

# EASTBOURNE 1933

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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)

Riders known to be using pseudonyms at Arlington in 1933 included:

George Newton (riding as Bill Bennett)  
Rube Wilson (as George Wilkie)  
Jack Polley (as Jack Thomas)  
Jack Riddle (as Jack Kirby)  
Stan Lemon (as Stan Johns)  
Bert Lyons (as Bert Linn)  
Harvey Swanson (as Charlie Lumsden)

## Good Fri 14.04.33 : Eastbourne

*ECourier 21.4.33*

Meeting no.1

Scratch	1	George Wilkie, Jack Thomas	87.6
	2	Jack Kirby, Fred Vatrous	85.0
	3	Lou Berger, Bert Linn	85.2
	4	Rev Reynolds, Charlie Lumsden	96.0
	SF1	Jack Kirby, Jack Thomas	86.2
	SF2	Lou Berger, Bert Linn	84.4
	Final	Lou Berger, Jack Kirby	79.6
Track Record Attempt (record 75.0 Donkin 25.3.32) :		Lou Berger	78.4
Hyde Handicap	1	Lou Berger	88.4
	2	George Wilkie, Bert Kolar	93.0
	3	Freddie Douglas, Jack Stansell	91.6
	4	Jack Thomas, Pat Dixon	91.8
	SF1	Bert Kolar, George Wilkie	87.8
	SF2	Jack Thomas, Pat Dixon	90.8
	Final	Bert Kolar, Jack Thomas	90.2
Match Race		George Wilkie & Lou Berger (dead-heat)	85.0

## Easter Mon 17.04.33 : Eastbourne

*ECourier 21.4.33*

Meeting no.2

Scratch	1	Jack Thomas, Pat Dixon	90.4
	2	Bert Linn, Jack Thomas	84.0
	3	D Stewart, Jack Thomas	83.2
	Final	Bert Linn, Freddie Douglas	84.8
All Star Race		Bert Linn, Bryan Donkin	92.2
Challenge Race		Jack Thomas, Pat Dixon	88.0
Scratch	1	Lou Berger, Doug Stewart	82.4
	2	Bryan Donkin, Bert Linn	107.2
	3	Jack Thomas, Freddie Douglas	89.0
	4	Pat Dixon, Rev Reynolds	87.4
	SF1	Lou Berger	82.0
	SF2	Pat Dixon	87.2
	Final	Pat Dixon	96.0
Match Race		Bryan Donkin beat Freddie Douglas	87.4
		Lou Berger beat Doug Stewart	90.0

**Sun 30.04.33 : Eastbourne***ECour 5.5.33*

Meeting no.3

Golden Helmet Scratch	1	Pat Dixon, Charlie Page	87.2
	2	George Wilkie, Charlie Lumsden	85.2
	3	Lou Berger, Freddie Douglas	89.8
	4	Bert Linn, Jack Thomas	85.4
	SF1	George Wilkie, Charlie Page	82.2
	Final	George Wilkie, Charlie Page	79.8
Hailsham Handicap	1	Lou Berger, Jack Thomas	88.0
	2	Pat Dixon, Freddie Douglas	93.2
	3	George Wilkie, Bert Linn	90.2
	4	Charlie Page, Charlie Lumsden	93.2
	SF1	Jack Thomas, Lou Berger	88.2
	SF2	Charlie Lumsden, Charlie Page	85.4
	Final	Charlie Lumsden, Jack Thomas	87.8
Fastest Riders' Match Race		George Wilkie beat Lou Berger	80.0
Track Record Attempt (record 75.0 Donkin 25.3.32):		Charlie Lumsden	80.0
Match Race		Fred Vatrous beat Bert Kolar	91.2

**Sun 14.05.33 : Eastbourne***ECourier 19.5.33*

Meeting no.4

Cavendish Scratch	1	Jack Kirby, J Saunders	84.4
	2	Charlie Page, Bert Kolar	90.4
	3	Lou Berger, Freddie Douglas	80.6
	4	Charlie Lumsden, George Wilkie	82.2
	SF1	Jack Kirby, Charlie Page	80.6
	SF2	George Wilkie, Charlie Lumsden	79.6
	Final	Jack Kirby, George Wilkie	80.0
Match Race		Pat Dixon beat Freddie Douglas	83.4
		Bert Linn beat Charlie Lumsden	86.8
Staines Handicap	1	Lou Berger, Smoky Vieler	95.2
	2	George Wilkie, Jack Thomas	88.4
	3	Bert Brian, Bert Kolar	91.4
	4	Charlie Lumsden, Charlie Page	87.4
	SF1	George Wilkie, Jack Thomas	89.0
	SF2	Charlie Page, Charlie Lumsden	88.2
	Final	Charlie Page, Jack Thomas	87.8

