

EASTBOURNE 1937

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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)

In 1937:

George Newton rode as Bill Bennett

Stan Lemon rode as Stan Johns

Jack Riddle sometimes rode as Jack Kirby

Hailsham Cup

The scratch race competition was again held twice during the season. The first half was won by Bob Lovell, the second half by Phil "Tiger" Hart.

Easter Sun 28.03.37 : Eastbourne

E Cour 2.4.37; E Chron 3.4.37; EG 31.3.37

1st meeting. Att: 4,000. Track was re-laid and the banking modified during the winter.

Hailsham Cup Round 1	1	Jack Collins, Cyril Anderson	74.2
	2	Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard	77.2
	3	Jack Tidbury, Stan Johns	76.4
	4	Danny Lee, Ken Tidbury	78.8
	SF1	Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard	75.2
	SF2	Jack Tidbury, Danny Lee	74.4
	Final	Jack Riddle, Jack Tidbury, Danny Lee	74.6
Track Record Attempts	4-lap Flying Start	Bill Bennett	69.2 (record - was 70.4)
	4-lap Clutch Start	Bill Bennett	68.8 (record - was 73.6)
Easter Handicap	1	Charlie Dugard, Jack Tidbury	72.8
	2	Bill Bennett, Cyril Anderson (25yd start)	68.8 (equals record)
	3	Stan Johns, Bob Lovell	76.4
	4	Bill Desmond, Basil Banstead	77.0
	SF1	Charlie Dugard, Jack Tidbury, Bill Bennett	f 69.2
	SF2	Bill Desmond, Bob Lovell	74.0
	Final	Bill Desmond, Bob Lovell, Jack Tidbury	72.2
Special Scratch Race	1	Jack Adams, Basil Banstead	76.6
	2	Stan Johns, Bob Lovell	76.4
	Final	Bob Lovell, Basil Banstead	77.4

Sun 11.04.37 : Eastbourne : Championship of Sussex

E Cour 16.4.37; E Chron 17.4.37; EG 14.4.37

2nd meeting. Att: 4,000.

A class of 12 novices is being trained by Charlie Dugard at 11am on Sunday mornings. They include Pat Dixon, J Shenstone, Smoky Vieler, and L Dugard.

Scorers: Jack Riddle 12+3, Jack Nash 12+2, Danny Lee 12+1, Dick Wise 11, Jack Collins 11, Charlie Dugard 11, Jack Tidbury 10, Stan Johns 9, Ken Tidbury 8, Bob Lovell 7, Fred Cooper 5, Jack Adams 3, Basil Banstead 3, Bill Desmond 3, Pat Dixon 0.

1	Collins, Lee, Nash	78.8
2	J Tidbury, Banstead, Riddle nf, Wise nf	78.2
3	Johns, Dugard, Cooper	78.4
4	K Tidbury, Lovell, Adams	77.2
5	Riddle, Wise, Dugard	75.2
6	J Tidbury, Collins, Cooper	75.8
7	Nash, K Tidbury, Desmond	77.6
8	Lee, Johns, Banstead	76.0
9	Wise, J Tidbury, Desmond	74.2
10	Riddle, Collins, Johns	74.2
11	Wise, Johns, Adams	75.4
12	Lee, Lovell, Cooper	75.2
13	Nash, Dugard, Adams	76.8
14	Lovell, Collins	81.4
15	Riddle, Nash, Cooper	76.4
16	Dugard, Lee, K Tidbury	76.2
17	Wise, K Tidbury, Cooper	77.4
18	Dugard, Collins	80.0
19	Nash, J Tidbury, Johns	76.2
20	Riddle, Lee, Desmond	76.8
	Run-off for 1st place: Riddle, Nash, Lee	75.0

Sun 25.04.37 : Eastbourne

E Cour 30.4.37; EG 28.4.37

3rd meeting.

