

Season 1935
Leicester Super, Melton Road, Leicester

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Saturday, 20th July

SIDECAR MATCH RACE EVENT

Jimmy White beat Nobby Clarke (inner tube on his chair came out of the rim) 91.0

SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat winners: Skid Plant 84.0, Harry Bowler 82.1, Ted Allkin 87.2, Stan Childs 78.0

Final: Bowler, Childs, Allkin 79.1

HANDICAP EVENT

Qualifying Heat winners: Van Eugene 79.2, Rocky Burnham 78.2, Harry Bowler (beat J Russell) 77.2, Stan Childs 87.1

Final: Bowler, Eugene, Burnham 76.2

TRACK RECORD ATTEMPTS (for the Dick Kerr Cup)

Harry Bowler 71.0,

Reg Collins 72.4

Skid Plant 79.1

Jeff Godwin 79.2

MATCH RACE EVENT

Harry Bowler beat Rocky Burnham 2-0 77.0 & 76.4

Note:

(i) Attendance figure for this being the first meeting of the year was reported as over 4,000.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

Leicester Super v Nottingham (Challenge)
Saturday, 27th July 1935

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	A	B	A	B	Time
1	Reg Collins	Jeff Godwin							88.2
2	Rocky Burnham	Mick Shelton							86.1
3	Jimmy White								193.0
4	Bro Holt	Hal Herbert							87.3
5	Reg Wood								101.1

Leicester Super	1	2	3	Total	Nottingham	1	2	3	Total
Hal Herbert					Rocky Burnham ©				
Skid Plant					Reg Collins				
Harry Bowler					Van Eugene				
Jeff Godwin					Mick Shelton				
Paddy Mills					Bro Holt				
Ted Bowan (res)									
Sidecars					Sidecars				
Jimmy White									
Reg Wood									
Gus Williams (res)									
				18					10

The team fixture was a composite team event comprising of three solo races and two sidecar Heats in 3 and 5.

WINNERS AND FASTEST SECOND EVENT

Reg Collins beat Rocky Burnham 82.1

TRACK RECORD ATTEMPTS EVENT (3 laps)

Harry Bowler 79.4, Reg Collins 80.0, Bob Gunn 82.1 and Mick Shelton 82.3

SPECIAL MATCH RACE EVENT

Harry Bowler beat Reg Collins by a wheel to win the £10 side bet 81.0

MIDGET CAR RACE EVENT

Arthur Sherlock, Fred Wilkinson 108.0

MIDGET CAR v SIDECAR RACE EVENT

Arthur Sherlock (car) beat Jimmy White (sidecar) 102.3

SIDECAR MATCH RACE EVENT

Jimmy White beat Dusty Dunn 2-0 106.1 and 104.4

SOLO MATCH RACE EVENT (£50 prize money)

Heat 1: Harry Bowler beat Hal Herbert (ef)

Heat 2: Harry Bowler beat Hal Herbert 82.2

SPECIAL MATCH RACE (Douglas machines)

A Robinson beat W Chapman 94.0

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

Leicester Super v Coventry (Midland Dirt Track League)
Saturday, 3rd August 1935

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	A	B	A	B	Time
1	Herbert	Bowler	Collins		5	1	5	1	81.2
2	Leving	Charles	Wilkinson		1	5	6	6	80.0
3	Collins	Leving	Rickenbaker		1	5	7	11	81.4
4	Charles	Van Eugene	Herbert		1	5	8	16	80.3
5	Wilkinson	Leving			3	2	11	18	81.2
6	Van Eugene	Rickenbaker	Collins		2	4	13	22	81.4

Leicester Super	1	2	3	Total	Coventry	1	2	3	Total
Harry Bowler ©	2			2	Reg Collins ©	1	3	1	5
Hal Herbert	3	1		4	Van Eugene		2	3	5
Fred Wilkinson	1	3		4	Bob Charles	2	3		5
Tiger Rickenbaker		1	2	3	Sid Leving	3	2	2	7
Les Fulham (res)					Bruce Van Hagen (res)				
				13					22

CAPTAINS' MATCH RACE EVENT

Reg Collins beat Harry Bowler 80.2

RESERVES MATCH RACE

Bruce Van Hagen beat Les Fulham 83.3

BIG NINE SCRATCH EVENT

Final: Bob Charles, Sid Lewis, Rex Collins 81.0

Notes:

- (i) Bruce Van Hagen was an assumed name for Fred Strecker and Tiger Rickenbaker was Jack Chapman.
- (ii) A reported attendance of between 1500-2000.
- (iii) It was reported that a Midland League was to be formed consisting of teams from Coventry, Derby, Northampton, Peterborough, Nottingham, Sheffield and Peterborough
- (iv) Mr L A (Jack) Tyler was announced as the new Manager of Leicester Super. Tyler had links with Wembley who it was reported to have been the official trainer to the Wembley team in 1932.

