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Saturday, 13th June 1931 (3 pm), Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 32 Exeter 21 (Challenge, 1st Leg)

TMC 18.6.31; SES; HoBS; WMN 15.6.31
Plans for this track, built inside the greyhound racing track at Pennycross Stadium, were announced by the promoters in early May. By the end of May a protest petition from local residents had already been presented to the local Plymouth City Council. This may have weakened their position, as the actual stadium was just outside their jurisdiction, in an area controlled by Plympton Rural Council. Because of this, the protest was basically ignored by both councils.

Attendance 6,000. 1st ever meeting. 410 yds track, surface of light-coloured decomposed granite.
Promoters were Western Speedways Ltd (Chairman of Directors Mr Percy Fletcher; Clerk of the Course and Technical Director Freddie Hore). Lap record established by Frank "Buster" Buckland (20.2 sec).
Note that Peter Slade was NOT "Bronco" Slade (who was Bernard)
In a handicap semi-final, Spencer Stratton crashed into the fence, and his bike landed on top of him. He was stretchered off, and the doctor stated "that he was not seriously injured, although suffering from concussion" (!)

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	1' 2' 3	6 2
Bert Jones	2 3 2'	7 1
Noel Johnson	0 0 1'	1 1
Maurice Bradshaw	3 2 2	7
Spencer Stratton	0 2 2'	4 1
Peter Slade	3 1'	4 1
George Preston	3	3

Exeter

Frank "Buster" Buckland	3 3 0	6
Ted Bravery	0 0 1	1
Fred Hawken	2 3	5
Syd Fuller	1' 1	2 1
Fred Jarman	2 0	2
Bill Latcham	1'	1 1
Reg Beer	3 1	4

Ht 1: Buckland, Jones, Spencer, Bravery (nf)	3	3	3	3
Ht 2: Bradshaw, Hawken, Fuller, Johnson	3	3	6	6
Ht 3: Slade, Jarman, Latcham, Stratton (nf)	3	3	9	9
Ht 4: Jones, Spencer, Fuller	5	1	14	10
Ht 5: Buckland, Bradshaw, Bravery (nf), Johnson (nf)	2	3	16	13

Ht 6: Hawken, Stratton, Slade	3	3	19	16
Ht 7: Beer, Bradshaw, Johnson, Jarman	3	3	22	19
Ht 8: Preston, Stratton, Bravery, Buckland (nf)	5	1	27	20
Ht 9: Spencer, Jones, Beer	5	1	32	21

Plymouth Handicap
Ht 1: Bradshaw (scr), Reg Robins (4), Hawken (2sec start)
Ht 2: Slade (1), Jarman (3)
Ht 3: Preston (2), Spencer (scr)
Ht 4: Stratton (scr), Will Colman (4)
SF1: Bradshaw (scr), Robins (4)
SF2: Preston (2), Colman (4), Spencer (scr), Stratton (scr f ex)
Final: Reg Robins (4), Will Colman (4), George Preston (2), Bradshaw (scr) 98.94

Tuesday, 16th June 1931 (7.45 pm), Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth v Bristol (Challenge)

WMN 15.6.31
Postponed until 20th June due to rain.

Thursday, 18th June 1931, County Ground, Exeter
Exeter 33 Plymouth 20 (Challenge, 2nd Leg)

Aggregate 54-52
SN 26.6.31 p9; SES; WMN 19.6.31; EPG 19.6.31

Exeter

Frank "Buster" Buckland	3 3 3	9		
Reg Beer	2' 1 2'	5	2	
Ted Bravery	3 3 1'	7	1	
Fred Jarman	1 0 2	3		
Fred Hawken	2 1' 1'	4	2	
Syd Fuller	1' 2 2	5	1	
Bill Latchem				

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	0 3	3		
George Preston	0	0		
Noel Johnson	2 2 3	7		
Spencer Stratton	0 0 0	0		
Maurice Bradshaw	3 1'	4	1	
Bert Jones	0 2	2		
Peter Slade	1 3	4		

Ht 1: Buckland, Beer, Spencer (nf), Preston (nf)	77.5	5	0	5	0
Ht 2: Bravery, Johnson, Jarman, Stratton	80.5	4	2	9	2
Ht 3: Bradshaw, Hawken, Fuller, Jones	82.5	3	3	12	5
Ht 4: Buckland, Johnson, Beer, Stratton	79.2	4	2	16	7
Ht 5: Bravery, Jones, Bradshaw, Jarman	82.5	3	3	19	10

Ht 6: Spencer, Fuller, Hawken	85.0	3	3	22	13
Ht 7: Buckland, Beer, Slade, ?	80.1	5	1	27	14
Ht 8: Slade, Jarman, Bravery, ?	86.2	3	3	30	17
Ht 9: Johnson, Fuller, Hawken, Stratton	84.0	3	3	33	20

Match Race

Vic Huxley beat Wal Phillips 2-1

Ht 1: Huxley, Phillips	80.1
Ht 2: Phillips, Huxley (nf tyre)	82.9
Ht 3: Huxley, Phillips	80.5

Handicap

Ht 1: Slade, Spencer, Buckland (f)	88.0
Ht 2: Case, Jarman	84.2
Ht 3: Beer, Hawken, Johnson (f)	86.1
Ht 4: Bravery, Ronald, Coleman	88.0
Final: Beer, Bravery, Case, Slade	88.0

Saturday, 20th June 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 36 Bristol 18 (Challenge)