**Sun 28.05.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 3.6.33*

Meeting no.5

Hartington Scratch	1	George Wilkie, Freddie Douglas	82.2
	2	Charlie Lumsden, Sammy Dean, Lou Berger f, Fred Vatrous f	95.6
	3	Jack Kirby, Jack Thomas	88.4
	4	Stan Johns, Bert Linn	84.6
	SF1	George Wilkie, Freddie Douglas	84.0
	SF2	Stan Johns, Jack Kirby	84.2
	Final	George Wilkie, Stan Johns	79.2
Match Races		Pat Dixon beat Freddie Douglas f	93.4
		Jack Kirby beat Sammy Dean	85.0
Caxton Handicap	1	Fred Vatrous, Jack Thomas	88.4
	2	George Wilkie, Harry Davidson	87.2
	3	Sammy Dean, Jack Kirby	90.6
	4	Freddie Douglas, Charlie Lumsden	88.6
	SF1	Harry Davidson, George Wilkie	86.2
	SF2	Charlie Lumsden, Jack Kirby	88.8
	Final	Charlie Lumsden, Jack Kirby	83.4
Mechanics' Race		H Wooller, H Gale	

**Sun 11.06.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 17.6.33*

Meeting no.6

Willingdon Scratch	1	Jack Kirby, Jack Thomas	88.8
	2	Stan Johns, Joe Brown	82.8
	3	George Wilkie, Freddie Douglas	86.4
	4	Lou Berger, Sammy Dean	80.2
	SF1	Jack Kirby, Jack Thomas	85.4
	SF2	Lou Berger, George Wilkie	80.2
	Final	George Wilkie, Jack Kirby	80.0
Track Record Attempt (record 75.0 Donkin 25.3.32) : Sammy Dean			77.4
Sussex Handicap	1	Charlie Page, George Wilkie	85.8
	2	Freddie Douglas, Charlie Lumsden	88.4
	3	Bert Linn & Fred Vatrous dead-heat	89.4
	4	Sammy Dean, Fred Vatrous	87.2
	SF1	George Wilkie, Freddie Douglas	87.6
	SF2	Stan Johns, Sammy Dean	
	Final	Stan Johns, George Wilkie	84.8
Consolation Match Race		Charlie Page beat Tug Powers	88.2

**Sun 25.06.33 : Eastbourne***ECour 30.6.33; E Chron 1.7.33*

Meeting no.7. Newcomer Bill Bennett broke the track record – and turned out to be George Newton.

Golden Helmet Scratch	1	George Wilkie, Doug Stewart	80.8
	2	Bill Bennett, Charlie Page	78.2
	3	Charlie Lumsden	85.0
	4	Stan Johns, Lou Berger	78.8
	SF1	Bill Bennett, Charlie Page	75.8
	SF2	Stan Johns, Charlie Lumsden	78.4
	Final	Charlie Lumsden, Charlie Page	80.0
Track Record Attempt (record 75.0 Donkin 25.3.32) :		Bill Bennett	73.8 (track record)
Friston Handicap	1	Fred Vatrous, Harry Davidson	85.4
	2	Charlie Lumsden, Stan Johns	88.2
	3	Void ( <i>B Linn, L Berger, &amp; Sammy Dean all fell</i> )	
	4	Bert Linn, Freddie Douglas	91.4
	SF1	Stan Johns, Charlie Lumsden	78.8
	SF2	Freddie Douglas, Fred Vatrous	86.4
	Final	Freddie Douglas, Fred Vatrous	88.2

**Sun 09.07.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 15.7.33*

Meeting no.8

Lewes Scratch	1	Rev Reynolds, Bert Linn	82.2
	2	Stan Johns, Lou Berger	80.0
	3	Doug Stewart, Cliff Ray	90.8
	4	Joe Brown, Freddie Douglas	90.8
	SF1	Stan Johns, Lou Berger	80.2
	SF2	Joe Brown, Rev Reynolds	87.4
	Final	Stan Johns, Lou Berger	78.6
Track Record Attempt (73.8 Bennett 25.6.33) :		Charlie Lumsden	78.4
West Ham Handicap	1	Stan Johns, Doug Stewart	87.2
	2	Bert Linn, Harry Davidson	88.4
	3	Cliff Ray, Charlie Lumsden	88.8
	4	Joe Brown, Charlie Page	93.2
	SF1	Stan Johns, Bert Linn, Harry Davidson f	85.0
	SF2	Cliff Ray, Charlie Lumsden	84.2
	Final	Stan Johns, Cliff Ray	82.8
Hard Luck Scratch Race		Fred Vatrous, Bert Linn	85.4

