

EASTBOURNE 1935

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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)

1935 saw the introduction of a starting gate at Arlington, for use mainly in clutch-start scratch races.

Riders using pseudonyms included:

George Newton (riding this year as Bill Sargent)

Stan Lemon (as Stan Johns)

Harry Lewis (as F Norris)

Jack Polley (as Jack Thomas)

Hailsham Cup

The scratch race trophy was again awarded twice during the season.

The first competition over 8 rounds (though rounds 2 and 5 were cancelled) between 07.04 and 30.06 was won by Rube Wilson 18 pts, while the second competition (8 rounds between 14.07 and 20.10) was won by Joe Brown 18 pts..

Sun 07.04.35 : Eastbourne

E Chron 13.4.35

Meeting no.1.

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| Hailsham Cup Round 1 | 1 | Charlie Blythe, Harvey Swanson | 80.2 |
| | 2 | Stan Johns, Bert Lyons | 81.8 |
| | 3 | Rube Wilson, Jack Hawkins | 79.2 |
| | 4 | Charlie Dugard, Phil Phillips | 84.2 |
| | SF1 | Stan Johns, Charlie Blythe | 80.8 |
| | SF2 | Jack Hawkins, Rube Wilson | |
| | Final | Rube Wilson, Stan Johns, Jack Hawkins, Charlie Blythe | 79.0 |
| New Style Handicap | 1 | Danny Lee | 83.2 |
| | 2 | Bert Lyons, Lou Berger | 92.2 |
| | 3 | Charlie Dugard, Phil Phillips | 84.2 |
| | 4 | Harvey Swanson | 92.4 |
| | SF1 | Danny Lee, Bert Lyons | 91.2 |
| | SF2 | Phil Phillips, Charlie Dugard | 84.2 |
| | Final | Phil Phillips, Charlie Dugard | 84.6 |

Good Fri 19.04.35 : Eastbourne

Meeting no.2. Cancelled - rain.

Easter Sun 21.04.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 26.4.35; E Chron 27.4.35*

Meeting no.3

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|---------------|
| Hailsham Cup Round 3 | 1 | Stan Johns, Lou Berger | 81.2 |
| | 2 | Jack Riddle, Danny Lee | 83.4 |
| | 3 | Rube Wilson, Joe Brown | 80.2 |
| | 4 | Jack Hawkins, Charlie Blythe | 84.4 |
| | SF1 | Jack Riddle, Stan Johns | 78.4 |
| | SF2 | Rube Wilson, Joe Brown | 80.2 |
| | Final | Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson, Joe Brown, Stan Johns | 77.2 |
| Track Record Attempt : 4-lap | Clutch Start : Jack Hawkins | | 75.2 (record) |
| Easter Handicap | 1 | Len Keefe, Charlie Blythe, Jack Riddle f | 78.2 |
| | 2 | Jack Thomas, Peter Lees, Charlie Dugard ret, Stan Johns ret | 83.4 |
| | 3 | Jack Hawkins, Joe Brown | 77.6 |
| | 4 | Rube Wilson, Lou Berger | 79.2 |
| | SF1 | Charlie Blythe, Len Keefe | 84.4 |
| | SF2 | Jack Hawkins, Joe Brown | 78.2 |
| | Final | Jack Hawkins, Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe | 80.0 |
| Match Race | | Jack Hawkins beat Rube Wilson | 75.0 |

Sun 05.05.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 10.5.35; E Chron 11.5.35*

Meeting no.4

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| Hailsham Cup Round 4 | 1 | Charlie Dugard, Rube Wilson | 94.4 |
| | 2 | Peter Lees, Charlie Blythe & Joe Brown dead-heat for 2 nd | 83.8 |
| | 3 | Stan Johns, Jack Nash | 84.4 |
| | 4 | Jack Hawkins, Len Keefe | 86.8 |
| | SF1 | Rube Wilson, Joe Brown | 80.2 |
| | SF2 | Jack Hawkins, Stan Johns, Jack Nash f | 83.4 |
| | Final | Jack Hawkins, Rube Wilson, Stan Johns, Joe Brown | 80.0 |
| Track Record Attempt : 4-lap | Clutch Start (record 75.2 Hawkins 21.4.35) : Jack Hawkins | | 77.2 |
| Jubilee Handicap | 1 | Jack Hawkins, Charlie Blythe | 80.2 |
| | 2 | Stan Johns, Joe Brown | 83.6 |
| | 3 | Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell | 84.2 |
| | 4 | Jack Nash, Lou Berger | 84.4 |
| | SF1 | Charlie Blythe, Joe Brown, Jack Hawkins, Stan Johns | 81.2 |
| | SF2 | Jack Riddle, Lou Berger | 82.2 |
| | Final | Charlie Blythe, Lou Berger, Joe Brown, Jack Riddle f | 80.8 |
| Two-Lap Dash | | Jack Hawkins beat Rube Wilson | 40.4 |

