

AUDENSHAW – 1929

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The season at Audenshaw was blighted by problems with the circuit often operating outside the jurisdiction of the sport's authorities. Riders often appeared under assumed names so as to avoid being banned from riding of other tracks. Details of meetings are limited and more information would be welcome. Research by Graham Gleave.

May 25, 1929

Puritan Cup

1. (Frank Burgess, Fred Ibbotson, J. Jackson, A. Lord, Ginger Lees (ns))
 2. Arthur Franklyn, (Jack Wood, H. Rosler, Hugh Hulme, A.H. Darwell)
 3. (Tom Simister, Norman Hartley, H.A. Clark, C. Quirk, C. Howard)
 4. Larry Coffey, (L. Trout, C.A. Drew, Frank Whiting, W.A. Ramsden)
 5. (Frank Varey, A.F. Traynor, Sid Allen, Dan Buckingham, R.R. Highton)
 6. (Mark Sheldon, Riskit Riley, E. Jennings, H. Withington*, W Simmonds)
- Final: Arthur Franklyn, Larry Coffey, J. Dalshaw, 217.6

Challenge Races

Norman Hartley beat Frank Burgess, 74.8

Larry Coffey beat E. Jennings, 72.8

Arthur Franklyn beat Norman Hartley, 69.8

Tom Simister v Arthur Franklyn

Ginger Lees v Norman Hartley – believed not staged

Frank Varey v Larry Coffey

Sidecars

1. (B. Matthews, V.E. Hunt)
 2. (L Mannion, V.W. Lord)
 3. (George 'Pa' Cowley, V.G. Crompton)
- H. Mathers (only finisher), 163.6
Also featured: Sandersford

Also Competed: Stewie St. George, C. Hall, C. Snape, E. Wood, A. Taylor.

Ginger Lees was in the programme but did not appear.

*May have been Tommy Withington

June 1, 1929

Puritan Cup

Final: Arthur Franklyn

June 8, 1929

One Lap Track Record Attempts

Skid Hanley 39.2 (unsuccessful)

Larry Coffey 35.0 (unsuccessful)

Puritan Cup

1.

2.

3. Jack Chapman

4. Vic Veal*, Alf Chick, Skid Hanley**

Final: Jack Chapman, Vic Veal*, 148.4

Eliminators

Alf Chick beat Joe Palastrand, 72.4

Alf Chick beat Larry Coffey, 93.6

Jack Chapman beat Skid Hanley**, 80.0

Joe Palastrand beat A.B. Drew, 78.6

E. Jennings beat Sid Hilton, 75.8

Sidecars

A. Tinklor, H.M. Chipchase, 86.8

*Believed to be the Wembley rider Vic Deale

**Believed to be an assumed name for Skid Skinner

June 11, 1929

Audenshaw Handicap

Final: Frank Duckett, Joe Palastrand, 46.89 mph (153.0)

Challenge Race

1. Frank Duckett beat Dick Wise, 77.0

2. E. Jennings beat Stewie St. George

3. A.B. Drew beat Skid Hanley*, 77.0

4. Stewie St. George beat Larry Coffey, 74.4

Final: Frank Duckett, Ed Bradley, 48.36 mph (71.52)

Sidecars

Ht: I. Mannion, George 'Pa' Cowley 84.8

Final: W. Lord, I. Mannion, A. Tinklor (awd), 87.1

*Believed to be an assumed name for Skid Skinner

June 15, 1929

Flying Nine

Final: E. Jennings, Larry Coffey, Dab Boston, 147.8

Puritan Cup (Two Miles)

Final: Joe Palastrand, Keith Litchfield, 148.5

Lap Record Attempts

E. Jennings (ef)

Joe Palastrand, 34.5 (unsuccessful)

Sidecars

I. Mannion, J. Challinor, George 'Pa' Cowley, 83.4 (TR)

Junior Race

W. Evans, A. Lord, 89.0

June 18, 1929

This meeting was marred by the death of George Rowlands who was killed in a track crash. George was 28 years old. The meeting was abandoned after Rowlands' death was announced. A. Lord broke his leg in the same crash. Lord was from Smithy Bridge and Rowlands from Gorton.

Ashton and Stalybridge Cup

1.

2. Larry Coffey, E. Jones*

Heat: Joe Palastrand, Red Murch

Heat: Dab Boston

Flying Nine

1. Red Murch, **Slider Jones***

2. Dab Boston, 147.0

Final: Red Murch, Dab Boston, A.B. Drew, 141.6

Also Competed: Larry Coffey, A. Lord

Puritan Cup

Ht 2: George Cumming, A B Drew

Final: Red Murch, A.B. Drew, Slider Jones*, 145.6

Junior Race

Final: Slider Jones*, W. Harrison**

Track Record Attempts

Joe Palastrand (unsuccessful)

Dab Boston, 141.6 (new record)

Sidecars (2 laps)

L Mannion, J Challinor 81.6

*E. Jones and Slider Jones are believed to be the same rider. This was an assumed name used by Fred Ibbotson.