WMN 22.6.31

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3 3 3	9
George Preston	2' 2' 2'	6 3
Maurice Bradshaw	3 0 2'	5 1
Noel Johnson	(f,ns)	
Peter Slade	2 3 3	8
?		
Bert Jones (res)	2' 3 3	8 1

Bristol

Felix Dallimore	1 2 1'	4 1
Will Spencer	0 1' 2	3 1
Bill Latchem	1 1 2	4
Tommy Webb	0 0 1'	1 1
Bill Hamblin	3 0 1	4
J Bamford	1 1 0	2

Ht 1: B Spencer, Preston, Dallimore, W Spencer	88.4	5	1	5	1
Ht 2: Bradshaw, Jones, Latchem, Webb	94.4	5	1	10	2
Ht 3: Hamblin, Slade, Bamford, ?	96.1	2	4	12	6
Ht 4: B Spencer, Preston, Latchem, Webb	88.1	5	1	17	7
Ht 5: Jones, Dallimore, W Spencer, Bradshaw	88.4	3	3	20	10
Ht 6: B Spencer, Preston, Bamford, Hamblin	93.0	5	1	25	11
Ht 7: Slade, W Spencer, Dallimore, ?	92.0	3	3	28	14
Ht 8: Jones, Bradshaw, Hamblin, Bamford	95.0	5	1	33	15
Ht 9: Slade, Latchem, Webb	93.0	3	3	36	18

Plymouth Handicap

Ht 1: B Spencer, J Bamford	96.1
Ht 2: W Spencer, Hamblin	97.4
Ht 3: Preston, Perry	96.0
Ht 4: Frank Buckland, (only finisher)	94.2

SF1: W Spencer, B Spencer, Hamblin (f)	96.4
SF2: Preston, Buckland	95.1
Final: Preston, B Spencer, W Spencer	92.0

Match Race (2 Fastest Riders)

B Spencer beat Frank Buckland	84.4

Tuesday, 23rd June 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 26½ Lea Bridge 25½ (Challenge)

WMN 24.6.31. Attendance 5,000.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	2’ 2’ 0	4 2
Bert Jones	3 3 3	9
Maurice Bradshaw	3 2½	
George Preston	2’	
Spencer Stratton	2	
Peter Slade		
Noel Johnson		

Lea Bridge

Jimmy Stevens	2½3 0	5½
Alec Peel	3	
Bert Scott	0	0
?		
Stan Lupton	2’ 2’	
Stew Fairbairn	3 3 2	8
Harvey	2’	

Ht 1: Jones, Spencer	85.4	5	1	5	1
Ht 2: Bradshaw, Preston, Scott (f)	88.4	5	1	10	2
Ht 3: Fairbairn, Lupton	88.3		5		7
Ht 4: Jones, Spencer	89.2	5	1		8
Ht 5: Stevens & Bradshaw dead-heat	91.1		2½		10½
Ht 6: Peel, Harvey	89.4		5		15½
Ht 7: Fairburn, Lupton	89.1		5		20½
Ht 8: Stevens, Stratton	89.4		3	23½	23½
Ht 9: Jones, Fairbairn, Stevens (f), Spencer (f)	85.2	3	2	26½	25½

Plymouth Handicap

Ht 1: Bradshaw (scr), Peel (2 sec)	96.1
Ht 2: Preston (scr), Fairbairn (1)	97.0
Ht 3: Fred Hawken (2), Slade (1)	95.0
Ht 4: Ron Coleman (2), Stratton (scr)	95.3
Final: Bradshaw (scr), Preston (1)	?

Match Race

Bradshaw beat Stevens (ef)	90.4
Fairburn beat Jones (ef)	86.4

Saturday, 27th June 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
WMN 29.6.31
5,000.
Local riders Bill Willmott, "Ginger" Brown, and Monty Mortimer made their speedway debuts.

Flying Nine

Ht 1: Frank Buckland, Art Warren	86.0
Ht 2: Bert Spencer (only finisher)	91.0
Ht 3: Jimmy Stevens, Bert Jones	92.2
SF1 (for heat winners): Bert Spencer, Frank Buckland	88.4
SF2 (for heat seconds): Art Warren (only finisher)	88.0
Final: Frank Buckland, Art Warren	86.0

Match Race

Frank Buckland beat Bert Spencer 2-0	
Ht 1: Buckland, Spencer	92.0
Ht 2: Buckland, Spencer	92.0

Scratch Race

Ht 1: Bert Spencer, Fred Hawken	91.3
Ht 2: Dick Sulway, Bert Jones	93.4
Ht 3: Art Warren, George Preston	91.2
Ht 4: Ronald Coleman, "Ginger" Brown	100.0
SF1: Fred Hawken, Dick Sulway	90.6
SF2: Art Warren, George Preston	91.2
Final: Art Warren, Dick Sulway	91.0

Tuesday, 30th June 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 22 Wembley 31 (Challenge)
WMN 1.7.31
6,000
Plymouth were without captain Bert Spencer, who suffered an ankle injury during a morning practice session.