Hailsham Cup Round 2	1	Charlie Dugard, Jack Tidbury	82.4
	2	Jack Collins, Jack Riddle	81.6
	3	Dick Wise, Danny Lee	79.6
	4	Bob Lovell, Jack Nash	79.2
	SF1	Jack Collins, Charlie Dugard	81.2
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Jack Nash	76.8
	Final	Jack Nash, Jack Collins	77.8
Junior Match Race	1	J Shenstone	89.0
	2	G Carter	98.6
	Final	J Shenstone, G Carter	85.6
Lewes Handicap	1	Fred Cooper, Jack Riddle	79.2
	2	Jack Collins, Bill Desmond	78.8
	3	Charlie Blythe, Jack Nash	77.4
	4	Danny Lee, Bob Lovell	78.4
	SF1	Bill Desmond, Fred Cooper	80.2
	SF2	Charlie Blythe, Danny Lee	77.2
	Final	Bill Desmond, Charlie Blythe	77.4
Special Match Race		Bob Lovell beat Arthur Atkinson	78.8

Sun 16.05.37 : Eastbourne*E Cour 21.5.37*

4th meeting.

Hailsham Cup Round 3	1	Arthur Atkinson, Danny Lee	78.2
	2	Stan Johns, Jack Tidbury	77.6
	3	Charlie Blythe, Ken Tidbury	77.2
	4	J Jones, Bob Lovell	78.6
	SF1	Arthur Atkinson, Danny Lee	76.2
	SF2	Bob Lovell, J Jones	75.4
	Final	Bob Lovell, J Jones, Danny Lee	73.8
Coronation Handicap	1	Arthur Atkinson, Stan Johns	75.0
	2	Charlie Blythe, Harvey Swanson	75.8
	3	Jack Collins, Bob Lovell	73.6
	4	Jimmie James, Bill Bennett	71.6
	SF1	Harvey Swanson, Charlie Blythe	73.8
	SF2	Jimmie James, Bill Bennett	?
	Final	Jimmie James, Harvey Swanson, Bill Bennett	71.2
Special Match Race		Jack Tidbury beat Danny Lee	74.8

Sun 23.05.37 : Eastbourne*E Cour 28.5.37; EG 26.5.37*

5th meeting.

Hailsham Cup Round 4	1	Jack Tidbury, Stan Johns	76.2
	2	Bob Lovell, Charlie Dugard	77.8
	3	Jack Nash, Harvey Swanson	76.8
	4	Dick Wise, Arthur Atkinson	78.6
	SF1	Jack Tidbury, Bob Lovell	76.2
	SF2	Jack Nash, Arthur Atkinson	77.0
	Final	Bob Lovell, Jack Nash, Jack Tidbury	77.2

Hailsham Cup to date: Lovell 12, J Tidbury 5, Riddle 4, Dugard 4, Lee 4, Nash 4, Hart 3, Collins 2, Atkinson 2.

London Handicap	1	Danny Lee, Bill Desmond	76.8
	2	Tiger Hart, Charlie Dugard	78.6
	3	G Stevens, Bob Lovell	75.4
	4	Fred Cooper, Charlie Blythe	75.2
	SF1	Bill Desmond, Charlie Dugard	77.4
	SF2	Fred Cooper, Bob Lovell	75.2
	Final	Bill Desmond, Bob Lovell, Fred Cooper	75.0
Special Scratch Race	1	Tiger Hart, Bill Desmond	77.4
	2	Danny Lee, Stan Johns	78.8
	Final	Tiger Hart, Danny Lee	78.2

Sun 06.06.37 : Eastbourne*E Cour 11.6.37; EG 9.6.37*

6th meeting. 1st evening meeting (6.30pm start) of the season

Hailsham Cup Round 5	1	Stan Johns, Bill Desmond	80.4
	2	Danny Lee, Bob Lovell	78.0
	3	Tiger Hart, Ken Tidbury	80.2
	4	Jack Collins, Arthur Atkinson	81.0
	SF1	Bob Lovell, Stan Johns	79.4
	SF2	Tiger Hart, Arthur Atkinson	77.2
	Final	Tiger Hart, Bob Lovell, Arthur Atkinson, Stan Johns	75.8

Hailsham Cup to date: Lovell 15, Hart 7, J Tidbury 5, Riddle 4, Dugard 4, Lee 4, Nash 4, Atkinson 4, Collins 2, Johns 1.