**Sun 23.07.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 29.7.33*

Meeting no.9. A new 1-lap track record was set by Charlie Lumsden at 19.2 sec

Southbourne Scratch	1	Bert Linn, Les Stuart	84.8
	2	Stan Johns, Lou Berger	80.8
	3	Charlie Page, Dick Harris	85.4
	4	Joe Brown, Charlie Lumsden	84.2
	SF1	Stan Johns, Lou Berger	79.6
	SF2	Charlie Lumsden, Charlie Page	80.8
	Final	Stan Johns, Charlie Page	77.0
Hastings Handicap	1	Bob Lovell, Dick Harris	109.2
	2	Les Stuart, Joe Brown	96.4
	3	Charlie Lumsden, Tom Lewis	89.6
	4	Fred Vatrous, Rev Reynolds	95.4
	SF1	Les Stuart, Dick Harris	94.8
	SF2	Charlie Lumsden, Tom Lewis	91.4
	Final	Tom Lewis, Charlie Lumsden, Dick Harris	94.2
Consolation Match Race		Bert Linn beat Cliff Ray	89.2

**August Bank Hol Sun 06.08.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 12.8.33*

Meeting no.10

Birlinging Scratch	1	Cliff Ray, Fred Vatrous	89.8
	2	Charlie Lumsden, Les Stuart, Dick Harris f	82.8
	3	Bert Linn, Jack Thomas	83.4
	4	Charlie Page, Joe Brown	85.8
	SF1	Charlie Lumsden, Fred Vatrous	84.6
	SF2	Charlie Page, Bert Linn, Joe Brown f, Jack Thomas f	87.2
	Final	Charlie Lumsden, Charlie Page	80.2
Northiam Handicap	1	Les Stuart, Charlie Page	95.2
	2	Jack Thomas, Stan Johns	93.4
	3	Joe Brown f,rm, Dick Harris f,rm, Jack Day f	123.4*
	4	Charlie Lumsden, Fred Vatrous	94.8
	SF1	Stan Johns, Charlie Page	90.2
	SF2	Fred Vatrous, Joe Brown	91.4
	Final	Stan Johns, Joe Brown	89.2
Consolation Match Race		Jack Thomas beat Dick Harris	88.8

\* raced over 5 laps in error

**Sun 20.08.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 26.8.33*

Meeting no.11

Golden Helmet Scratch	1	Charlie Page, Freddie Douglas	88.8
	2	Stan Johns, George Wilkie	78.4
	3	Cliff Ray, Tom Lewis	88.2
	4	Charlie Lumsden, Bert Linn	88.4
	SF1	George Wilkie, Stan Johns	81.2
	SF2	Charlie Lumsden, Tom Lewis	82.8
	Final	Stan Johns, George Wilkie	79.6
Plymouth Handicap	1	Stan Johns, Jack Thomas	94.6
	2	Charlie Lumsden, Tom Lewis	86.4
	3	Bert Linn, Charlie Page	88.8
	4	Fred Vatrous, Jack Morrison	93.6
	SF1	Charlie Lumsden, Jack Thomas	88.8
	SF2	Bert Linn, Fred Vatrous	89.2
	Final	Bert Linn, Charlie Lumsden, Fred Vatrous	88.2
Consolation Match Race		Jack Day beat Ben Bolt	87.6

**Sun 03.09.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 9.9.33*

Meeting no.12. Track record holder Bill Bennett (George Newton) made no impression due to mechanical problems - his chain broke three times.