Plymouth

Peter Slade	2
Spencer Stratton	3
George Preston	2
Bert Jones	3
Maurice Bradshaw	3 0
Noel Johnson	2

Wembley

Jack Jackson	3 3
Cliff Parkinson	2' 3 2' 7 2
Charlie Shelton	3 3
Tom Lougher	2 2 3 7
Paddy Dean	
Charlie Datson	
Wally Kilmister	

Ht 1: Jackson, Parkinson	84.0		5		5
Ht 2: Shelton, Slade	90.0				
Ht 3: Stratton, Lougher	89.0				
Ht 4: Shelton, Preston	90.4				
Ht 5: Parkinson, Jones	86.4				
Ht 6: Bradshaw, Stratton	87.4	5			
Ht 7: Jones, Lougher	88.4			19	22
Ht 8: Jackson, Parkinson, Bradshaw (f)	87.0	1	5	20	27
Ht 9: Lougher, Johnson	90.1	2	4	22	31

Scratch Race

Ht 1: Parkinson, Slade	85.3
Ht 2: Jackson, Stratton	86.0
Ht 3: Shelton, Bradshaw	87.0
Ht 4: Lougher (only finisher)	?
SF1: Jackson, Stratton	87.0
SF2: Shelton, Bradshaw	87.3
Final: Shelton, Stratton	?

Tuesday, 7th July 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 26 Wimbledon 25 (Challenge)
WMN 8.7.31
"largest crowd so far"

Plymouth

George Preston	3	
Maurice Bradshaw	2' 3 1	6
Noel Johnson	3 3 3	9
Bert Jones	2'	3
Peter Slade	3	
Paddy Dean		

Wimbledon

Fred Leavis	2' 2 2	6 1
Mick Murphy	3 0 2'	5 1
Charlie Blacklock	2' 1 3	6 1
Jack Sharp	2	
Claude Rye	3	

Ht 1: Preston, Bradshaw	93.1	5	1	5	1
Ht 2: Johnson, Leavis	90.0				
Ht 3: Murphy, Blacklock	88.1	1	5		
Ht 4: Bradshaw, Leavis	?				
Ht 5: Johnson, Jones, Blacklock, Murphy (f)	90.2	5	1		
Ht 6: Slade, Sharp	88.0				
Ht 7: Johnson, Leavis	90.0			25	17
Ht 8: Rye (only finisher)	?	0	3	25	20
Ht 9: Blacklock, Murphy, Bradshaw	93.0	1	5	26	25

Silver Star Scratch Race

Ht 1: Rye, Preston	89.0
Ht 2: Jones, Bradshaw	90.4
Ht 3: Johnson, Blacklock	88.0
Ht 4: Bill Willmott, "Ginger" Brown	?
SF1: Rye, Jones	88.1
SF2: Johnson (only finisher)	95.1
Final: Rye, Jones, Johnson	86.1

Tuesday, 14th July 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth v Stamford Bridge (Challenge)

Postponed until 16.07 due to rain

Thursday, 16th July 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 18 Stamford Bridge 36 (Challenge)

WMN 17.7.31

Plymouth

Maurice Bradshaw
George Preston
Paddy Dean
Peter Slade
Bert Jones
Noel Johnson

Stamford Bridge

Len Stewart
Stan Lemon
Len Parker
Mick Murphy
Claude Rye
Nick Nicol

Ht 1: Stewart, Preston	83.0		
Ht 2: Parker, Murphy, Dean, Jones (ef)	82.2	1	5
Ht 3: Rye, Slade	84.0		
Ht 4: Stewart, Dean	84.0		
Ht 5: Murphy, Parker	83.2		
Ht 6: Stewart, Johnson	84.4		
Ht 7: Lemon, Rye	84.0		
Ht 8: Parker, Slade	85.2		
Ht 9: Rye, Lemon	83.8		

Raven Trophy Scratch Race

Ht 1: Rye, Stewart	82.6
Ht 2: Parker, Nicol	85.4
Ht 3: Murphy, Preston	85.0
Ht 4: Bill Willmott, Ginger Brown	99.2
SF1: Stewart, Rye	83.4
SF2: Preston, Murphy	89.4
Final: Stewart, Rye	82.6

Tuesday, 21st July 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 30 Southampton 24 (South Coast Championship)
WMN 22.07; SN 7.8.31 p28

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3 3	6	
Noel Johnson	2' 2' 3	7	2
Bert Jones	2 3	5	
George Preston	2' 1	3	1
Maurice Bradshaw	1' 1' 3	5	2
Peter Slade	2 2	4	

Southampton

Steve Langton	1 2	3	
Eric Lister		0	
Ernie Rickman	3 1 3	7	
Frank Bond	1	1	
Norman Parker	3 3	6	
Art Warren	2'	2	1
Jimmy Hayes	1 1'	2	1

Ht 1: Spencer, Johnson, Langton	81.4*	5	1	5	1	* track record
Ht 2: Rickman, Jones, Bond	84.4	2	4	7	5	
Ht 3: Parker, Slade, Bradshaw	85.1	3	3	10	8	
Ht 4: Spencer, Johnson, Rickman	84.4	5	1	15	9	
Ht 5: Jones, Preston, Hayes	85.4	5	1	20	10	
Ht 6: Rickman, Slade, Bradshaw	84.3	3	3	23	13	
Ht 7: Parker, Warren, Preston	85.4	1	5	24	18	
Ht 8: Bradshaw, Langton, Hayes	86.2	3	3	27	21	
Ht 9: Johnson ? ?	82.1	3	3	30	24	

Raven Trophy Scratch Race

Ht 1: Johnson, Jones	87.1
Ht 2: Rickman, Hayes, Bradshaw (f,rm, f,rm)	88.1
Ht 3: Langton, Warren, Spencer (f)	87.0
Ht 4: Dean, Lister, Bill Willmott (f), M Mortimer (f)	91.0
SF1: Johnson, Rickman	85.3
SF2: Warren, Paddy Dean	89.0
Final: Johnson, Rickman, Dean, Warren	84.0