Windsor Handicap	1	R Jackson, Jack Collins	79.2
	2	Tiger Hart, Harvey Swanson	76.2
	3	Danny Lee, Bill Desmond	77.6
	4	Charlie Blythe, Fred Cooper	81.2
	SF1	Tiger Hart, R Jackson	77.4
	SF2	Charlie Blythe, Danny Lee	78.0
	Final	Danny Lee, R Jackson	77.2
Special Scratch Race	1	Charlie Dugard, Fred Cooper	82.4
	2	Jack Collins, Arthur Atkinson	80.4
	Final	Jack Collins, Charlie Dugard, Arthur Atkinson, Fred Cooper	79.8

Sun 20.06.37 : Eastbourne*EG 23.6.37*

7th meeting

Hailsham Cup Round 6	1	Danny Lee, Jack Riddle	77.2
	2	Tiger Hart, Joe Brown	78.2
	3	Bob Lovell, Charlie Blythe	79.0
	4	Jack Tidbury, Charlie Dugard	77.2
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Jack Riddle	74.8
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Jack Tidbury	77.6
	Final	Bob Lovell, Tiger Hart, Jack Riddle, Jack Tidbury	74.2

Hailsham Cup to date: Lovell 19, Hart 10, Riddle 7, J Tidbury 6, Dugard 4, Lee 4, Nash 4, Atkinson 4, Collins 2, Johns 1.

Match Race		Cyril Anderson beat Jack Nash	76.8
Mid-Sussex Handicap	1	Cyril Anderson, Danny Lee	74.0
	2	Charlie Dugard, Joe Brown	76.8
	3	Harvey Swanson, Bob Lovell	74.2
	4	Jack Tidbury, Charlie Blythe	76.0
	SF1	Cyril Anderson, Danny Lee	73.2
	SF2	Harvey Swanson, Bob Lovell	75.2
	Final	Cyril Anderson, Danny Lee, Harvey Swanson, Bob Lovell	75.2
Special Match Race		Tiger Hart, Jack Riddle, Joe Brown	78.2

Sun 27.06.37 : Eastbourne : Eastbourne Eagles 57 Dagenham Daggers 25 (Challenge - 1st Leg)

E Cour 2.7.37; EG 30.6.37

8th meeting. Jack Collins fractured his leg in the scratch race final, and is probably out for the rest of the season. Daggers' Bill Ashton fractured his ankle.

Eastbourne: Jimmie James 12, Charlie Sargeant 9, Jack Kirby 9, Cyril Anderson 9, S Johnson 6, Charlie Blythe 5, Jack Nash 5, Harvey Swanson 2

Dagenham: Frank Hodgson 8, Doug Wells 8, Cyril Browning 3, Roy Duke 3, Dennis Pye 2, Jim Baylais 1, Bill Ashton 0,

1	James, Hodgson, Blythe	74.8	4-2	4-2
2	Johnson, Sargeant, Pye	80.6	5-1	9-3
3	Kirby, Nash, Baylais	78.2	5-1	14-4
4	James, Anderson, Browning	78.2	5-1	19-5
5	Johnson, Sargeant	80.8	5-0	24-5
6	Wells, Kirby, Nash	76.2	3-3	27-8
7	James, Blythe	78.0	5-0	32-8
8	Anderson, Wells, Browning	77.6	3-3	35-11
9	Hodgson, Kirby, Nash	76.2	3-3	38-14
10	James, Blythe, Pye	78.2	5-1	43-15
11	Sargeant, Duke, Anderson	79.2	4-2	47-17
12	Wells, Swanson, Nash	81.4	3-3	50-20
13	Anderson, Sargeant, Browning	79.6	5-1	55-21
14	Hodgson, Kirby, Duke	77.2	2-4	57-25

