

EASTBOURNE 1932

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Sources of information : EG = Eastbourne Gazette; E Cour = Eastbourne Courier; E Chron - Eastbourne Chronicle SCH = Sussex County Herald; TMC = The Motor Cycle; 75YES = 75 Years of Eastbourne Speedway (Jacobs & Burnett); HoBS = Homes of British Speedway (Bamford & Jarvis)

Several riders were now sometimes using pseudonyms when riding at Eastbourne. During 1932:

Rube Wilson rode as George Wilkie and L Bull

Jack Polley rode as Jack Thomas

Jack Riddle rode as Jack Kirby

Stan Lemon rode as Stan Johns

Bert Lyons rode as Bert Linn

Harvey Swanson rode as Charlie Lumsden

And there may well be others, of which I am unaware.

Good Fri 25.03.32 : Eastbourne

E Chron 2.4.32;

Meeting no.1. Att: 3,000. Bryan Donkin lowered the track record from 77.0 to 75.0 sec

Arlington Scratch Race	1	Harry Davidson, Tiny Coleman	87.0
	2	Jack Riddle, Jack Polley	88.2
	3	Bryan Donkin, George Wilkie	76.6
	4	Bill Thompson, Fred Bailey	87.2
	Final	Bryan Donkin, Bill Thompson	75.0 (track record)
Match Race		Bill Thompson beat Jimmy Horton	83.2
		Bryan Donkin v Bill Thompson - scratched	
Easter Handicap	1	J Dixon, Charlie Budden	82.2
	2	<i>Not run</i>	
	3	George Wilkie, Bill Thompson	90.0
	4	Jimmy Horton, Bert Kolar	85.2
	Final	Bryan Donkin, Jimmy Horton	83.2

Easter Mon 28.03.32 : Eastbourne

E Chron 2.4.32;

Meeting no.2

Arlington Scratch Race	1	Harry Davidson, Jack Polley	85.2
	2	Rod Dutton, Fred Bailey	88.2
	3	Bryan Donkin, Charlie Budden	77.6
	4	George Wilkie, Jimmy Horton	85.2
	Final	Harry Davidson, Bryan Donkin	78.2
Big Four Match Race	Final	Bryan Donkin beat Bert Kolar	?
Easter Handicap	1	Rod Dutton, Harry Davidson	89.0
	2	J Dixon, Fred Bailey	98.2
	3	Bryan Donkin, George Wilkie	83.2
	4	Jimmy Horton, Bert Kolar	87.6
	Final	Bryan Donkin, George Wilkie	81.6

Sun 10.04.32 : Eastbourne

Meeting no.3.

No details available

Sun 24.04.32 : Eastbourne : Arlington 23 Staines 31 (Challenge)*E Chron 30.4.32;*

Meeting no.4. The first team match at Arlington

Arlington: Bryan Donkin 8, Charlie Budden 4, Jack Polley 4, Pat Dixon 4, Powell 3,

Staines: Harry Davidson 9, Bert Kolar 5, Fred Vatrous 5, George Wilkie 5, C Cooper 3, Snowey Dorsett 3, Jack Kirby 1

1	Donkin	Cooper	Vatrous	78.6	3-3	3-3
2	Davidson	Powell	Budden	84.0	3-3	6-6
3	Polley	Kolar	Dixon	87.6	4-2	10-8
4	Budden	Vatrous	Kirby	82.2	3-3	13-11
5	Donkin	Wilkie	Kolar	81.2	3-3	16-14
6	Davidson	Dorsett	Polley	81.2	1-5	17-19
7	Wilkie	Kolar	Powell	88.4	1-5	18-24
8	Davidson	Donkin	Dorsett	77.4	2-4	20-28
9	Dixon	Vatrous	Cooper	86.4	3-3	23-31
April Handicap Race	1	Jack Polley, C Cooper				86.2
	2	Bryan Donkin, C Cooper				85.2
	3	Snowey Dorsett, Fred Bailey				89.4
	4	Bert Kolar, George Wilkie				87.6
	SF1	Jack Polley, C Cooper				85.0
	SF2	Snowey Dorsett, Bert Kolar				85.2
	Final	Snowey Dorsett, Jack Polley, C Cooper				87.2
Consolation		Gregory, Frank Chitty				90.2

Sun 8.05.32 : Eastbourne

Meeting no.5.