Tuesday, 28th July 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 32 High Beech 22 (Challenge)
WMN 29.7.31
10,000

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	1 2' 0	3	1
Noel Johnson	3 3 3	9	
Bert Jones	3 3 3	9	
Paddy Dean	1 1 1	3	
Maurice Bradshaw	1 2 1	4	
Peter Slade	1' 3	4	1

High Beech

Art Fenn	2	2
Tiger Hart	2 3	5
Ben Gunner	1	1
George Lovell	2' 1'	3 2
Tom McDonald	3 2 2	7
George Bishop	2 2	4

Ht 1: Johnson, Fenn, Spencer	82.0	4	2	4	2
Ht 2: Jones, Hart, Dean	84.1	4	2	8	4
Ht 3: McDonald, Lovell, Bradshaw	87.0	1	5	9	9
Ht 4: Johnson, Spencer, Gunner	85.0	5	1	14	10
Ht 5: Jones, Bishop, Dean	85.1	4	2	18	12
Ht 6: Hart, Bradshaw, Slade	84.0	3	3	21	15
Ht 7: Jones, McDonald, Dean	85.4	4	2	25	17
Ht 8: Slade, Bishop, Bradshaw	85.0	4	2	29	19
Ht 9: Johnson, McDonald, Lovell, Spencer (f)	87.0	3	3	32	22

Match Race

Ginger Rendell beat Bill Willmott (f,rmtd)	100.4
Johnson beat Hart	82.0

Raven Trophy Scratch Race

Ht 1: Johnson, Dean	87.2
Ht 2: Hart, Slade, Spencer	83.1
Ht 3: McDonald, Jones, Bishop	84.4
Ht 4: Preston, Rendell	90.2
SF1: Slade, Hart, Johnson	84.0
SF2: McDonald, Preston, Rendell	90.2
Final: Hart, McDonald, Preston	84.4

Riders had competed for the Raven Trophy at the last 3 meetings and the overall winner was Noel Johnson.

Wednesday, 29th July 1931, Banister Court, Southampton
Southampton 43 Plymouth 11 (South Coast Championship)

SN 7.8.31; WMN 30.7.31

(Southampton were without Jack Parker, riding for England at Lea Bridge)

Southampton

Norman Parker	3 2' 3	8 1
Vic Collins	1 3 2'	6 1
Arnie Hansen	2' 3 2'	7 2
Ernie Rickman	3 2' 3	8 1
Steve Langton	3 3 2'	8 1
Frank Bond	1 2' 3	6 1

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	2 0 1	3
Peter Slade	0 1 0	1
Bert Jones	1 1 0	2
Maurice Bradshaw	0 0 1	1
Noel Johnson	2 1 0	3
George Preston	0 0 1	1

Ht 1: Parker, Spencer, Collins, Slade	75.4	4	2	4	2
Ht 2: Rickman, Hansen, Jones, Bradshaw	75.0	5	1	9	3
Ht 3: Langton, Johnson, Bond, Preston	76.2	4	2	13	5
Ht 4: Collins, Parker, Jones, Bradshaw	75.6	5	1	18	6
Ht 5: Hansen, Rickman, Johnson, Preston	75.0	5	1	23	7
Ht 6: Langton, Bond, Slade, Spencer	76.2	5	1	28	8
Ht 7: Parker, Collins, Preston, Johnson	76.0	5	1	33	9
Ht 8: Rickman, Hansen, Spencer, Slade	75.8	5	1	38	10
Ht 9: Bond, Langton, Bradshaw, Jones	76.2	5	1	43	11

2-Lap Dashes
Arnie Hansen drew 1-1 with Reg Bounds
Ernie Rickman bt Norman Parker 2-0

Married 6 Single 17 (Challenge)
Married
E Rickman 4
Single
R Bounds 6
V Collins
N Parker

Tuesday, 4th August 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 40 Exeter 13 (South Coast Championship)

WMN 5.8.31
On a bumpy, over-watered track, the visiting team were beset by falls and loss of chains.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	2 3 3	8
Maurice Bradshaw	1’ 2’ 2’	5 3
Bert Jones	2 3 3	8
George Preston	1’ 2’ 1	4 2
Noel Johnson	3 3 3	9
Peter Slade	2’ 2’ 2’	6 3

Exeter

Frank Buckland	3 0 0	3
?		0
Ted Bravery	3	3
Fred Hawken	1	1
Ronald Coleman	1 1	2
Reg Beer	1 2	3
Mart Seiffert	1 1	2

Ht 1: Buckland, Spencer, Bradshaw	82.1	3	3	3	3
Ht 2: Bravery, Jones, Preston	86.1	3	3	6	6
Ht 3: Johnson, Slade, Beer	89.1	5	1	11	7
Ht 4: Spencer, Bradshaw, Seiffert	91.4	5	1	16	8
Ht 5: Jones, Preston, Coleman	93.0	5	1	21	9
Ht 6: Johnson, Slade, Seiffert, Buckland (mf)	87.2	5	1	26	10
Ht 7: Jones, Beer, Preston	91.4	4	2	30	12
Ht 8: Johnson, Slade, Coleman, Buckland (mf)	92.4	5	1	35	13
Ht 9: Spencer, Bradshaw, Hawken (exc)	93.0	5	0	40	13

Match Race

Buckland beat Johnson	85.3

Speed Cup

Ht 1: Johnson, Preston	86.0
Ht 2: Spencer, Beer	89.0
Ht 3: Jones, Hawken	90.1
Ht 4: Bradshaw, Seiffert	89.4
SF1: Spencer, Johnson	87.1
SF2: Jones, Bradshaw	89.0
Final: Johnson, Jones	85.1