Dagenham Scratch Race

1	James, Stan Johns, Duke	76.0
2	Browning, Johnson	83.0
3	Hodgson, Kirby, Pye	77.2
4	Blythe, Nash	81.8
SF1	James, Johns, Browning	78.2
SF2	Hodgson, Blythe & Jack Collins dead-heat	77.8
Final	Hodgson, James, Johns, Collins f	78.8

Sun 04.07.37 : Eastbourne

9th meeting. *No details available.*

It was later reported that the **HAILSHAM CUP** for the first half of the season was won by Bob Lovell 23pts from Tiger Hart 13. Thus:

Hailsham Cup Round 7 Final Bob Lovell, Tiger Hart

Sun 11.07.37 : at Dagenham : Dagenham Daggers 53 Eastbourne Eagles 29 (Challenge - 2nd Leg. Agg: 78-86)

SN 17.7.37

Dagenham: Doug Wells 12, Frank Hodgson 10, Cyril Browning 7, Crusty Pye 6, Les Amon 6, Roy Duke 5, Fred Bullivant 4, Billy Ashton 3

Eastbourne: Jack Nash 6, S Johnson 6, Jack Kirby 5, C Lawrence 4, Charlie Dugard 3, Charlie Page 2, Basil Bunstead 2, A B Smith 1

1	Hodgson, Kirby, Browning	74.6	4-2	4-2
2	Johnson, Ashton	76.4	2-3	6-5
3	Wells, Pye, Nash	76.8	5-1	11-6
4	Amon, Kirby, Bullivant	78.2	4-2	15-8
5	Browning, Hodgson, Johnson	79.2	5-1	20-9
6	Duke, Nash, Lawrence	79.0	3-3	23-12
7	Wells, Pye, Kirby	78.4	5-1	28-13
8	Bullivant, Bunstead	84.2	3-2	31-15
9	Browning, Hodgson, Nash	79.8	5-1	36-16
10	Amon, Duke, Dugard	78.4	5-1	41-17
11	Wells, Johnson, Pye	77.4	4-2	45-19
12	Hodgson, Nash, Ashton	77.4	4-2	49-21
13	Wells, Page, Smith	79.2	3-3	52-24
14	Lawrence, Dugard, Pye	80.4	1-5	53-29

Captain's Match Race (2-laps)	Hodgson beat Kirby?	36.4
"Bingo" Scratch Race	1 Amon, Tidbury	80.2
	2 Kirby, Browning	80.4
	3 Hodgson, Johnson, Bunstead	77.2
	4 Lawrence	86.2
	Final Hodgson, Kirby, Amon	77.6

Sun 18.07.37 : Eastbourne

E Cour 23.7.37; EG 21.7.37

10th meeting.

Hailsham Cup Round 1	1	Jack Riddle, Charlie Blythe	77.6
	2	Tiger Hart, N Anderson	80.4
	3	Danny Lee, Bob Lovell	80.2
	4	Stan Johns, Jack Tidbury	82.2
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Jack Riddle	77.4
	SF2	Jack Tidbury, Danny Lee	76.2
	Final	Tiger Hart, Jack Riddle	77.8
Match Race		Charlie Dugard beat E Gibson	82.8
Sussex Handicap	1	Tiger Hart, Danny Lee	76.8
	2	Jack Riddle, A Pilgrim	79.4
	3	Stan Johns, N Anderson	76.2
	4	Jack Tidbury, H Brown	77.2
	SF1	Danny Lee, Tiger Hart	75.2
	SF2	Stan Johns, H Brown	77.0
	Final	Tiger Hart, Danny Lee, Stan Johns	76.2
Special Match Race		Jack Riddle, Charlie Blythe, N Anderson	80.2

Sun 01.08.37 : Eastbourne*E Cour 6.8.37; EG 4.8.37*

11th meeting.