Sun 19.05.35 : Eastbourne

Meeting no.5. Cancelled - rain

Sun 02.06.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 7.6.35; E Chron 8.6.35*

Meeting no.6

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| Hailsham Cup Round 6 | 1 | Danny Lee, Jack White | 85.4 |
| | 2 | Rube Wilson, Jack Nash | 82.8 |
| | 3 | F Norris, Joe Brown | 81.4 |
| | 4 | Lou Berger, Fred Cooper | 84.8 |
| | SF1 | Rube Wilson, Danny Lee | 82.4 |
| | SF2 | F Norris, Lou Berger | 81.0 |
| | Final | F Norris, Rube Wilson, Danny Lee, Lou Berger | 80.2 |
| Lewes Handicap | 1 | Danny Lee, Stan Johns (scr) | 81.2 |
| | 2 | Jack Nash, Jack White | 84.4 |
| | 3 | Rube Wilson, Len Keefe | 81.6 |
| | 4 | Bob Lovell, F Norris | 79.0 |
| | SF1 | Danny Lee, Stan Johns | 78.6 |
| | SF2 | Bob Lovell, Rube Wilson | 78.4 |
| | Final | Bob Lovell, Rube Wilson. No 3rd finisher | 79.0 |
| Hard Luck Scratch | | Charlie Dugard, Len Keefe | 86.4 |

Sun 16.06.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 21.6.35; E Chron 22.6.35*

Meeting no.7

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| Hailsham Cup Round 7 | 1 | Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe, Freddie Quick f | 79.8 |
| | 2 | Joe Brown, Bob Lovell | 80.0 |
| | 3 | Danny Lee, Jack Nash | 80.8 |
| | 4 | Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard | 81.4 |
| | SF1 | Rube Wilson, Joe Brown | 77.4 |
| | SF2 | Jack Riddle, Harry Lewis, Jack Nash | 78.2 |
| | Final | Rube Wilson, Harry Lewis, Jack Riddle, Joe Brown | 79.2 |
| London Handicap | 1 | Harry Lewis, Charlie Dugard | 81.2 |
| | 2 | Rube Wilson, G Charles | 78.4 |
| | 3 | Joe Brown (15 yd start), Len Keefe, Jack Riddle (scr) | 77.8 |
| | 4 | Charlie Blythe, Stan Johns (scr), Jack Nash (15 yd) | 81.8 |
| | SF1 | G Charles, Rube Wilson | 78.0 |
| | SF2 | Len Keefe, Joe Brown | 79.6 |
| | Final | Joe Brown, Rube Wilson, Len Keefe | 78.2 |
| Hard Luck Scratch | | Jack Nash beat Danny Lee | 82.6 |

Sun 30.06.35 : Eastbourne

E Cour 5.7.35

Meeting no.8

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| Hailsham Cup Round 8 | 1 | Jack Riddle, Len Keefe | 85.4 |
| | 2 | Rube Wilson, Danny Lee | 85.2 |
| | 3 | Harry Lewis, Bob Lovell | 83.0 |
| | 4 | Charlie Blythe, Stan Johns | 84.6 |
| | SF1 | Rube Wilson, Danny Lee | 80.0 |
| | SF2 | Bob Lovell, Harry Lewis | 82.2 |
| | Final | Danny Lee, Harry Lewis, Bob Lovell, Rube Wilson | 80.2 |

This was the final round of the **HAILSHAM CUP** for the first half of the season. Points were awarded 4-3-2-1 for finishing position in the final of each of the 8 rounds. Note that rounds 2 and 5 were cancelled. Result:1 Rube Wilson 18 pts; 2 Harry Lewis (rode as F Norris in round 6) 10 pts; 3 Stan Johns, Jack Hawkins, Jack Riddle, Danny Lee 6 pts each; 7 Joe Brown 4 pts; 8 Bob Lovell 2 pts; Charlie Blythe, Lou Berger 1 pt each.