Tuesday, 11th August 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 23 Crystal Palace 30 (Challenge)

WMN 12.8.31
8,000

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	1	2		
Maurice Bradshaw	1’			
Bert Jones	2	2		
Paddy Dean	1’	1’		
Noel Johnson	3	2	0	5
Peter Slade	2	0		
George Preston	1			

Crystal Palace

Joe Francis	3				
Harry Shepherd	2’	3	2	7	1
Nobby Key	3	3	3	9	
Walter Bunner	1				
Alf Sawford	3				
Jim Cowie	1	2’			

Ht 1: Francis, Shepherd, Spencer	83.6	1	5	1	5
Ht 2: Key, Jones, Dean		3	3	4	8
Ht 3: Johnson, Slade, Cowie		5	1	9	9
Ht 4: Key, Spencer, Bradshaw		3	3	12	12
Ht 5: Shepherd, Jones, Dean		3	3	15	15
Ht 6: Key, Johnson, Bunner		2	4	17	19
Ht 7: Sawford, Cowie, Preston, Johnson (f)		1	5	18	24
Ht 8: Johnson, Shepherd, Slade (f)		3	2	21	26
Ht 9: ?, ?, ?		2	4	23	30

Speed Cup

Ht 1: Bill Willmott, Ginger Rendell	97.4
Ht 2: Johnson, Spencer	
Ht 3: Francis, Sawford	
Ht 4: Key, Jones	
SF1: Spencer, Johnson	
SF2: Key, Jones	
Final: Spencer, Johnson	

Match Race
Noel Johnson beat Joe Francis 85.4

Tuesday, 18th August 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 27 West Ham 24 (Challenge)

WMN 19.8.31
Torrential rain caused machines to stall and riders to fall.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	2’ 0 3	5 1
George Preston	3 1 0	4
Noel Johnson	3 2 3	8
Peter Slade	1 1’ 2’	4 2
Maurice Bradshaw	1 2 3	6

West Ham

Tom Lougher	2 3 3	8
Charlie Shelton	3 1’	4 1
Cliff Parkinson	2’ 2	4 1
Allen Kilfoyle	2’ 1	3 1
Jack Jackson	3	3
Arthur Mann	2	2

Ht 1: Preston, Spencer	88.4	5	0	5	0
Ht 2: Johnson, Lougher, Slade	86.3	4	2	9	2
Ht 3: Shelton, Parkinson, Bradshaw	87.4	1	5	10	7
Ht 4: Lougher, Kilfoyle, Preston, Spencer	89.0	1	5	11	12
Ht 5: Jackson, Johnson, Slade	87.0	3	3	14	15
Ht 6: Lougher, Bradshaw, Kilfoyle	90.0	2	4	16	19
Ht 7: Johnson, Slade	94.1	5	0	21	19
Ht 8: Bradshaw, Mann	93.0	3	2	24	21
Ht 9: Spencer, Parkinson, Shelton, Preston	90.4	3	3	27	24

Gold Helmet (scratch)

Ht 1: Kilfoyle, Bradshaw	89.0
Ht 2: Spencer, Slade	88.1
Ht 3: Johnson, Lougher	89.1
Fina: Johnson, Spencer, Kilfoyle	?

Match Race
Jackson beat Johnson 2-0

Tuesday, 25th August 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 29 Coventry 23 (Challenge)

Auto 4.9.31; MCyc 2.9.31; WMN 26.8.31 & 8.9.31; Researcher.
Attendance 9,000, including the Mayor of Plymouth.
Australian NOEL JOHNSON, 24, fell and was run over by the following rider, Bob Allen. He was taken to hospital, where he died 90 minutes later. At the inquest on 07.09, the verdict was “accidental death”. It was the 13th meeting to be held at the track.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3 3 3	9	
George Preston	2’ 2’ 2’	6	3
Bert Jones	2 2 0	4	
Maurice Bradshaw	0 1 1	2	
Noel Johnson	3 0 0	3	
Peter Slade	0 2 3	5	

Coventry

Lew Lancaster	0 1 0	1	
Les Patrick	0 3 2	5	
Stan Mauger	0 3 3	6	
Bob Allen	1 1 0	2	
John Deeley	1’ 3 1	5	1
A Wilkinson	2 2’ 0	4	1

Ht 1 Spencer, Preston, Lancaster (nf), Patrick (f)	82.4	5	0	5	0
Ht 2: Mauger, Jones, Allen, Bradshaw	85.1	2	4	7	4
Ht 3: Johnson, Wilkinson, Deeley, Slade	86.0	3	3	10	7
Ht 4: Spencer, Preston, Allen, Mauger	84.4	5	1	15	8
Ht 5: Patrick, Jones, Lancaster, Johnson (nf)	86.4	2	4	17	12
Ht 6: Deeley, Wilkinson, Bradshaw, Jones (f)	86.0	1	5	18	17
Ht 7: Mauger, Slade, Allen (f), Johnson (f)	87.0	2	3	20	20
Ht 8: Slade, Patrick, Bradshaw, Lancaster	85.0	4	2	24	22
Ht 9: Spencer, Preston, Deeley, Wilkinson	89.2	5	1	29	23

Triangular Match Race

Ht 1: Bradshaw beat Preston	84.0
Ht 2: Dean beat Slade	?
Final: Dean beat Bradshaw	85.0

Junior Scratch Race

Ginger Rendell, Jimmy Tellam	93.0

Scratch Race

Ht 1: Spencer, Rendell	94.0
Ht 2: Dean, Mauger	?
Ht 3: Deeley, Patrick	87.0
Ht 4: W White, Bradshaw	86.4
Final: Deeley, Spencer, [Dean, White]	85.3

Friday, 28th August 1931, Plymouth

The funeral of Noel Johnson, 24, was held. He was buried at Efford Cemetery, along with his helmet. The Plymouth team acted as bearers, and the funeral route was lined with a large number of supporters.