Hailsham Cup Round 2	1	Jack Riddle, Charlie Blythe	78.4
	2	Tiger Hart	81.2
	3	Stan Johns, Danny Lee	77.8
	4	Jack Tidbury, Edwin Youngs	76.6
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Jack Riddle, Charlie Blythe	76.2
	SF2	Jack Tidbury, Stan Johns, Danny Lee	76.0
	Final	Tiger Hart, Stan Johns, Jack Riddle	76.8
Match Race		Danny Lee beat Jack Tidbury	89.4
Southbourne Handicap	1	Danny Lee, Tiger Hart	76.2
	2	Charlie Dugard, Jack Riddle	79.4
	3	Ken Tidbury, Stan Johns	77.8
	4	Jack Tidbury & Jack Adams dead-heat	75.2
	SF1	Charlie Dugard, Tiger Hart, Danny Lee	76.2
	SF2	Jack Tidbury, Stan Johns, Ken Tidbury	75.2
	Final	Stan Johns, Jack Tidbury, Tiger Hart	75.2
Special Match Race		Charlie Dugard, Ken Tidbury [Charlie Blythe, Arthur Pilgrim]	80.8

No meeting on Sun 15.08.37**Sun 22.08.37 : at Rye House : Rye House 47 Eastbourne 25 (Challenge - 1st Leg)***EG 25.8.37**Rye House: Jim Boyd 12, Tommy Allott 11, Bob Lovell 9, Will Lowther 8, F C Robinson 5, Fred Curtiss 2**Eastbourne: Danny Lee 7, Stan Johns 6, Jack Riddle 4, Bill Desmond 3, Jack Tidbury 2, Ken Tidbury 2, Charlie Dugard 1*

1	Robinson, Allott, Riddle	94.0	5-1	5-1
2	Boyd, Johns, Lowther	93.0	4-2	9-3
3	Lee, J Tidbury, Curtiss	96.0	1-5	10-8
4	Boyd, Lowther, Riddle	91.0	5-1	15-9
5	Lovell, Johns, Dugard	94.6	3-3	18-12
6	Allott, Lee, Robinson	96.0	4-2	22-14
7	Lovell, Desmond, Riddle	95.0	3-3	25-17
8	Allott, Johns, K Tidbury	95.4	3-3	28-20
9	Boyd, Lowther, Desmond	91.6	5-1	33-21
10	Lovell, Allott, Curtiss nf	96.2	5-1	38-22
11	Boyd, Lee, Curtiss	91.8	4-2	42-24
12	Lowther, Robinson, Riddle	?	5-1	47-25

Sun 29.08.37 : Eastbourne*EG 1.9.37*

12th meeting. Last evening meeting of the season.

Hailsham Cup Round 3	1	Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard	79.2
	2	Tiger Hart, Stan Johns	76.8
	3	Bob Lovell, Danny Lee	76.8
	4	Les Trim, Harry Brown	84.2
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Stan Johns	76.2
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Danny Lee	77.0
	Final	Tiger Hart, Bob Lovell, Danny Lee, Stan Johns	74.8

Hailsham Cup to date: Hart 12, Riddle 5, Johns 4, Lee 4, Lovell 3, J Tidbury 2

Brighton Handicap	1	Danny Lee, Tiger Hart	75.0
	2	Charlie Dugard, L Pilgrim	79.2
	3	Arthur Atkinson, Ken Tidbury	77.2
	4	Stan Johns, Harry Brown	78.2
	SF1	Danny Lee, Tiger Hart, L Pilgrim, Charlie Dugard	76.0
	SF2	Arthur Atkinson, Ken Tidbury, Harry Brown, Stan Johns	77.4
	Final	Ken Tidbury & Harry Brown dead-heat, Tiger Hart	76.0

Sun 05.09.37 : Eastbourne : Eastbourne 52 Rye House 32 (Challenge - 2nd Leg. Agg: 77-79)*E Cour 10.9.37; EG 8.9.37*

13th meeting.