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| Luton Handicap | 1 | Stan Johns, Lou Berger | 82.8 |
| | 2 | Danny Lee, Ken Tidbury | 81.8 |
| | 3 | Joe Brown, Rube Wilson | 81.2 |
| | 4 | Peter Lees, G Charles | 82.2 |
| | SF1 | Lou Berger, Stan Johns | 80.0 |
| | SF2 | Peter Lees, Rube Wilson | 80.4 |
| | Final | Peter Lees, Rube Wilson, Lou Berger | 81.8 |

Sun 14.07.35 : Eastbourne

E Chron 20.7.35

Meeting no.9

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| Hailsham Cup Round 1 | 1 | Rube Wilson, Bob Lovell | 78.4 |
| | 2 | Harry Lewis, Len Keefe | 80.2 |
| | 3 | Peter Lees, T Salt | 84.2 |
| | 4 | Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe | 84.8 |
| | SF1 | Rube Wilson, Harry Lewis | 83.2 |
| | SF2 | Charlie Blythe, Joe Brown | 85.2 |
| | Final | Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe, Harry Lewis f,rm, Joe Brown (chain broke, pushed home) | 87.8 |
| Seaforth Handicap | 1 | Harry Lewis, Charlie Dugard | 84.6 |
| | 2 | Stan Johns (scr), Lou Berger (scr) | 84.2 |
| | 3 | Joe Brown, Bill Sargent | 79.6 |
| | 4 | Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe | 81.4 |
| | SF1 | Charlie Dugard, Harry Lewis | 84.2 |
| | SF2 | Joe Brown, Bill Sargent | 80.0 |
| | Final | Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard, Bill Sargent | 80.8 |

Sun 28.07.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 2.8.35; E Chron 3.8.35*

Meeting no.10.

First-ever evening meeting at Arlington, 6.30pm start. Att: 3,000.

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| Hailsham Cup Round 2 | 1 | Harry Lewis, Bob Lovell | 79.8 |
| | 2 | Rube Wilson, Charlie Dugard | 81.4 |
| | 3 | Danny Lee, Len Keefe | 82.8 |
| | 4 | Joe Brown, Jack Smythe | 77.2 |
| | SF1 | Harry Lewis, Rube Wilson | 78.2 |
| | SF2 | Joe Brown, Jack Smythe | 78.2 |
| | Final | Joe Brown, Rube Wilson, Jack Smythe, Harry Lewis | 77.8 |
| Douglas Machines Match Race | | Bryan Donkin beat Lou Berger | 96.2 |
| Wimbledon Handicap | 1 | Charlie Blythe, Rube Wilson | 78.2 |
| | 2 | Freddie Quick, Peter Lees | 85.4 |
| | 3 | Harvey Swanson, Joe Brown | 79.0 |
| | 4 | Jack Smythe, Lou Berger | 77.6 |
| | SF1 | Charlie Blythe, Rube Wilson | 80.2 |
| | SF2 | Jack Smythe (scr), Joe Brown (20 yd start) | 77.0 |
| | Final | Jack Smythe, Rube Wilson, Lou Berger | 76.2 |
| Midget Cars Match Race | | Errol I beat Errol II | 107.6 |

"A collection for James Green, a sidecar passenger who broke his spine at the nearby Wilmington grass track recently, raised £24 16s 10d"

Sun 11.08.35 : Eastbourne*E Courier 16.8.35; E Chron 17.8.35*

Meeting no.11. 2nd evening meeting.

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| Hailsham Cup Round 3 | 1 | Peter Lees, Charlie Blythe | 81.6 |
| | 2 | Harry Lewis, Danny Lee | 82.4 |
| | 3 | Jack Smythe, Freddie Quick | 80.4 |
| | 4 | Jack Nash, Joe Brown | 82.2 |
| | SF1 | Harry Lewis, Danny Lee | 80.6 |
| | SF2 | Jack Smythe, Joe Brown | 79.2 |
| | Final | Harry Lewis, Jack Smythe, Joe Brown, Danny Lee | 76.6 |
| Hackney Handicap | 1 | Hilary Swanson, Lou Berger | 81.4 |
| | 2 | Bob Lovell, Charlie Dugard | 85.8 |
| | 3 | Freddie Quick, Jack Smythe f,rm, Danny Lee, Jack Nash f | 81.0 |
| | 4 | Joe Brown, Len Keefe | 82.4 |
| | SF1 | Harvey Swanson & Bob Lovell dead-heat | 82.4 |
| | SF2 | Joe Brown, Jack Smythe | 79.0 |
| | Final | Harvey Swanson (15 yd), Bob Lovell (10), Joe Brown (5), Jack Smythe (scr) | 77.6 |
| Fastest Riders' Match Race | | Jack Smythe beat Harry Lewis f | 77.4 |
| Midget Cars Match Race | | Errol I beat Errol II | 104.4 |

Sun 25.08.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 30.8.35; E Chron 31.8.35*

Meeting no.12. 3rd & final evening meeting.