Big Five Scratch	1	George Wilkie, Jack Kirby	82.0
	2	Stan Johns, Charlie Page	80.8
	3	Jack Morrison, Jack Thomas	87.8
	4	Bert Linn, Ron Howes	85.4
	SF1	Stan Johns, Jack Kirby	79.4
	SF2	Jack Morrison, Bert Linn	83.8
	Final	Jack Morrison, Stan Johns	79.4
Firle Handicap	1	Jack Morrison, Bert Linn	83.4
	2	Charlie Lumsden, George Wilkie	84.6
	3	Jack Day	91.4
	4	Jack Thomas, Ben Bolt	86.8
	SF1	Jack Morrison, Bert Linn, George Wilkie f	83.2
	SF2	Jack Thomas, Jack Day	85.2
	Final	Bert Linn, Jack Thomas, Jack Morrison f	86.0
Consolation Match Race		Ron Howes beat Jack Thomas	88.6

**Sun 17.09.33 : Eastbourne***ECourier 22.9.33; E Chron 23.9.33*

Meeting no.13

Scratch	1	Jack Morrison, Harvey Swanson, Jack Thomas	81.2
	2	Jack Riddle, Bert Lyons, George Newton (broke chain)	81.8
	3	Rube Wilson, Charlie Page, Jack Day f	81.2
	4	Stan Lemon, Al Summers	81.4
	SF1	Jack Morrison, Jack Riddle	82.4
	SF2	Rube Wilson, Stan Lemon, Al Summers	78.4
	Final	Jack Morrison, Rube Wilson	78.8
Track Record Attempts (record 73.8 Bennett 25.6.33) :			
		George Newton	74.0
		Jack Morrison	75.0
Handicap	1	Jack Thomas, Rube Wilson, Lou Berger	86.2
	2	Al Summers, George Newton, Harvey Swanson	84.6
	3	Stan Lemon, Jack Riddle, Bert Lyons f	85.4
	4	Jack Morrison, Charlie Page	88.4
	SF1	Rube Wilson, Jack Thomas, Al Summers, George Newton	84.2
	SF2	Stan Lemon, Jack Morrison	82.8
	Final	Stan Lemon, Jack Thomas	82.8
Consolation Match Race		Harvey Swanson beat Lou Berger f	75.4

**Sun 01.10.33 : Eastbourne***E Chron 7.10.33*

Meeting no.14

Sussex Championship*	1	Bert Lyons, Stan Lemon	89.4
	2	Rube Wilson, Lou Berger	88.4
	3	Jack Riddle, Charlie Page	82.8
	4	Harvey Swanson, Les Hudson	86.2
	SF1	Stan Lemon, Rube Wilson, Lou Berger ex,3mins	81.2
	SF2	Jack Riddle & Harvey Swanson dead-heat	84.2
	Final	Stan Lemon, Jack Riddle, Harvey Swanson, Rube Wilson f	81.2
Surrey Handicap	1	Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson	87.6
	2	George Newton**	89.4
	3	Stan Lemon, Bert Lyons, Jack Morrison ef	81.2
	4	Harvey Swanson, Charlie Page	80.2
	SF1	George Newton, Rube Wilson	81.0
	SF2	Harvey Swanson, Charlie Page	85.2
	Final	Harvey Swanson, Rube Wilson, George Newton	81.8
Track Record Attempt (73.8 Bennett 25.6.33) : George Newton			75.6

\* for the Hailsham Cup

\*\* No 2<sup>nd</sup> place as both riders fell, so a 2-Lap Dash was held – Ben Bolt beat Jack Swift 40.6

**Sun 15.10.33 : Eastbourne : Best Pairs** *scoring 4-2-1-0*

*E Chron 21.10.33*

Meeting no.15 (last of season)

1st	Stan Lemon (16) & Harvey Swanson (6)	22	
2nd	Jack Riddle (12) & Lou Berger (7)	19	
3rd	Rube Wilson (10) & Bob Lovell (3)	13	
4th	Jack Morrison (2) & Charlie Page (7)	9	
5th	Jack Thomas (2) & Bert Lyons (5)	7	
1	Lemon, Riddle, Swanson	79.2	
2	Wilson, Lyons, Lovell	83.0	
3	Riddle, Morrison* & Berger dead-heat for 2nd	79.4	
4	Lemon, Swanson, Lyons	80.0	
5	Wilson, Page, Lovell	80.4	
6	Riddle, Berger, Thomas	82.6	
7	Lemon, Wilson, Swanson	78.2	
8	Page, Lyons, Thomas	84.4	
9	Berger, Riddle, Lovell	87.2	
10	Lemon, Swanson, Page	79.8	
	* Morrison awarded 2nd place on a coin toss		
Special Scratch Race	1	Harvey Swanson, Jack Riddle	78.6
	2	Rube Wilson, Lou Berger	78.0
	3	Stan Lemon, Jack Stansell	81.2
	SF1	Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson	80.4
	SF2	Lou Berger, Jack Stansell	87.2
	Final	Jack Riddle, Lou Berger	81.8
Track Record Attempt (record 73.8):		Harvey Swanson	75.4
		Jack Stansell	80.8