*No details available***Sun 22.05.32 : Eastbourne***ECour 27.5.32; EG 25.5.32*

Meeting no.6. Frank Chitty broke his collarbone in a fall.

Arlington Scratch Race	1	Jack Thomas, Eric Willis				89.0
	2	Pat Dixon				103.6
	3	Jack Williams, Fred Quennell				92.6
	4	Clem French, Smoky Vieler				114.6
	SF1	Jack Thomas, Pat Dixon				87.4
	SF2	Clem French, Fred Quennell				112.2
	Final	Jack Thomas, Pat Dixon				98.0
Novices' Scratch Race	1	Eric Willis				107.2
	2	Frank Chitty				101.6
Hyde Handicap Race	1	Charlie Budden, Jack Thomas				102.6
	2	Jack Williams, Frank Chitty				98.2
	3	Eric Willis, Pat Dixon				105.2
	4	Clem French, Percy Gallivant				109.4
	SF1	Charlie Budden & Frank Chitty				105.4 (dead-heat)
	SF2	Eric Willis, Clem French				103.2
	Final	Clem French, Eric Willis				104.2
Novices' Match Race		Jack Thomas				92.2
Fastest Riders' Match Race		Jack Williams beat Jack Thomas				93.0

Sun 12.06.32 : Eastbourne*ECour 17.6.32*

Meeting no.7.

Scratch	1	Bryan Donkin, Jimmy Horton	82.2
	2	Snowey Dorsett, Jack Thomas	84.6
	3	George Wilkie, Pat Dixon	82.2
	4	Jack Williams, Fred Vatrous	81.2
	SF1	Snowey Dorsett, Jack Thomas	84.6
	SF2	Jack Williams & George Wilkie	81.4 (dead-heat)
	Final	Snowey Dorsett, George Wilkie	78.6
Novices' Knock-Out	1	Eric Willis	88.4
	2	Clem French	90.4
	Final	Clem French	107.2
June Handicap	1	George Wilkie, Fred Vatrous	86.6
	2	Snowey Dorsett	96.0
	3	Jack Williams, Jack Thomas	88.6
	4	Harry Davidson, Eric Willis	96.2
	SF1	George Wilkie, Fred Vatrous	90.4
	SF2	Jack Thomas, Eric Willis	102.0
	Final	Fred Vatrous, George Wilkie	91.2
Fastest Riders' Match Race	Jack Williams beat George Wilkie		90.6

Sun 26.06.32 : Eastbourne*ECour 1.7.32*

Meeting no.8

Scratch	1	Bryan Donkin, Fred Vatrous	83.0
	2	K Wiltshire, Jack Thomas	86.2
	3	Jack Williams, C Lawrence	82.2
	4	George Wilkie, Charlie Page	85.2
	SF1	Bryan Donkin, K Wiltshire	82.4
	SF2	George Wilkie, Jack Williams	79.2
	Final	Jack Williams, George Wilkie	77.0
Southern Handicap	1	Bryan Donkin, Jack Thomas	89.0
	2	Pat Dixon, Freddie Douglas	95.2
	3	B Kent, Charlie Budden	92.4
	4	Jack Williams, Fred Vatrous	97.4
	SF1	Pat Dixon, Bryan Donkin	89.6
	SF2	Jack Williams, Fred Vatrous	90.6
	Final	Jack Williams, Pat Dixon	87.6
Match Race	Pat Dixon beat Jack Thomas		86.6

Sun 10.07.32 : Eastbourne*ECour 15.7.32*

Meeting no.9

Scratch	1	Bryan Donkin, Fred Vatrous	86.4
	2	B Kent, Bert Kolar	92.6
	3	Freddie Douglas, Eric Willis	91.2
	4	George Wilkie, Charlie Page	88.6
	SF1	B Kent, Bert Kolar	88.6
	SF2	George Wilkie, Charlie Page	88.2
July Handicap	Final	George Wilkie, B Kent	80.2
	1	George Wilkie, Pat Dixon	90.2
	2	B Kent, Stan Lemon	88.4
	3	Charlie Page, Bryan Donkin	91.2
	4	Bert Kolar, F Douglas	94.0
	SF1	B Kent, Pat Dixon	88.0
	SF2	Charlie Page, F Douglas	89.8
Match Race	Final	B Kent, Charlie Page	89.6
		Pat Dixon beat Stan Lemon	