Source: Programme and Leicester Evening Mail

Tuesday, 6th August 1935

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners (rolling start)

Max Browning 82.1, Skid Plant 81.3, Slider Toon 82.0, Les Fulham 83.1

Final (clutch start) Browning, Plant, Toon 84.0

SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners (rolling start)

Nobby Clarke 81.0, Hal Herbert 80.3, Hal Brailsford 83.0, Les Fulham 80.1

Final:

MATCH RACE EVENT

Heats

Jeff Godwin beat Les Fulham 81.0

Harry Bowler beat Bob Charles

Reg Collins beat Hal Herbert

Final

Reg Collins (only finisher)

Notes:

(i) Hosted by the Midland Dirt Track Riders' Club during the afternoon.

(ii) A long spell of dry weather had made the track dry despite watering and clouds of dust obscured the view of the spectators.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

Leicester Super v Sheffield (Midland Dirt Track League)
Thursday, 15th August 1935

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	A	B	A	B	Time
1	Cox	Masters	Collins		1	5	1	5	81.3
2	Charles	Godwin	No 3 rd	No 4 th	5	0	6	5	80.4
3	Cox	Bowler	Lamb		2	4	8	9	81.2
4	Masters	Collins	Severn		2	4	10	13	79.4
5	Lamb	Fulham	Cox		2	4	12	17	80.4
6	Masters	Bowler	Charles		3	3	15	20	81.3
7	Cox	Collins	Severn		2	4	17	24	79.4
8	Masters	Godwin	No 3 rd	No 4 th	2	3	19	27	81.4

Leicester Super	1	2	3	4	Total	Sheffield	1	2	3	4	Total
Harry Bowler ©		2	2		4	Leo Masters ©	2	3	3	3	11
Reg Collins	1	2	2		5	Stan Cox	3	3	1	3	10
Bob Charles	3		1		4	Sid Lamb	1	3			4
Jeff Godwin	2		2		4	Jim Severn	1	1			2
Les Fulham (res)	2				2						
					19						27

SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners

Stan Cox 80.4, Les Fulham 79.2, Leo Masters 79.1

Final: Masters, Cox, Fulham 75.4

SIDECAR EVENT

Reg Woods, Jimmy White, Ted Swann 105.3

Note:

(i) Promotion tried a Thursday to see if it would lead to a higher attendance but gate receipts were lower than on Saturdays

(ii) It was noted in the newspaper editorial that Leicester had won at Derby in the Midland League the previous Saturday.

(ii) Bob Charles and Reg Collins were making their debut after moving from Coventry.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

Tuesday, 20th August 1935

Leicester had agreed with Sheffield a transfer fee for Stan Cox to move to Leicester. Jack Tyler the manager of the Leicester team initially wanted their best rider Leo Masters but Sheffield turned them down.

Saturday, 24th August 1935

Leicester Super 29 v Derby 20 (Midland Dirt Track League)

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	A	B	A	B	Time
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									

Leicester Super	1	2	3	4	Total	Derby	1	2	3	4	Total
Reg Collins ©						Eric Dale ©					
Stan Cox						Van Eugene					
Harry Bowler						Cyril Broome					
Les Fulham						Wilf Plant					
Jeff Godwin						Tom Middlehurst					
Bob Charles						Wal Sharpe					
					29						20

TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT EVENT (rolling start)

Reg Collins 73.4 – unsuccessful attempt

BIG SIX MATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners

Heat 4: H C Broome (third placed)

Final: Stan Cox (winner) 74.2

EVENT (title unknown)

1st Wal Sharpe, 2nd Wilf Plant, 3rd Mick Bowan (Leicester) 77.2

Notes:

(i) Car park prices reduced from 1s to 6d and admissions to 1s 6d.

(ii) In the third heat Cyril Broome had to receive hospital attention after a cut eye after the lens in his goggles broke and the glass had penetrated the white of his eye.

(iii) Stan Cox won 2 races in the team event in an identical time of 74.1

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

Saturday, 31st August 1935

England v Australia
(Unofficial international)

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	A	B	A	B	Time
1	Rickenbaker	Van Eugene	Collins		3	3	3	3	81.0
2	Cox	Smythe	Letcher		3	3	6	6	78.6
3	Caswell	Labon			0	5	6	11	84.0
4	Collins	Letcher	Smythe		3	3	9	14	79.2
5	Cox	Caswell	Charles		4	2	13	16	79.2
6	Rickenbaker	Francis de Reske	Fulham		1	5	14	21	82.2
7	Collins	Caswell	Labon		3	3	17	24	79.8
8	Smythe	Fulham			2	3	19	27	83.3
9	Rickenbaker	cox	Francis de Reske		2	4	21	31	79.6
10	Caswell	Collins	Smythe		2	4	23	35	83.2
11	Cox	Godwin			5	0	28	35	82.6
12	Rickenbaker	Letcher			0	5	28	40	81.4