Tuesday, 1st September 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth v Southampton (West Coast Championship)

Postponed until 3rd September due to rain.

Thursday, 3rd September 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 23 Southampton 31 (West Coast Championship)
WMN 4.9.31

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3	3	
Paddy Dean	1	1	
Bert Jones	1	1	1’
Arthur Mann	2		
Maurice Bradshaw	1’	1	
Peter Slade	2	2	

Southampton

Ernie Rickman	2	3	2’
Frank Bond	2’	3	
Eric Lister	3	2	1
Doug Hutchins	2’	3	
Jimmy Hayes	3	3	
?			

Ht 1: Spencer, Rickman, Dean	82.4	4	2	4	2
Ht 2: Lister, Hutchins, Jones	87.0	1	5	5	7
Ht 3: Hayes, Slade, Bradshaw	83.4	3	3	8	10
Ht 4: Spencer, Lister, Dean	83.4	4	2	12	12
Ht 5: Rickman, Bond, Jones	84.3	1	5	13	17
Ht 6: Hutchins, Slade, Lister	84.4	2	4	15	21
Ht 7: Hayes, Mann, Jones	85.4	3	3	18	24
Ht 8: Bond, Rickman, Bradshaw	?	1	5	19	29
Ht 9:? ? ?	?	4	2	23	31

Scratch Race

Ht 1: Hutchins, Spencer	83.2
Ht 2: Rickman, Bradshaw	84.2
Ht 3: Bond, Jones	85.2
Ht 4: Lister, Dean	86.4
SF1: Spencer, Bradshaw	82.4
SF2: Jones, Bond	85.1
Final: Jones, Bradshaw	88.4

Tuesday, 8th September 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 23 Leicester Super 31 (Challenge)
WMN 9.9.31
10,000. Plenty of falls and crashes, but fortunately no serious injuries.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3	3	3	9	
George Preston	0	1	1	2	
Bert Jones	3	3		6	
Bill White	1	0	0	1	
Maurice Bradshaw	1’	2	2	5	1
Peter Slade	2	1’	0	3	1

Leicester Super

Bill Crouch	2 2 3	7	
Arthur Mann	0 1’ 1	2	1
Cliff Watson	3 0 3	6	
Alf Summersby	2’ 2 0	4	1
Hal Herbert	3 2 2	7	
George Marsh	0 1’ 0	1	1

Ht 1: Spencer, Crouch, Preston (f), Mann (f)	82.4	3	2	3	2
Ht 2: Watson, Summersby, White (f, push), Jones (nf)	84.4	1	5	4	7
Ht 3: Herbert, Slade, Bradshaw, Marsh	84.0	3	3	7	10
Ht 4: Spencer, Summersby, Preston, Watson (f)	84.1	4	2	11	12
Ht 5: Jones, Crouch, Mann, White	84.3	3	3	14	15
Ht 6: Watson, Bradshaw, Slade, Summersby	85.4	3	3	17	18
Ht 7: Jones, Herbert, Marsh, White (f)	85.2	3	3	20	21
Ht 8: Crouch, Bradshaw, Mann, Slade (f)	87.1	2	4	22	25
Ht 9: Spencer, Herbert, Preston, Marsh	83.5	4	2	26	27

Match Race

Spencer beat Herbert (f)	83.0
Bill Allen beat Paddy Dean	93.2

Gold Helmet (scratch)

1: Watson, Jones	84.4
2: Bill Allen, Bradshaw	86.3
3: Spencer, Herbert	83.4
4: Ginger Rendell, John Evans	91.0
SF1: Watson, Jones	86.3
SF2: Spencer, Herbert (f), Rendell (f)	?
Final: Spencer, Watson	?

Tuesday, 15th September 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 16 Wimbledon 38 (Challenge)

WMN 16.9.31

Heavy rain made for treacherous conditions and several falls, but thankfully no serious injuries. Following a fall for Preston in heat 3, the crowd protested against their perceived unfair riding by Blacklock, but the ACU official blamed the conditions. A few days later, Freddie Hore announced the strengthening of the Plymouth team by the signing of Bill Clibbett – and Charlie Blacklock.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	2 1 2	5	
Bert Jones	2 0 3	5	
Peter Slade	1 1	2	
Paddy Dean	1 2’	3	1
Bill White	0 1	1	
George Preston	0	0	

Wimbledon

Bill Clibbett	3 3 3	9	
Arthur Mann	1 2’ 2’ 2’	7	3
Stan Lemon	3 3 3	9	
Don Boswell	1 2’ 2’	5	2
Charlie Blacklock	3 3	6	
Fred Ralph	1 1	2	

