

BELFAST 1947

GIBSON PARK, CREGAGH

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Wednesday 11th June – Motor Cycle Union of Ireland notified affiliated members that participation unofficial meetings to be held in Belfast not under the Open Competition Rules of the Union may render the member liable to suspension from participation in Official Events.

Tuesday 12th August – announcement by the Motor Cycle Union of Ireland that all possible safety precautions had been taken at Gibson Park, with an inspection to be carried out when notification was received that the track had been widened, following which a decision would be made whether or not an MCUI licence would be issued.

Thursday 21st August – announcement of trials to take place on Wednesday 27th August for new riders to take part in licenced speedway at Gibson Park.

Friday 5th September – Motor Cycle Union of Ireland announced its decision not to grant an official permit for future speedway racing at the track until such time as more suitable arrangements were made by the promoters.

Saturday, 4th June 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Cregagh Panthers 30 Antrim Aces 16 Tyrone Typhoons 1 Down Buccaneers 0

Cregagh

Tommy McRea

Billy Henderson

Antrim

Billy McRea

Friday, 20th June 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Cregagh Panthers 18 Antrim Aces 8 Tyrone Typhoons 5 Down Buccaneers 3

Cregagh

Tommy McRea

Billy Henderson 6 6 3 15

Antrim

Billy McRea 6 0

Progressive scores

Cregagh Panthers 48 Antrim Aces 24 Tyrone Typhoons 6 Down Buccaneers 3

Saturday, 21st June 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Cregagh Panthers 24 Antrim Aces 18 Tyrone Typhoons 37 Down Buccaneers 15

Cregagh

Tommy McRea
Billy Henderson

Antrim

Billy McRea

Progressive scores

Cregagh Panthers 72 Antrim Aces 42 Tyrone Typhoons 43 Down Buccaneers 22

Friday, 27th June 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Cregagh Panthers 11 Antrim Aces 6 Tyrone Typhoons 24 Down Buccaneers 37

Cregagh

Tommy McRea	3	3
Billy Henderson		

Antrim

Billy McRea	6	6
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Ht 1: B

McRea, V McCarthy, T Vernon 103.0 (record)

Ht 2: H Willingham, C Adams, J Walton

Ht 3: H Willingham, C Adams, V McCarthy

Ht 4: J McCean, T McRea, J Kendal

Ht 5: D Rice, B Henderson, R Wilson

Ht 6: J McCean, B Henderson, D Rice

Ht 7: J McCean, T Vernon, V McCarthy

Ht 8: H Willingham, C Adams, R Wilson

Ht 9: H Willingham, J McCean, T Vernon

Progressive scores

Cregagh Panthers 83 Antrim Aces 48 Tyrone Typhoons 67 Down Buccaneers 59

Saturday, 28th June 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Cregagh

Tommy McRea	6
Billy Henderson	

Antrim

Billy McRea

Ht: T McRea 102.5 (record)

Friday, 4th July 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Cancelled due to rain.

Saturday, 5th July 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Friday, 11th July 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Saturday, 12th July 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Wednesday, 16th July 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Friday, 25th July 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Saturday, 26th July 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Friday, 1st August 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Saturday, 2nd August 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Friday, 8th August 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Saturday, 9th August 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast
Cregagh Panthers 30 Antrim Aces 32

Friday, 15th August 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Saturday, 16th August 1947, Gibson Park, Belfast

Friday 22nd August – track closed for alterations

Saturday 23rd August – track closed for alterations

Wednesday 27th August – new rider trials

Wednesday 3rd September
RAF Benevolent Fund Silver Wings Helmet

Final: T.E. (Tom) Seymour, S. Russell 110.0

Note: Races mainly over 6 laps (440 yards per lap on the original track), with the track record 100.8 set by Billie McRae.