

## BIRMINGHAM 1931

Update 20.1.2024 Updated 27.6.2024

Friday 3 April 1931, Hall Green Stadium  
Rained off

Friday 10 April 1931, Hall Green Stadium

Birmingham Handicap:

Ht 1:

Ht 2:

Ht 3: Harry Taft, George Bishop,

Ht 4: Jack Parker,

SF1: Reg Hutchins,

SF2: Jack Parker, George Bishop, Harry Taft,

Final: Cyril Taft (20), Tommy McDonald, G Bishop 82.1

Big Six Scratch Race:

Ht 1: B Dallison bt Frank Pearce

Ht 2: Jack Parker, Frank Arthur, 74.9\*

Ht 3: Harry Taft, Len Parker, 79.8

Final: Jack Parker, Harry Taft, 77.5

Wal Handley Scratch Race:

Final: Jack Parker, Frank Arthur, T McDonald 76.5

Friday 17 April 1931, Hall Green Stadium

Handicap

1F Charles

2 Lees,

SF1: G Lees, F Charles

SF2: R Hutchins

Final: Reg Hutchins (10 sec), Frank Charles, Ginger Lees, J Parker 86.3

Gold Gauntlet

Ht J Parker Charles, Taft

SF1: G Lees, H Taft

SF2: R Hutchins F Charles, Parker

Final: F Charles, Harry Taft 83.0 [Ginger Lees, Reg Hutchins]

Big Six

1 Jack Ormston bt F Charles

2 Jack Parker bt G Kuhn

3 Harry Taft

Final J Parker, H Taft, J Ormston 81.3

Friday 24 April 1931, Hall Green Stadium  
Rained off

Friday 1 May 1931, Hall Green Stadium

Midlands 13 The Rest 11 (Challenge):

1 V Huxley (R), S Burton (M), B Dallison (M), Frank Varey (R) 75.5 3-3 3-3

2 Parker (M), Tom Farndon (R), Harry Taft (M), J Abbott	76.5	4-2	7-5
3 Parker, H Taft, Les Patrick (R), V Huxley	76.0	5-1	12-6
4 Joe Abbott (R), T Farndon (R), B Dallison, S Burton ef		1-5	13-11

#### H/C

Final Jimmy Gent (20yd), Stan Reynolds (20yd), Ernie Smith (20yd), Vic Huxley (scr) lost chain 84.6

#### Junior Scr

- 1 Rod Rockard 89.1
- 2 Pat Biddie 82.5

#### Silver Helmet

SF2: Squib Burton, 79.2  
Final Parker, Abbott 77.4 [McDonald, Burton]

#### Junior Qualifying Scratch Race:

Ht 2: Pat Biddle, 82.5

Friday 8 May 1931, Hall Green Stadium

#### Birmingham H/C

SF1 Joe Dallison, A Franklyn  
SF2 T Croombs  
Final Stan Reynolds (20yd), Arthur Franklyn, Billy Dallison, Tommy Croombs f,disq 83.1 1½ lengths

#### Big Six

- 1 Charlie Spinks bt Arthur Jervis by 10 lengths
  - 2 T Croombs bt A Franklyn f
  - 3 B Dallison bt Harry Taft by half a length
- Final B Dallison, C Spinks, T Croombs e/t

#### Golden Gauntlet Scr

1 A Jervis, Wally Hull, Tom McDonald 79.9 1½ lengths  
2 Cyril Taft, A Franklyn by 1 length  
3  
4  
SF1 W Hull, C Taft, A Jervis f, A Franklyn f  
SF2 T Croombs, R Hutchins ½ a length  
Final T Croombs, Reg Hutchins, W Hull f,rm, C Taft ef 79.9

#### Junior Qualifiers

- 1 Boggy Trimnell
- 2 Wal Morton

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 1931 Wimbledon, London

Wimbledon Dons 67 Birmingham (HG) 26 (National Trophy)

#### WIMBLEDON

1 Jim Kempster	2 0 3 2'	7 1
2 Claude Rye	0 2 2' 3	7 1
3 Dick Case	3 2' 3 3	11 1
4 Ernie Evans	2' 3 2' 2'	9 3
5 Ray Tauser	3 3 3 1	10
6 Len Parker	1 2' 2' 3	8 2
7 Len Stewart	3 1 3 3	10

