

# GREENFORD 1931

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Sources and acknowledgements: Uxbridge and West Drayton Gazette, Daily Herald, Middlesex County Times, West Middlesex Gazette; Matt Jackson, Graham Gleave

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August.**

**Practice session**

**Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> August 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford**

**Practice session**

Percy Kent crashed during a practice session in what was reported to be his first ever ride on a cinder track and he succumbed to his injuries in Ealing Hospital two days later.

**Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford**

## **Southall Scratch**

Ht 1: Jack Riddle, Johnnie Belcher, Hughie Bentley	151.4
Ht 2: Jack Sharp, Ken Watson, W Richards	137.0
Ht 3: Stan Lemon, Rube Wilson, L Gregory	132.2 (record)
Ht 4: Jack Maloney, Bert Collyer, R B Smith*	146.4
SF1: Jack Sharp, Ken Watson, Johnnie Belcher	137.8
SF2: Rube Wilson, Bert Collyer, Jack Maloney	141.8
Final: Jack Sharp, Rube Wilson, Bert Collyer	135.4

\*Believed to be Robert Brisbane Smith, more commonly known as Brisbane.

## **Track Championship**

Ht 1: Jack Riddle, Jack Sharp, Ray Thomas	130.4 (record)
Ht 2: Stan Lemon, Bert Collyer, Freddy Cooper	135.8
Final: Jack Riddle, Stan Lemon, Jack Sharp (ns), Bert Collyer (ns)	(no time recorded)

## **Harrow Handicap**

Ht 1: Jack Riddle (scr), W Richards (8 secs), Lou Berger (2)	145.8
Ht 2: Harry Barnes (4), Buster Coleman (1), Ken Watson (6)	146.0
Ht 3: Rube Wilson (6), Jack Sharp (2), Hughie Bentley (8)	147.4
Ht 4: Ray Thomas (4), Bert Collyer (4), Preston (8)	145.2
SF1: W Richards (8)	148.2
SF2: Rube Wilson (6), Ray Thomas (4)	151.8
Final: Harry Barnes (4), Ray Thomas (4), W Richards (8)	137.4
Also Rode: Les Ralph	

## **Lap Record Attempt** (record 32.4 by Art Petcher)

Jack Riddle	30.8 (record)
Stan Lemon	31.2
Les Ralph	3.2

## **Sidecars**

Ht 1: S A Plumb, R V Newman	160.4
Ht 2: F Graham (awarded), A Noterman (crashed), Plumb (nf)	188.8

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford  
South 33 North 20 (Challenge)**

**South**

Jack Riddle	3 3 3	9
Jack Sharp	3	
Lou Berger		
Stan Lemon	3 3 3	9
Bert Collyer		
Ken Watson		
Grey	3	
Rupert Wilson		
Dan Maloney		

**North**

Hughie Bentley		
Charlie Vincent		
Eric Barnes	3	
Phil Warboys		
Howard Traynor		6
Tiny Coleman		
Clem Safford		

Ht 1: Riddle	55.29	
Ht 2: Barnes	56.27	
Ht 3: Lemon	57.63	
Ht 4: Riddle	56.94	
Ht 5: Grey	53.42	
Ht 6: Lemon	58.00	
Ht 7: Riddle	54.94	
Ht 8: Sharp	56.20	
Ht 9: Lemon	57.03	times in mph

**Uxbridge Handicap**

Final: Stan Lemon (1), Carr (8) 138.5

**Castle Handicap**

Final: Rube Wilson, Howard Traynor, Jack Sharp

**Lap Record attempt**

Stan Lemon 31.4 (unsuccessful)

**Sidecars Handicap**

A Noterman, R V Newman 46.16 mph

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford  
Old Favourites 26 New Greenford 26 (Challenge)**

**Old Favourites**

Jack Riddle	3
Ted Clairmonte	0

**New Greenford**

Jack Sharp

Ht 7: Bentley, Collyer

Ht 9: Riddle, Clairmonte (mf)

**International Challenge**

Jack Riddle bt Jack Sharp 128.0 (record)

**Castle Handicap**

Final: Rube Wilson, Horace Traynor, Jack Sharp

**One-lap Record Attempt:**

Jack Riddle 30.8 (= record)

The 4-laps record was broken three times in the meeting by Stan Lemon 129.6, Jack Riddle 128.8 and 128.0

**Sidecars**

A Noterman bt Plumb

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford**

Postponed due to rain.

**Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford**

**Big 12**

Ht 1: Stan Lemon, Charlie Traynor, Rube Wilson	99.0
Ht 2: Jack Sharp, Howard Traynor, Buster Coleman	101.8
Ht 3: Ray Thomas, Ken Watson, Bert Collyer	108.4
SF1: Stan Lemon, Jack Sharp	98.2
SF2: Howard Traynor, Ray Thomas	103.2
Final: Howard Traynor, Jack Sharp, Stan Lemon (mf, pushed)	109.4

**Albion Handicap**

Ht 1: Stan Lemon (scr), Charlie Vincent (2), Eric Barnes (2)	105.0
Ht 2: Hughie Bentley (3), Bert Gerrish (1), Buster Coleman (2)	112.0
Ht 3: Claude Mansell (4), Howard Traynor (scr), Jack Sharp (scr)	108.6
Ht 4: Bert Collyer (2), Charlie Traynor (2), Johnnie Belcher (6)	109.8
SF1: Stan Lemon (scr), Hughie Bentley (3), Bert Gerrish (1)	105.6
SF2: Claude Mansell (4), Charlie Traynor (2), Howard Traynor (scr)	107.2
Final: Claude Mansell (4), Charlie Traynor (2), Hughie Bentley (3) (ret), Stan Lemon (scr) (ret))	109.2

**Junior Scratch**

Charlie Vincent, Eric Cooper, Jack Maloney 105.0

**Junior Handicap**

Claude Mansell (1), Eric Cooper (3), Jack Maloney (scr) 109.0

**Match Races**

Stan Lemon bt Jack Sharp	130.4
Bert Gerrish bt Buster Coleman	138.5
Bert Collyer bt Rube Wilson	137.6

**Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford**

Cancelled. In the Middlesex Advertiser and County Gazette, 25<sup>th</sup> September, it was stated that the track was now closed until April 1932.

**Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford**  
Cancelled

**Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October 1931, Birbeck Avenue, Greenford**  
Cancelled