Sun 07.08.32 : Eastbourne*EChron 13.8.32; ECour 12.8.32;*

Meeting no.10. Fastest rider was Stan Johns, 79.4 in a heat, but engine trouble kept him out of the final.

Golden Helmet Scratch Race	1	Bryan Donkin, Joe Linn	81.4
	2	George Wilkie, Charlie Budden	84.6
	3	Jack Williams, Bert Linn	82.4
	4	Stan Johns, Bert Kolar	86.8
	SF1	Charlie Budden, Joe Linn	86.8
	SF2	Stan Johns, Jack Williams	81.4
	Final	Jack Williams, Charlie Budden	82.2
Knock-Out Scratch Race	1	Bryan Donkin	82.4
	2	Harry Davidson	85.0
	3	Stan Johns	79.4
	4	Freddie Douglas	88.2
	Final	Harry Davidson, Freddie Douglas	88.2
Match Race		Jack Williams beat Bryan Donkin	80.2
Open Handicap	1	Bert Linn, Bert Kolar	91.2
	2	Eric Willis, Stan Johns	90.6
	3	Fred Reynolds, Jack Williams	89.4
	4	Charlie Budden, George Wilkie	91.2
	SF1	Bert Linn, Stan Johns	86.6
	SF2	George Wilkie, Jack Williams	89.4
	Final	George Wilkie, Jack Williams	86.4

Sun 21.08.32 : Eastbourne : Best Pairs*EChron 27.8.32; ECour 26.8.32*

Meeting no.11. The Hammersmith pair did not arrive, and were replaced by local reserves.

Arlington 15 (Bryan Donkin 10, Pat Dixon 5)
 Staines 15 (Jack Kirby 9, J Belcher 6)
 Wimbledon 15 (Harry Davidson 11, George Wilkie 4)
 Cambridge 10 (Freddie Douglas 4, Jack Stansell 6)
 Hammersmith 5 (J Molney 2, Jack Thomas 3)

1	J Kirby, B Donkin, P Dixon	85.6
2	H Davidson, F Douglas, J Stansell	86.8
3	B Donkin, P Dixon, J Molney	86.6
4	H Davidson, J Belcher, J Kirby	83.4
5	J Stansell, J Thomas, F Douglas	85.8
6	H Davidson, B Donkin, G Wilkie	82.0
7	J Kirby, J Stansell, J Belcher	83.6
8	G Wilkie, H Davidson, J Molney	83.2
9	B Donkin, P Dixon, F Douglas	95.8
10	J Belcher, J Kirby, J Thomas	89.2

Golden Helmet Scratch Race	1	Bryan Donkin, Jack Stansell	81.0
	2	Pat Dixon, Jack Thomas	87.2
	3	Harry Davidson, Freddie Douglas	87.6
	4	Jack Kirby, George Wilkie	83.2
	SF1	Jack Thomas, Bryan Donkin, Pat Dixon f,rm, Jack Stansell f	86.6
	SF2	Jack Kirby, George Wilkie	80.8
	Final	Bryan Donkin, George Wilkie	80.2

Sun 04.09.32 : Eastbourne*EChron 10.9.32; ECour 9.9.32*

Meeting no.12

Golden Helmet Scratch Race	1	Jack Thomas, Pat Dixon	86.6
	2	Jack Williams, Joe Linn	80.2
	3	Bert Linn, L Bull	81.8
	4	George Saunders	87.0
	SF1	Jack Williams, Joe Linn	78.2
	SF2	L Bull, Bert Linn	79.6
	Final	Jack Williams, L Bull	75.8
Arlington Handicap	1	Joe Linn, Bert Kolar, Jack Williams	86.6
	2	George Saunders, L Bull	86.8
	3	Charlie Budden, Freddie Douglas	92.6
	4	Bert Linn, Jack Thomas	86.4
	SF1	L Bull, Joe Linn	87.4
	SF2	Bert Linn, Charlie Budden	86.8
	Final	Bert Linn, L Bull	85.6
Match Race		Joe Linn beat L Bull	77.8