Ht 1: Clibbett, Spencer, Mann	96.0	2	4	2	4
Ht 2: Lemon, Jones, Boswell	95.1	2	4	4	8
Ht 3: Blacklock, Mann, Slade, Preston (f)	98.2	1	5	5	13
Ht 4: Lemon, Boswell, Spencer	95.1	1	5	6	18
Ht 5: Clibbett, Mann, Dean, Jones (f)	95.2	1	5	7	23
Ht 6: Lemon, Boswell, Slade	91.2	1	5	8	28
Ht 7: Jones, Dean, Ralph, White (f)	98.1	5	1	13	29
Ht 8: Clibbett, Mann, White	?	1	5	14	34
Ht 9: Blacklock, Spencer, Ralph	?	2	4	16	38

Single 26 Married 20 (Challenge)

Single

Stan Lemon	3 3	6	
Bert Spencer	2’ 2’	4	2
Arthur Mann	2 2	4	
Bill White	1’	1	1
Peter Slade	2 3	5	
Paddy Dean	3 1	4	
Maurice Bradshaw	2’	2	1

Married

Don Boswell	1 3	4	
George Preston	3 1	4	
Charlie Blacklock	3 2’	5	1
Ginger Rendell	2 1	3	
Jimmy Tellan	1’	1	1
Bill Clibbett	3	3	

Ht 1: Lemon, Spencer, Boswell	88.0	5	1	5	1
Ht 2: Preston, Mann, White	93.1	3	3	8	4
Ht 3: Blacklock, Slade	91.4	2	3	10	7
Ht 4: Dean, Rendell, Tellan	88.4	3	3	13	10
Ht 5: Lemon, Spencer, Preston	88.4	5	1	18	11
Ht 6: Boswell, Mann	95.0	2	3	20	14
Ht 7: Slade, Bradshaw, Rendell	96.1	5	1	25	15
Ht 8: Clibbett, Blacklock, Dean	88.1	1	5	26	20

Tuesday, 22nd September 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 18 Stamford Bridge 35 (Challenge)
WMN 23.9.31. Attendance 10,000.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3 2 0		5
Bert Jones	2 3		5
Bill Clibbett	2 3		5
Charlie Blacklock	2		2
Peter Slade	1		1

Stamford Bridge

Les Blakebrough	2 2 3	7	
Mick Murphy	1’ 1’ 2’	4	3
Ernie Evans	3 3 2	8	
Hal Herbert	1 1 1’	3	1
Claude Rye	3 3 2’	8	1
Ivor Hill	1 1 3	5	

Ht 1: Spencer, Blakebrough, Murphy	83.2	3	3	3	3
Ht 2: Evans, Jones, Herbert	85.0	2	4	5	7
Ht 3: Rye, Clibbett, Hill	84.1	2	4	7	11
Ht 4: Evans, Spencer, Herbert	84.0	2	4	9	15
Ht 5: Jones, Blakebrough, Murphy	82.0	3	3	12	18
Ht 6: Clibbett, Evans, Herbert	83.2	3	3	15	21
Ht 7: Rye, Blacklock, Hill	85.0	2	4	17	25
Ht 8: Blakebrough, Murphy	87.2	0	5	17	30
Ht 9: Hill, Rye, Slade (f, push), Spencer (f)	83.4	1	5	18	35

Scratch Race

Ht 1: Evans	84.3
Ht 2: Spencer	84.1
Ht 3: Clibbett	84.1
Ht 4: Dean	89.4
Final: Evans, Dean, Spencer, Clibbett (f)	86.2

Tuesday, 29th September 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 29 Lea Bridge 24 (Challenge)

WMN 30.9.31. Attendance 10,000.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3 2’ 3	8	1
Peter Slade	0 3 0	3	
Bill Clibbett	3 0 0	3	
Paddy Dean	1 1 3	5	
Bert Jones	2’ 3 2	7	1
Charlie Blacklock	3 0 0	3	

Lea Bridge

Stew Fairbairn	2 3 1	6	
Alf Foulds	1’ 2’ 3	6	2
Stan Lupton	0 1’ 0	1	1
Roy Dook	2 2 0	4	
Stiffy Aston	1 2 2	5	
Bert Scott	0 1’ 1’	2	2

Ht 1: Spencer, Fairbairn, Foulds, Slade	83.3	3	3	3	3
Ht 2: Clibbett, Dook, Dean, Lupton	85.1	4	2	7	5
Ht 3: Blacklock, Jones, Aston, Scott (f)	86.1	5	1	12	6
Ht 4: Slade, Spencer, Lupton (ef), Dook (ef)	90.0	5	0	17	6
Ht 5: Fairbairn, Foulds, Dean, Clibbett	84.3	1	5	18	11
Ht 6: Jones, Dook, Lupton, Blacklock	85.2	3	3	21	14
Ht 7: Dean, Aston, Scott (mf), Clibbett (mf)	89.3	3	3	24	17
Ht 8: Foulds, Jones, Fairbairn, Blacklock	85.1	2	4	26	21
Ht 9: Spencer, Aston, Scott, Slade	86.1	3	3	29	24

Gold Helmet (scratch)

Ht 1: Fairbairn, Blacklock & Dean (dead-heat)	84.0
Ht 2: Dook, Spencer	83.4
Ht 3: Lupton, Clibbett	83.3
Ht 4: Mau. Bradshaw, Arthur Mann	85.0
Final: Fairbairn, Jones	83.0

Junior Scratch

Jimmy Tellam (walkover)

Tuesday, 6th October 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 25 High Beech 29 (Challenge)

WMN 7.10.31

6,000. Start of the meeting was slightly delayed by a power cut.