England	1	2	3	4	Total	Australia	1	2	3	4	Total
Van Eugene	2				2	Tiger Rickenbaker ©	3	3	3	3	12
Reg Collins ©	1	3	3	2	9	Francis de Reske		2	1		3
Stan Cox	3	3	2	3	11	Vic Smythe	2	1	3	1	7
Bob Charles		1			1	Syd Letcher	1	2		2	5
Les Fulham		1	2		3	Vernon Caswell	3	2	2	3	10
Geoff Godwin	2				2	Reg Labon	2		1		3
					28						40

RESERVE RACE EVENT

1st Mick Bowen, 2nd Ken Griffiths, 3rd Geoff Godwin 83.8

CAPTAINS' MATCH RACE EVENT

Tiger Rickenbaker beat Reg Collins (by a quarter of a wheel) 78.6

Notes:

(i) Track heavy after earlier rain and therefore times were slower and races were invariably won from the gate.

(ii) Interval attraction was provided by 3½ year old Rugby youngster, 'Daredevil Ken' who entertained the crowd in his baby motor car

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

Wednesday 4th September 1935

Under the heading 'White City of Midlands Planned in Leicester' on the front page of the Leicester Evening Mail it was reported that a big scheme had been launched to transform the Leicester Super stadium into the White City of the Midlands.

The Night Watch Committee had approved the transfer of the licence of the track from Mr W Burrows to its new owner, Mr A Hughes a well-known Manchester sportsman. Hughes planned to stage Ice Hockey and skating, boxing bouts, greyhound racing, athletic meetings and Dirt track racing.

He planned to enter the speedway team into the league in 1936 and to launch a Baseball team.

Saturday, 7th September 1935

Leicester White City v Coventry (Midland League)

BIG TWELVE SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners

Reg Collins 78.2, Les Gray 79.4, Leo Masters 74.4, Cyril Broom 80.1

Final: Gray, Masters, Broome 75.4

CONSOLATION SCRATCH RACE EVENT

Qualifying Heat Winners

Van Eugene 79.0, Wilf Plant 79.1, Alan Butler 78.1

Final: Van Eugene, Butler 79.0

AMATEUR RIDERS' MATCH RACE

Horace Burke (Paddy Mills) beat W Weightman 86.0

MATCH RACE EVENT

Wilf Plant beat Jeff Godwin (fell) 78.2

Leo Masters beat Reg Collins (ret, engine) 77.1

LEO MASTERS STANDING START RECORD ATTEMPT

1st Attempt: (fell)

2nd Attempt 73.1 (unsuccessful)

Note:

(i) The first speedway meeting under the newly formed White City promotions.

Saturday, September 14th 1935

Leicester White City v Coventry (Midland Dirt Track League)

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Saturday, 21st September

Super Pairs Meeting

Heat 1: Archie Shelton, Sid Welsh 83.3

Heat 2: Les Fulham, Reg Collins 83.2

Heat 3: Les Fulham, Reg Collins 78.0

Heat 4: Albert Sharpe, Sid Welsh 84.1

Heat 5: Archie Shelton, Wilf Plant 81.4

Heat 6: Les Fulham, Sid Welsh 81.0

Winners: Lal Fulham and Reg Collins

Other pairings were: Albert Sharpe & Sid Welsh, Jeff Godwin & Wilf Plant and Archie Shelton was partnered with either Allen Butler or Jim Moulton

AMATEUR RIDERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat Winners:

Horace Burke 96.3

Harbor 93.1

Williams 91.0

B Weightman 93.0

Williams 96.0

Horace Burke 89.2

Individual scores:

Williams 8 points

Horace Burke 6

Weightman 5

Harbor 5

SIDECAR MATCH RACE

Heat 1: Reg Wood beat Jimmy White 102.2

Heat 2: Reg Wood beat Jimmy White 98.0 which was the fastest time recorded at the Super for a sidecar event.

Note:

(i) An alarming crash involving Douglas Jackson occurred in the opening heat of the Amateur Individual Championship when the rider came down on the first bend when one of the rider's cut across Jackson causing him to fall. Jackson was taken to the Royal Infirmary and kept in overnight.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

Monday, 28th September 1935

Amateur Meeting time of the night – Horace Burke (Paddy Mills) 85.8 secs.

Match Race

Geoff Godwin beat Wilf Plant 2 races to 1.

2-Lap Dashes

B Weightman 59.6 secs.

Note: It was reported that an Open Trotting Handicap event will be staged at the Melton Road Stadium on Thursday. That same afternoon the venue will stage a £20 open greyhound sweepstake.