Sun 18.09.32 : Eastbourne*EChron 24.9.32; ECour 23.9.32*

Meeting no.13

Golden Helmet Scratch Race	1	George Wilkie, Charlie Budden	83.4
	2	Joe Linn, Pat Dixon	83.8
	3	Jack Williams, Bert Linn	83.8
	4	Freddie Douglas, Smoky Vieler	84.0
	SF1	George Wilkie, Joe Linn	80.6
	SF2	Jack Williams, Bert Linn	81.8
	Final	Jack Williams, Joe Linn	79.4
Match Race		Lou Berger beat Joe Linn	79.2
Arlington Handicap	1	Jack Stansell, Charlie Budden	87.2
	2	Fred Vatrous, Bert Kolar	89.4
	3	Jack Williams, Charlie Lumsden	91.2
	4	Lou Berger, George Wilkie	86.4
	SF1	Fred Vatrous, Bert Kolar	89.6
	SF2	Jack Williams, Charlie Lumsden	85.0
	Final	Jack Williams, Bert Kolar	87.4
Novices' 2-Lap Dash		Fred Vatrous	43.8

Sun 2.10.32 : Eastbourne*ECour 7.10.32;*

Meeting no.14

Special Scratch Race	1	George Wilkie, Freddie Douglas	81.8
	2	Charlie Lumsden, Jack Stansell	86.2
	3	Bert Linn, D Maloney	83.0
	SF1	George Wilkie, Jack Stansell	81.2
	SF2	Bert Linn, D Maloney	81.2
	Final	George Wilkie, Bert Linn	78.8
Hyde Handicap	1	Lou Berger, Pat Dixon	87.8
	2	George Wilkie, Bert Linn	87.4
	3	D Maloney, Fred Vatrous	92.4
	4	Charlie Lumsden, Smoky Vieler	96.8
	SF1	George Wilkie, Lou Berger	89.6
	SF2	Fred Vatrous, Smoky Vieler	91.4
	Final	Fred Vatrous, George Wilkie	88.2
Match Race		Lou Berger beat George Wilkie	78.4
Novices' 2-Lap Dash		C Herd beat Smoky Vieler	45.4

Sun 16.10.32 : Eastbourne : Sussex Championship

ECour 21.10.32; 75YES

Meeting no.15.

The feature event at the last meeting of the 1932 season was the very first staging of the famous Championship Of Sussex. Amongst the competitors were Frank Chitty (who broke his collarbone in a fall for the second time in the season), Jack Williams, Fred Quinnell, Clem French, Percy Gallivant, Smoky Vieler, and Jack Polley (Thomas), as well as those listed in the results below. In the Final, Lou Berger fell when leading, allowing Rube Wilson (riding as George Wilkie) to become the first winner.

Sussex Championship (scratch)	1	George Wilkie, Fred Vatrous	82.8
	2	Lou Berger, Bert Linn	81.6
	3	Charlie Lumsden, Jack Stansell	85.0
	4	Rev Reynolds, J Maloney	91.2
	SF1	Lou Berger, George Wilkie	77.0
	SF2	Jack Stansell, Charlie Lumsden	85.8
	Final	George Wilkie [Rube Wilson], Charlie Lumsden [Harvey Swanson], Jack Stansell, Lou Berger f	79.6
Eastbourne Handicap	1	George Wilkie, C Herd	90.8
	2	Lou Berger, Freddie Douglas	89.6
	3	Charlie Budden, Bert Linn	90.4
	4	Charlie Lumsden, J Maloney	88.8
	SF1	George Wilkie, Freddie Douglas	90.0
	SF2	Charlie Budden, Charlie Lumsden	85.4
	Final	Charlie Budden, Charlie Lumsden	87.6
Match Race		Jack Stansell beat Charlie Lumsden	83.8