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| Hailsham Cup Round 4 | 1 | Joe Brown, Peter Lees | 75.2 (equals record) |
| | 2 | Rube Wilson, Len Keefe | 77.0 |
| | 3 | Harry Lewis, Lou Berger | 77.4 |
| | 4 | Jack Smythe, Jack Riddle | 75.8 |
| | SF1 | Joe Brown, Rube Wilson, Peter Lees | 75.2 (equals record) |
| | SF2 | Harry Lewis, Jack Riddle, Lou Berger, Jack Smythe | 77.2 |
| | Final | Rube Wilson, Jack Riddle, Joe Brown f,rm, Harry Lewis f | 77.4 |
| Langney Handicap | 1 | Rube Wilson, Peter Lees | 75.2 |
| | 2 | Harvey Swanson, Harry Lewis | 77.0 |
| | 3 | Jack Smythe, Lou Berger, Basil Banstead f | 77.4 |
| | 4 | Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe | 77.2 |
| | SF1 | Harry Lewis, Harvey Swanson (25 yd) | 75.0 |
| | SF2 | Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe (50), Jack Smythe | 75.8 |
| | Final | Harvey Swanson, Harry Lewis, Charlie Blythe | 75.8 |
| Fastest Riders' Match Race (rolling start): | | Jack Smythe beat Joe Brown | 74.8 |
| Midget Cars Match Race | | Errol I beat Errol II | 92.8 |

Sun 08.09.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 13.9.35; E Chron 14.9.35*

Meeting no.13

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| Hailsham Cup Round 5 | 1 | Rube Wilson, Harvey Swanson | 80.2 |
| | 2 | Bill Sargent, Jack Smythe | 77.8 |
| | 3 | Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard | 78.4 |
| | 4 | Lou Berger, Jack Riddle, Charlie Blythe | 79.8 |
| | SF1 | Bill Sargent, Jack Smythe | 77.8 |
| | SF2 | Joe Brown, Lou Berger | 81.4 |
| | Final | Bill Sargent, Joe Brown, Lou Berger f,rm, Jack Smythe f | 79.4 |
| Track Record Attempts | Clutch Start (record 75.2 Hawkins 21.4.35, Brown 25.8.35): | | |
| | | Bill Sargent | 75.2 (equals record) |
| | Flying Start (record 72.8 Ivor Hill as Bill Roberts 2.9.34) : | | |
| | | Bill Sargent | 73.8 |
| Plymouth Handicap | 1 | Basil Banstead, Charlie Dugard | 82.2 |
| | 2 | Joe Brown, Harvey Swanson | 77.2 |
| | 3 | Bill Sargent, Jack Smythe | 76.8 |
| | 4 | Len Keefe, Rube Wilson | 77.8 |
| | SF1 | Joe Brown, Basil Banstead | 79.4 |
| | SF2 | Rube Wilson, Bill Sargent | 75.8 |
| | Final | Bill Sargent (scr), Joe Brown (5 yd), Rube Wilson | 75.4 |
| Fastest Riders' Match Race (rolling start): | | Bill Sargent beat Joe Brown | 75.2 |
| Midget Cars Match Race | | Errol I beat Errol II | 93.6 |

Sun 22.09.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 27.9.35; E Chron 28.9.35*

