

Table 1

March 24th 1940

Result and comments from Eastbourne Gazette.

Easter Scratch Race

Heat One: 1st Frank Hodgson. Time 83 1/5

Kemsley retired on the start line and W. Cook retired during the race. Frank Hodgson only finisher.

Heat Two: 1st W. Pilgrim, 2nd Jack Tidbury .Time 75 1/5

Heat Three: 1st Ken Tidbury, 2nd Charlie Page. Time 74 4/5

Basil Harris retired during the race.

First Semi Final: 1st Frank Hodgson, 2nd Jack Tilbury, 3rd W. Pilgrim. Time 74.0

Second Semi Final: 1st Charlie Dugard, 2nd Ken Tidbury. Time 74 2/5

Final: 1st Frank Hodgson, 2nd Charlie Dugard. Time 73 2/5

“Blitzkrieg” Handicap Race

Heat One: Frank Hodgson, 2nd Basil Harris. Time 76 3/5

Heat Two: 1st Phil ‘Tiger’ Hart, 2nd Ken Tidbury. Time 74 2/5

Hart had bike problems but Tidbury slowed down to wave through Hart, who was the crowd favourite. Hart took no further part in the meeting

Heat Three: 1st Charlie Page, 2nd Charlie Dugard. Time 73 3/5

Jack Tidbury suffered a nasty crack when his bike threw him at the start. Charlie Dugard's bike knocked the rearing machine back on to Tidbury, but although he was carried off he was able to ride in the re-run.

Re-run: Page had the handicap but Dugard passed him in the third lap; Page put on a spurt however, and once more got ahead of Dugard. Jack Tidbury fell on the corner.

First Semi Final: 1st Frank Hodgson, 2nd Basil Harris. Time 73 1/5

Second Semi Final: 1st Charlie Page, 2nd Charlie Dugard. Time 73 1/5

Final: 1st Frank Hodgson, 2nd Charlie Dugard, 3rd Basil Harris. Time 72.0

The final race was the best race of the afternoon. Hodgson passed Harris, Page, and on the last lap Dugard, who came in second.