**Possibly William Harrison

June 22, 1929

Flying Nine

1.

2. Red Murch, Slider Jones*

3.

Final: Red Murch, Dab Boston, A.B. Drew, 141.6 (track record)

Puritan Cup

1.

2. Cummings**, A.B. Drew, 156.8

3.

4.

Final: Dab Boston, A.B. Drew, Slider Jones*, Red Murch (fell), 145.4

Junior Race

Final: Slider Jones, W. Anderson, H. Rosler, 80.6

Sidecars

I. Mannion, A. Reynolds, J. Challinor, 81.6

Also Competed: Chick Remington (USA)

*Assumed name used by Fred Ibbotson

**Could either have been George 'Scotty' Cumming (Sheffield) or J.S. Cummings (Liverpool)

June 25, 1929

The meeting was notable for the appearance of a couple of Scottish riders who appeared under assumed names. 'Rolling Jack' and 'W. Chum' were amongst the competitors, as was Mossley's 'Slider' Jones.

Ashton and Stalybridge Cup

1. 'Rolling Jack'* , Dab Boston

SF: 'Rolling Jack'* , Slider Jones**

Final: 'Rolling Jack'* , Slider Jones** , W. Chum*** , 150.6

Flying 12

Heat: W. Chum*** , Red Murch

Final: Dab Boston, W. Chum*** , 142.4

Challenge Race

E. Jennings beat A.B. Drew

Junior Race

A. Ryder, A. Birmingham, 79.8

Sidecars

I. Mannion, M. Reynolds, 82.4

*Assumed name, true identity not known

**Assumed name for Fred Ibbotson

***Assumed name, true identity not known

June 29, 1929

Flying 12

Heat: Slider Jones*, Red Murch

Final: Slider Jones*, Red Murch, 76.6

Also rode: Dab Boston and Chick Remington

Puritan Cup

Ht: Slider Jones*, Red Murch

Final: Slider Jones*, Joe Palastrand, E. Jennings, 157.0

Track Record Attempts

A. Ryder, 33.7 (unsuccessful)

Joe Palastrand, 36.4 (unsuccessful)

Junior Race

C. Howard, Jack Atkinson, A. Black, 85.4

Sidecars

I. Mannion, J. Challinor, W. Lord, 84.0

Eliminating Contest for the ACU Championship

Ht: Slider Jones* 73.6

Red Murch, Dab Boston, Chick Remington, F. Housley**, E. Jennings, Joe Palastrand, A.B. Drew, Slider Jones*

*Assumed name for Fred Ibbotson

**Likely to be either A. Housley or Fred Howsley

July 2, 1929

Meeting cancelled due to lack of water.

August 10, 1929

Attendance: Approximately 6,000

Palatine Cup

Final: Norman Dawson, Joe Palastrand, (Arthur Franklyn), 70.4

Eliminating Challenge

Riskit Riley, Norman Dawson, Arthur Franklyn, 72.4

Flying 12

Final: Slider Shuttleworth, Joe Palastrand, Norman Dawson, 72.4

Sidecars

A. Mathews, W. Lord, 80.2

August 17, 1929

Attendance: Approximately 4,000

Golden Helmet

Heat: Frank Charles, 114.0 (track record)

Final: Frank Charles, Cliff Watson, Dick Wise, 67.0

South Manchester Handicap

Final: Mark Sheldon, Cliff Whatley, A.B. Drew, 76.0

Brothers Match Race

E. Wilson beat S.W. Wilson, 85.0

One Lap Track Record Attempts

Frank Charles (fell)

Frank Charles, 33.0 (new record)

Two lap Record Attempt

Frank Charles 65.4

Sidecars

B. Matthews, W. Lord, 81.0

Also Competed: Syd Newiss

August 24, 1929

No results available.

Match Race

Arthur Franklyn v Tommy Hatch

Also Rode: Norman Dawson, Bob Harrison, Cliff Whatley, Rex Kirby, Norman Hartley, Mark Sheldon

August 31, 1929

Palatine Cup

Final: Peter Waterhouse, Joe Abbott, 77.4

Golden Helmet

Final: Norman Dawson, Cliff Whatley, 70.0

Challenge Race

Joe Abbott beat Norman Dawson, 70.0

Track Record Attempt

Joe Abbott (unsuccessful)

Sidecars

I. Mannion, W. Lord, 83.0

September 7, 1929

Lap Record Attempt

Squib Burton, 32.2 (new record)

South Manchester Handicap

Final: Wally Hicklin, N. Booth, 72.0

Challenge Race

Squib Burton beat Norman Dawson, 2-0

1. Burton, Dawson, 66.0

2. Burton, Dawson, 67.4

Challenge Match Race

Slider Shuttleworth beat Ken Miller

Golden Helmet

Final: Syd Newiss, Squib Burton, 68.4

Sidecars

A. Mathews, W. Lord, 80.2

Also Rode: Sid Meadowcroft