8 Arthur Westwood 2' 3 F 0 5 1

#### BIRMINGHAM

1 Harry Taft 3 0 1 0 4  
2 Pat Biddle 1 2 0 1 4  
3 Tommy McDonald 1 3 R 0 4  
4 Stan Reynolds 0 1 F 2 3  
5 Cyril Taft 2 1 0 2 5  
6 Ernie Smith 0 0 1 1  
7 Jimmy Gent 1 0 1 1 3  
8 Joe Dallison 0 1 0 0 1 R  
R Rod Rickard 1' 1 1

1 H. Taft Kempster Biddle	76.6	2	4	2	4
2 Case Evans McDonald	77.8	5	1	7	5
3 Tauser C. Taft Parker	75.6	4	2	11	7
4 Stewart Westwood Gent	78.0	5	1	16	8
5 McDonald Rye Reynolds	79.0	2	4	18	12
6 Evans Case C. Taft	76.2	5	1	23	13
7 Tauser Parker Dallison	76.6	5	1	28	14
8 Westwood Biddle Stewart	80.8	4	2	32	16
9 Kempster Rye Smith	79.0	5	1	37	17
10 Case Evans Gent	77.6	5	1	42	18
11 Tauser Parker H. Taft	76.4	5	1	47	19
12 Stewart McDonald (ret) Rynlds (f) Westwd (f)	84.4	3	0	50	19
13 Rye Kempster Gent	78.0	5	1	55	20
14 Case Evans Biddle	76.8	5	1	60	21
15 Parker Reynolds Tauser	76.4	4	2	64	23
16 Stewart C. Taft Rickard	77.6	3	3	67	26

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May 1931 Hall Green, Birmingham  
Birmingham 42.5 Wimbledon Dons 49.5 (National Trophy)

#### BIRMINGHAM

Harry Taft 2½ 3 2 3 10½  
Pat Biddle 0 1 3 2 6  
Tommy McDonald 2 0 0 0 2  
Stan Reynolds 1 3 1 1 6  
Cyril Taft 3 1 3 3 10  
Ernie Smith 0 2 0 0 2  
Joe Dallison 3 1 1 1 6  
Jimmy Gent 0 0  
Rod Rickards

Norman Trimnell

#### WIMBLEDON

Jim Kempster 1 1 1 2 5  
Claude Rye 2½ 2 2 3 9½  
Dick Case 3 0 3 0 6  
Ernie Evans 0 3 2 0 5  
Ray Tauser 2 2 0 2 6  
Len Parker 1 3 1 3 8  
Len Stewart 0 2 2 1 5  
Arthur Westwood 0 0 3 2 5  
Stan Lemon

## Bert Gerrish

1 Rye & H Taft dead heat Kempster Biddle	79.5	2.5	3.5	2.5	3.5
2 Case McDonald Reynolds Evans	80.6	3	3	5.5	6.5
3 C Taft Tauser Parker Smith	80.1	3	3	8.5	9.5
4 Dallison Gent (mf) Stewart (mf) Westwood (mf)	86.0	3	0	11.5	9.5
5 Reynolds Rye Kempster McDonald	86.1	3	3	14.5	12.5
6 Evans Smith C Taft Case (nf)	85.1	3	3	17.5	15.5
7 Parker Tauser Dallison	81.7	1	5	18.5	20.5
8 H Taft Stewart Biddle Westwood	82.4	4	2	22.5	22.5
9 C Taft Rye Kempster Smith	81.2	3	3	25.5	25.5
10 Case Evans Dallison	81.4	1	5	26.5	30.5
11 Biddle H Taft Parker Tauser	83.0	5	1	31.5	31.5
12 Westwood Stewart Reynolds McDonald	83.6	1	5	32.5	36.5
13 Rye Kempster Dallison	82.0	1	5	33.5	41.5
14 H Taft Biddle Evans (f) Case (f)	81.0	5	0	38.5	41.5
15 Parker Tauser Reynolds McDonald	81.5	1	5	39.5	46.5
16 C Taft Westwood Stewart Smith	81.7	3	3	42.5	49.5

### Big Four

1 Dick Case bt Billy Dallison	79.4
2 Harry Taft ef, pushed bt Ray Tauser f	92.8
Final D Case bt H Taft f	83.8

Friday 22 May 1931, Hall Green Stadium

### Handicap

Ht Haigh,

SF1: V Huxley, D Haigh, M Grosskreutz nf, W Hull nf

SF2: J Parker, Pat Biddle, S Jackson, Stan Reynolds

Final: Vic Huxley, Dusty Haigh, Jack Parker 81.7

### Big Nine

1: D Haigh, V Huxley, J Parker 78.5

2: Billy Dallison, Syd Jackson by a wheel

3: Max Grosskreutz, Wally Hull, Harry Taft ef

Final: D Haigh, M Grosskreutz, B Dallison ef

### Gold Gauntlet

Ht Huxley, Grosskreutz 80.1

SF1: D Haigh, V Huxley (only 2 finishers)

