

Leicester Greyhound Stadium Blackbird Road 26th September 1929

INTER-TRACK CHALLENGE MATCH LEICESTER STADIUM V LEICESTER SUPER

Heat	First	Second	Time		
1	Jackson	Sherlock	80.3		
2	Taft	Bowerman	85.4		
3	Wheeler	Gent	84.2		
4	Jackson	Sherlock	84.1		
5	Gent	Bowerman	85.4		
6	Taft	Wheeler	87.1		

Leicester Stadium	1	2	Total	Leicester Super	1	2	Total
Syd Jackson ©	4	4	8	Arthur Sherlock ©	2	2	4
Harry Taft	4	4	8	Alec Bowerman	2	2	4
Jimmy Gent	2	4	6	Nev Wheeler	4	2	6
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GOLDEN HELMET EVENT

Final: Jimmy Gent, Syd Jackson, Harry Taft (fell, remounted), Sherlock and Herbert were nonfinishers after both fell.

HANDICAP RACE EVENT

Final: Jimmy Gent, Billy Ellmore, Nev Wheeler, Hal Herbert

SPECIAL MATCH RACE

Hal Herbert bt Fernand Meynier (retired)

28th SEPTEMBER 1929

JUNIOR HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Bill Styring (1 secs), Bill Russell (0 secs) 92.0 Heat 2: R F Johnson (2 secs), Bill Hadfield 90.2 Final: Bill Styring, Bill Russell, Bill Hadfield, R F Johnson 85.1

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: George Marsh (2 secs) 86.4 Heat 2: Arthur Sherlock (0 secs) 82.0 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson (0 secs) 80.2 Heat 4: Cyril Squib Burton (0 secs) 82.4 Heat 5: Al Wilkinson (2 secs) 84.4 Charlie Burnham (3 secs) fastest second Final: George Marsh, Fred Wilkinson, Cyril Squib Burton 84.1

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock 77.8 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson 77.6 Heat 3: Tom Farndon 78.4 Heat 4: Charlie Burnham 82.0 Nev Wheeler fastest second Final: Nev Wheeler, Arthur Sherlock 77.2

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson bt Arthur Sherlock 77.1 Heat 2: Cyril Squib Burton bt Harold Stevens 78.1 Heat 3: Cyril Squib Burton bt Harold Stevens 77.4

TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT

Cyril Squib Burton 76.4 (Unsuccessful)

5th October 1929 Rained off

12th OCTOBER 1929

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Fred Townsend 83.2 Heat 2: George Marsh 83.6 Heat 3: Bill Russell 84.8 Heat 4: Syd Jackson 81.6 Final: George Marsh, Fred Townsend, Fred Wilkinson, Bill Russell 79.8

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Frank Charles 77.2 Heat 2: Harry Whitfield 77.2 Heat 3: Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams 79.4 Heat 4: Syd Jackson 77.2 Final: Frank Charles, Harry Whitfield, Arthur Sherlock, Aubrey 'Taffy' Williams 75.4

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Harry Whitfield bt Frank Charles 76.1 Heat 2: Harry Whitfield bt Frank Charles 76.3

Heat 1: Syd Jackson bt Fred Wilkinson 75.3

Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson bt Syd Jackson 75.3 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson bt Syd Jackson 74.3

EUROPEAN 1 MILE TRACK RECORD ATTEMPTS

Heat 1: Harry Whitfield 76.0 Heat 2: Frank Charles 76.1 Heat 3: Billy Ellmore 76.4 Heat 4: Syd Jackson 74.3 (unofficial attempt) Heat 5: Fred Wilkinson 73.3

All five were unsuccessful attempts on the record.

19th OCTOBER 1929

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Hal Herbert (3 secs) 79.2 Heat 2: Wally Humphrey (3 secs) 84.0 Heat 3: Bill Hadfield (4 secs) 87.2 Heat 4: Alec Bowerman (3 secs) 83.0 Final: Hal Herbert, Wally Humphrey, Nev Wheeler 81.3

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Arthur Sherlock 77.2 Heat 2: Cyril Squib Burton 82.0 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson Heat 4: Syd Jackson Final; Syd Jackson, Cyril Squib Burton, Al Wilkinson, Arthur Sherlock 77.1

LEICESTER MERCURY SPONSORED CHAMPIONSHIP OF LEICESTERSHIRE ROUND 1

Heat 1: Syd Jackson, Cyril Squib Burton, Fred Wilkinson 75.2 Heat 2: Syd Jackson, Cyril Squib Burton, Fred Wilkinson 75.0 Heat 3: Syd Jackson/Cyril Squib Burton (dead heat), Fred Wilkinson 74.2

Scores: Winner: Syd Jackson 8½ points Second: Cyril Burton 6½ points Third: Fred Wilkinson 3 points

Note: Second Leg of the competition was staged at Blackbird Road on 28th October.

