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The enterprising amateurs attempted to get things going again and tried to establish the sport in the West End. It appears to have been a one-of and a none too successful one at that. The meeting turned out to be the only one in 1928.

A motorcycle gymkahlana, a motorcycle club event featuring a wide range of events which could include 'tilting' at buckets of water and motor cycle pulled grass 'surf boards' as well as races, did feature a demonstration of dirt-track racing, with Jimmie Pinkerton showing how it was done.

1928 WHITE CITY DETAILS

Meeting No. 1	Fri 29.06.1928	350cc	Jimmie Pinkerton
		600cc	Allan Campbell
		Unlimited	Jimmie Pinkerton
Demonstration	Sat 11.08.1928	Motorcycle Gymkhana	

Friday 29 June 1928

Crowd: Not recorded

Whilst it was suggested that this would be the first of a regular series of meetings run by the Glasgow Nelson Motor Cycle Dirt-Track Club.

The 350cc event was won by Jimmie Pinkerton who won the eight lap event in a time, which must have been clocked by the newspaper reporter, at 4 minutes and one second. There was no official timekeeper for this event. Jimmie went on to win the unlimited capacity event.



His clean sweep was prevented by an engine failure in the first heat of the 600cc event. Allan Campbell collected the £3 winners prize money.

Of the riders listed as appearing at the event most would go on to race at White City on a regular basis in 1929. Only M. Ross and George Cumming would miss out.

The crowd turn out is not known. The event was poorly advertised in the local press, and, after all, Glasgow was a city where speedway had not caught on at full professional level. Race times for what was, presumably, a full 440 yard circuit, suggest that the track was in



a difficult condition as Jimmie Pinkerton, Jimmy Valente, Bill Dickie (pictured left) and Allan Campbell (pictured right) had, by now, gained experience of Celtic Park, and were well capable of keeping up with their peers.

The prize money was quite poor compared with that on offer at Celtic Park and probably did little to attract big names which may have just helped draw a crowd.

350cc Event (8 laps)

(Prize Money 1st £8 ; 2nd £3 ; 3rd £1)

Ht 1: Jimmy Valente, George Pinkerton, George Cumming, (Not recorded)

Ht 2: Jimmie Pinkerton, Johnnie Walker (ef), Bill Dickie (f), (Not recorded)

Final: Jimmie Pinkerton, Jimmy Valente, George Pinkerton, 4min 1.0

Sidecars

Cancelled due to lack of entries

600cc Event (Heats: 8 laps; Final: 5 laps)

(Prize Money 1st £3 ; 2nd £1)

Ht 1: Alister Harvey, Allan Campbell, George Cumming, Jimmie Pinkerton (ef), (Not recorded)

Ht 2: Bill Dickie, Johnnie Walker, M. Ross, George Pinkerton, (Not recorded)

Ht 3: Steve Bogie, Jimmy Valente, James Edward (3 only), (Not recorded)

**Final: Allan Campbell, Jimmy Valente, Johnnie Walker, [Alister Harvey, Bill Dickie, Steve Bogie,
2 min 29.0**

Unlimited Capacity Event (Heats: 10 laps; Final: 5 laps)

(Prize Money 1st £8 ; 2nd £3 ; 3rd £1)

Ht 1: Allan Campbell, Jimmy Valente, [George Pinkerton, George Cumming, (Not recorded)

Ht 2: Jimmie Pinkerton, Steve Bogie, [Johnnie Walker, M. Ross, (Not recorded)

Ht 3: Alister Harvey, [James Edward (nf), Alister Harvey (nf), (Not recorded)

Final: Jimmie Pinkerton, Alister Harvey, Steve Bogie, [Jimmy Valente, Allan Campbell, 3min 35.0