Meeting no.14

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| Hailsham Cup Round 6 | 1 | Rube Wilson, Harvey Swanson | 81.2 |
| | 2 | Harry Lewis, Len Keefe | 84.4 |
| | 3 | Bill Sargent, T Chatfield | 82.6 |
| | 4 | Charlie Blythe, Jack Riddle, Lou Berger f | 83.2 |
| | SF1 | Rube Wilson, Harry Lewis | 82.2 |
| | SF2 | Bill Sargent, Charlie Blythe | 82.4 |
| | Final | Harry Lewis, Bill Sargent, Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe | 76.8 |
| Portsmouth Handicap | 1 | Charlie Dugard, Jack Riddle | 82.2 |
| | 2 | Harvey Swanson, Bill Sargent | 75.8 |
| | 3 | Charlie Blythe, Harry Lewis | 81.4 |
| | 4 | Rube Wilson, Len Keefe | 80.6 |
| | SF1 | Bill Sargent, Harvey Swanson | 77.4 |
| | SF2 | Harry Lewis, Rube Wilson | 78.6 |
| | Final | Bill Sargent (scr), Rube Wilson, Harvey Swanson | 76.2 |
| Two-Lap Dash | | Bill Sargent beat Joe Brown | 36.4 |

Sun 06.10.35 : Eastbourne

Meeting no.15. Postponed until 13.10.35 due to rain

Sun 13.10.35 : Eastbourne*E Cour 18.10.35; E Chron 19.10.35*

Meeting no.15

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| Hailsham Cup Round 7 | 1 | Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard | 83.2 |
| | 2 | Jack Riddle, Len Keefe | 82.2 |
| | 3 | Charlie Blythe, Lou Berger, Harry Lewis f | 83.2 |
| | 4 | Bill Sargent, Harvey Swanson | 82.2 |
| | SF1 | Joe Brown, Len Keefe | 82.2 |
| | SF2 | Bill Sargent, Lou Berger, Harvey Swanson f, Charlie Blythe f | 85.4 |
| | Final | Bill Sargent, Joe Brown, Len Keefe, Lou Berger | 80.2 |
| Autumn Handicap | 1 | T Chatfield, Len Keefe | 93.8 |
| | 2 | Bill Sargent, Jack Riddle | 78.2 |
| | 3 | Harvey Swanson, Lou Berger, Harry Lewis f,rm | 82.2 |
| | 4 | Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe, Charlie Dugard f | 85.8 |
| | SF1 | Bill Sargent, Jack Riddle, T Chatfield f | 79.2 |
| | SF2 | Harvey Swanson, Joe Brown | 80.8 |
| | Final | Jack Riddle, Joe Brown | 82.8 |
| Match Race | | Charlie Blythe beat Harvey Swanson | 84.0 |

Sun 20.10.35 : Eastbourne

E Cour 25.10.35; E Chron 26.10.35

Meeting no.16 (last of season). Special appearance of Australian Test star Bluey Wilkinson.

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| Hailsham Cup Round 8 | 1 | Charlie Blythe, Rube Wilson f,rm, Len Keefe | 86.2 |
| | 2 | Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard | 86.4 |
| | 3 | George Newton, Lou Berger | 84.0 |
| | 4 | Jack Riddle, Danny Lee, Harry Lewis | 83.8 |
| | SF1 | Rube Wilson, Joe Brown | 79.8 |
| | SF2 | George Newton, Jack Riddle | 81.4 |
| | Final | George Newton, Joe Brown, Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson | 80.4 |

This was the final round of the **HAILSHAM CUP** for the second half of the season. Points were awarded 4-3-2-1 for finishing position in the final of each of the 8 rounds. Result:

1 Joe Brown 18 pts; 2 George Newton (rode as Bill Sargent in rounds 5, 6, 7) 15 pts; 3 Rube Wilson 14 pts; 4 Harry Lewis 12 pts; 5 Jack Smythe 6 pts; 6 Jack Riddle 5 pts; 7 Charlie Blythe 4 pts; 8 Lou Berger 3 pts; 9 Len Keefe 2 pts; Danny Lee 1 pt.

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| Farewell Handicap | 1 | Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard | 81.8 |
| | 2 | George Newton, Len Keefe | 81.6 |
| | 3 | Harry Lewis, Danny Lee | 82.6 |
| | 4 | Lou Berger, Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson f | 83.2 |
| | SF1 | George Newton, Charlie Dugard | 80.8 |
| | SF2 | Jack Riddle, Danny Lee | 81.2 |
| | Final | George Newton, Charlie Dugard, Jack Riddle f,rm, Danny Lee f | 80.8 |
| Track Record Attempt | 4-lap Clutch Start (record 75.2 Hawkins, Brown, Newton): Bluey Wilkinson 77.2 | | |
| | 4-lap Flying Start (record 72.8 Ivor Hill as Bill Roberts): Bluey Wilkinson 75.4 | | |
| Match Race | Bluey Wilkinson beat George Newton | | 77.0 by a length |