*Eastbourne: Danny Lee 10, Tiger Hart 9, Stan Johns 9, Jack Tidbury 8, Jack Riddle 7, Charlie Page 5, Charlie Dugard 4**Rye House: Fred Curtiss 12, Will Lowther 10, J Hamilton 3, Les Trim 3, B (or K?) Johns 2, Cyril Anderson 1, F C Robinson 1*

1	Hart, S Johns, Trim	77.8	5-1	5-1
2	Tidbury, Lee, Hamilton	80.6	5-1	10-2
3	Curtiss, Riddle, Dugard	79.4	3-3	13-5
4	Hart, Lowther, Hamilton	76.2	3-3	16-8
5	Lee, Tidbury, Robinson	78.0	5-1	21-9
6	Curtiss, Riddle, B Johns	78.2	2-4	23-13
7	Hart, S Johns, Hamilton	77.8	5-1	28-14
8	Lee, Page, Trim	77.2	5-1	33-15
9	Curtiss, Dugard, Riddle	77.6	3-3	36-18
10	Lowther, S Johns, Anderson	77.2	2-4	38-22
11	Tidbury, Lee, Trim	78.2	5-1	43-23
12	Lowther, Riddle, Page	77.8	3-3	46-26
13	Curtiss, Page, B Johns	78.6	2-4	48-30
14	S Johns, Lowther, Dugard	77.6	4-2	52-32

Hoddesdon Scratch Race	1	Hart, Tidbury	78.0
	2	Lee, Anderson	77.8
	3	Curtiss, S Johns	79.6
	4	Lowther, Riddle	80.2
	SF1	Tidbury, Lee	78.6
	SF2	Lowther, Curtiss, S Johns	78.8
	Final	Lowther, Tidbury	79.6

Sun 26.09.37 : Eastbourne

E Cour 1.10.37; EG 29.9.37

14th meeting

Hailsham Cup Round 4	1	Tiger Hart	82.2
	2	Stan Johns, Charlie Dugard	79.6
	3	Bob Lovell, Jack Royal	82.0
	4	Jack Collins, Ted Gibson	80.8
	SF1	Stan Johns, Tiger Hart, Charlie Dugard	75.2
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Jack Royal	77.2
	Final	Bob Lovell, Stan Johns, Tiger Hart	74.8
Junior Match Race		S Pilgrim beat Ted Gibson	83.6
Southbourne Handicap	1	Tiger Hart, S Pilgrim	78.6
	2	Charlie Page, Jack Collins	79.0
	3	Charlie Dugard, Ken Tidbury	78.8
	4	Bob Lovell	77.8
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Charlie Page	76.2
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Charlie Dugard, Ken Tidbury	75.2
	Final	Charlie Page, Tiger Hart, Bob Lovell	73.2

Sun 10.10.37 : Eastbourne

E Cour 15.10.37

3,000. 15th & last senior meeting of the season.

Hailsham Cup Round 5	1	Tiger Hart, Danny Lee	75.2
	2	Stan Johns, Charlie Dugard	78.2
	3	Ken Tidbury, Charlie Page	77.8
	4	Bob Lovell, Jack Tidbury	79.2
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Danny Lee	75.2
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Charlie Page	75.6
	Final	Bob Lovell, Tiger Hart, Danny Lee, Charlie Page	75.0

*****The winner of the HAILSHAM CUP for the second half of the season was Tiger Hart 17 pts from Bob Lovell 9 pts, Stan Johns 7 pts. *****

Sussex Handicap	1	Ken Tidbury, Tiger Hart	73.8
	2	Jack Tidbury, Charlie Page	75.2
	3	Danny Lee, Bob Lovell	75.0
	4	Arthur Atkinson, Stan Johns	74.6
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Jack Tidbury	74.8
	SF2	Arthur Atkinson, Stan Johns	75.4
	Final	Arthur Atkinson, Tiger Hart, Jack Tidbury	74.6

Doodle Bug Races (midget cars): Les White (Lea Bridge) beat Tommy Sulman (Belle Vue) 2 races to 1
Doodle Bug Track Record Attempt : Les White 73.2 (record)

Sun 17.10.37 : Eastbourne

A novice meeting was scheduled to be held, but no results are available.