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	3 2 2	7	
Peter Slade	0 0 0	0	
Bill Clibbett	2 2 0	4	
Maurice Bradshaw	0 1’ 1	2	1
Charlie Blacklock	2 3 2’	7	1
Bert Jones	0 2’ 3	5	1

High Beech

Frank Pearce	2 3 0	5	
Ben Gunner	1’	1	1
Tiger Hart	3 3 1	7	
George Bishop	1 1 0	2	
Arthur Fenn	3 3 3	9	
Tom McDonald	1 2’ 1	4	1
Arthur Mann	1	1	

Ht 1: Spencer, Pearce, Gunner, Slade	?	3	3	3	3
Ht 2: Hart, Clibbett, Bishop, Bradshaw	92.2	2	4	5	7
Ht 3: Fenn, Blacklock, McDonald	92.0	2	4	7	11
Ht 4: Hart, Spencer, Bishop, Slade (ret)	94.0	2	4	9	15
Ht 5: Pearce, Clibbett, Bradshaw, ?	93.0	3	3	12	18
Ht 6: Blacklock, Jones, Hart, Bishop	93.2	5	1	17	19
Ht 7: Fenn, McDonald, Bradshaw, Clibbett (ef)	97.2	1	5	18	24
Ht 8: Jones, Blacklock, Mann, Pearce	99.0	5	1	23	25
Ht 9: Fenn, Spencer, McDonald, Slade (ef)	99.1	2	4	25	29

Match Race

Ht 1: Spencer	112.2

Meeting rain affected and abandoned due to deteriorating conditions.

Tuesday, 13th October 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 21 West Ham 33 (Challenge)
WMN 14.10.31

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	2	1	3	
Peter Slade	3	1	4	
Bill Clibbett	3	2	2	7
Bert Jones	2	3	1	6
Charlie Blacklock	1		1	

West Ham

Cliff Parkinson	1	1	2’	4	1
Reg Bounds	3	3	3	9	
Con Cantwell	2	0		2	
Cecil Bounds	1’	2	2	5	1
Bluey Wilkinson	3	1	2’	6	1
Charlie Shelton	1	3	3	7	
Arthur Mann	0			0	

Ht 1: R Bounds, Spencer, Parkinson	93.1	2	4	2	4
Ht 2: Clibbett, Cantwell, C Bounds	92.1	3	3	5	7
Ht 3: Wilkinson, Jones, Shelton	95.0	2	4	7	11
Ht 4: Slade, C Bounds, Spencer, Cantwell (ef)	95.1	4	2	11	13
Ht 5: R Bounds, Clibbett, Parkinson	90.0	2	4	13	17
Ht 6: Jones, C Bounds, Blacklock, Mann	94.0	4	2	17	19
Ht 7: Shelton, Clibbett, Wilkinson	93.0	2	4	19	23
Ht 8: R Bounds, Parkinson, Jones	91.4	1	5	20	28
Ht 9: Shelton, Wilkinson, Slade	92.3	1	5	21	33

Match Races
Jones bt Blacklock
Wilkinson bt R Bounds

Scratch Race

Ht 1: Shelton, C Bounds, Slade (f)	
Ht 2: R Bounds, Clibbett	
Ht 3: Parkinson, Wilkinson	89.1
Ht 4: Bradshaw, Mann	
Final: R Bounds, Shelton	90.3

Tuesday, 20th October 1931, Pennycross, Plymouth
Plymouth 17 Crystal Palace 36 (Challenge)
WMN 21.10.31
In the last meeting of a very successful first season, Tom Farndon record the first sub-80 sec race as he lowered Bert Spencer's track record by 2.3 secs to 79.1

Plymouth

Bert Spencer	2 1' 1'	4	2
Maurice Bradshaw	0 2 2	4	
Charlie Blacklock	0 2	2	
Bert Jones	1' 0	1	1
Peter Slade	2 1 1	4	
Bill White	2	2	

Crystal Palace

Joe Francis	3 3 2'	8	1
Harry Shepherd	1 2' 3	6	1
Nobby Key	3 3 2'	8	1
Triss Sharp	1 3	4	
Tom Farndon	3 3 3	9	
Bill Pitcher	1	1	

Ht 1: Francis, Spencer, Shepherd, Bradshaw	83.1	2	4	2	4
Ht 2: Key, White, Sharp	84.0	2	4	4	8
Ht 3: Farndon, Slade, Jones,	79.1*	3	3	7	11
Ht 4: Key, Bradshaw, Spencer	85.0	3	3	10	14
Ht 5: Francis, Shepherd, Blacklock (ef), ? (ef)	85.0	0	5	10	19
Ht 6: Sharp, Key, Slade, Jones	84.4	1	5	11	24
Ht 7: Farndon, Blacklock, Pitcher,	?	2	4	13	28
Ht 8: Shepherd, Francis, Slade	85.3	1	5	14	33
Ht 9: Farndon, Bradshaw, Spencer	84.0	3	3	17	36

* track record

Gold Helmet

Final: Tom Farndon, Blacklock	82.3

Junior Scratch Race

Francis Drake	104.0

Match Races

Spencer bt Billy Lamont 2-0	81.1 & ?
Farndon bt Billy Lamont	81.1

1931 SOUTH COAST CHAMPIONSHIP

Results

09.07	Exeter	24	Southampton	30
18.07	Southampton	40	Exeter	13
21.07	Plymouth	30	Southampton	24
29.07	Southampton	43	Plymouth	11
04.08	Plymouth	40	Exeter	13
Not raced		Exeter v Plymouth		

Final Standings

	M	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Southampton	4	3	0	1	137	78	6
2 Plymouth	3	2	0	1	81	80	4
3 Exeter	3	0	0	3	50	110	0