SF2: W Hull, P Biddle

Final: V Huxley, D Haigh f,rm, W Hull ef, P Biddle f 79.7

### Junior Scratch

1: Fred Davies 88.9

2: Ray Beavon 87.2

Friday 29 May 1931, Hall Green Stadium

### Birmingham Handicap

1 P Bishop 80.3

Ht Parker 77.9

SF2 P Bishop (ef) Lees Wigfield (nf)

Final Les Patrick (20 yds), Jack Parker (scr), Pat Biddle (20 yds) 81.2

Big Six

1 J Parker bt Phil Bishop e/t 78.6

2 Billy Dallison bt George Wigfield f

3 Harry Taft bt Syd Edmunds 83.0

Final J Parker, B Dallison, H Taft 10 lengths 78.7

Silver Helmet

2 Parker, Biddle, C Taft

3 P Bishop & S Edmonds crashed

Final: J Parker, Reg Hutchings, Jimmy Gent, G Wigfield overslid last bend 78.0

Junior Event

1 Wal Morton 85.5

2 Rod Richards 84.6

Friday 5 June 1931, Hall Green Stadium

Hall Green v Belle Vue (Challenge) Rained off

Tuesday 9 June 1931, Hall Green Stadium

Lord Mayor's Great Sports Carnival

Sportsmen's Handicap: [Jack Parker, Harry Taft, Bunny Wilcox, Joe Dallison, Billy Dallison, Reg Hutchins, Les Patrick, Cyril Taft] Final: Billy Dallison, Joe Dallison, Reg Hutchins

Exhibition Ride (one lap): Jack Parker 18.2 (equalled Vic Huxley's record)

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 1931 Belle Vue, Manchester

Belle Vue Aces 30 Hall Green 23 (Challenge)

BELLE VUE

Frank Varey	0 1 2	3
Chun Moore	3 0 1	4
Eric Langton	2 3 2	7
Wally Hull	0 1 3	4
Arthur Franklyn	2 3 3	8
Max Grosskreutz	2 2	4
Bob Harrison	0	0

HALL GREEN

Taft	2	
2	0	
Fred Strecker	3 3 E	6
Les Patrick	1 2 1	4
Syd Jackson	3 2 3	8
6	1	

1 Moore, Taft, Varey (nf)	3	2	3	2
2 Fred Strecker, Eric Langton, Patrick, Hull	2	4	5	6
3 Syd Jackson, Arthur Franklyn, ?, Harrison	2	4	7	10
4 Fred Strecker Patrick, Varey, Moore	1	5	8	15
5 Eric Langton, Syd Jackson, Hull	4	2	12	17

6 Franklyn, Grosskreutz	5	1	17	28
7 Jackson, Varey, Moore	3	3	20	21
8 Hull, ELangton	5	1	25	22
9 Arthur Franklyn, Grosskreutz, Patrick Fred Strecker E	5	1	30	23

#### Big 9

E Langton, Varey 83.0

#### Silver Torch

Hull, L Patrick 84.4

Friday 12 June 1931, Hall Green Stadium

Hall Green 30 West Ham Hammers 23 (Challenge)

Birmingham: Jack Parker 6, Cyril Taft, Billy Dallison 8, Biddle, Harry Taft © 7,

W Ham: Bluey Wilkinson 5, Reg Bounds 8, Con Cantwell,

1 Wilkinson

2 R Bounds

3 C Taft, Parker (f)

4 Bounds

5 Dallison, Biddle

6 Parker, Cantwell (only 2 fin)

7 H Taft,

8 Dallison, ? Biddle 4-2

9 Parker, Bounds C Taft 4-2

Silver Helmet 1 J Parker, H Taft

2 B Dallison, Reg Hutchins three-quarters of a length [R Bounds ef]

SF1 B Dallison, J Parker 1 length

SF2 B Wilkinson, R Bounds

Final J Parker, B Wilkinson, B Dallison 77.8

Junior Wal Morton, Rod Rickards 85.4