EUROPEAN 1 MILE TRACK RECORD ATTEMPTS

Heat 1: Syd Jackson 72.3 (equalled the Super Rolling Start track record) Heat 2: Cyril Squib Burton 74.2 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 73.2

All three were unsuccessful attempts on the European 1 Mile Track record.

26th OCTOBER 1929

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Hal Herbert 82.0 Heat 2: George Marsh 82.6 Heat 3: Bill Styring 81.2 Heat 4: Fred Townsend 83.2 Fastest Second: Cyril Squib Burton Final: Bill Styring, Hal Herbert, Fred Townsend, Cyril Squib Burton, George Marsh 79.3

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Ed Bradley 80.6 Heat 2: Wally Humphry78.6 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 75.6 Heat 4: Cyril Squib Burton 78.2 Fastest Second: Stan Baines Final: Fred Wilkinson, Cyril Squib Burton, Stan Baines, Wally Humphrey 75.8

3 CORNERED CHALLENGE RACE EVENT

Tom Farndon, Stan Baines, Billy Ellmore 78.2

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson bt Cyril Squib Burton 76.3 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson bt Cyril Squib Burton 75.0

EUROPEAN 1 MILE TRACK RECORD ATTEMPTS

Heat 1: Noel Johnson (ef) Heat 2: Bert Spencer (ef) Heat 3: Cyril Squib Burton 75.2 Heat 4: Fred Wilkinson 75.0 Heat 5: Tom Farndon 77.3

All five were unsuccessful attempts on the record Source: Leicester Mercury, Leicester Sports Mercury and Leicester Evening Mail

2nd November 1929

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Heat 1: Len Bown (4 seconds start), Fred Wilkinson (scratch) 85.0 Heat 2: Cyril Squib Burton (scratch) Fred Townsend (3 seconds start), 81.1 Heat 3: George Marsh (3 secs) 83.2 Heat 4: Taffy Williams 83.2 Fastest Second: Fred Wilkinson Final: Fred Wilkinson 80.4

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Tom Farndon 77.8 Heat 2: Ed Bradley 80.8 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 74.0 Heat 4: Stan Baines 77.2 Final: Fred Wilkinson, Tom Farndon, Stan Baines 76.2

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Stan Baines bt Ed Bradley 78.4 Heat 2: Stan Baines bt Ed Bradley 78.8 Ron Thompson beat Ben Higginbottom, 82.4

£100 CHALLENGE RACE EVENT

Heat 1: Cyril Squib Burton bt Fred Wilkinson 73.0 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson bt Cyril Squib Burton 73.0 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson bt Cyril Squib Burton, 74.4

9th November 1929

SPEEDWAY HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Nobby Kendrick 85.2 Heat 2: George Marsh 84.6 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson, George Marsh (3 secs) 80.2 Heat 4: Billy Ellmore, Taffy Williams 84.6 Fastest Second: Fred Townsend Final: Fred Wilkinson, Fred Townsend, George Marsh 79.1

SUPER SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners Heat 1: Tom Farndon 77.8 Heat 2: Nev Wheeler 78.6 Heat 3: Fred Wilkinson 78.8 Heat 4: Syd Jackson 77.4 Fastest Second: Hal Herbert Final: Fred Wilkinson, Hal Herbert, Nev Wheeler 76.2

MATCH RACE EVENTS

Heat 1: Fred Wilkinson bt Syd Jackson 73.4 Heat 2: Fred Wilkinson bt Syd Jackson 73.4

Heat 1: Hal Herbert bt George Marsh 78.3 Heat 2: Hal Herbert bt George Marsh 78.0

Note: A reported attendance of 20,000 plus.