

LEA BRIDGE 1928

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Results taken from Brian Collins' document of the 1928 season

Saturday 14 July 1928

Opening meeting. Capacity crowd.

Quarter mile bumpy track with long straights (30 ft wide) and short bends (50 ft wide).

Lea Bridge Handicap:

Allen Kilfoyle (Douglas, 14 sec), Buster Frogley 31.03mph

International Match:

1: Art Pechar (USA), Sig Schlam (Aus), Roger Frogley (Eng) 36.36mph

2: Sig Schlam, Art Pechar 34.88mph

3: Art Pechar, Sig Schlam 35.86mph

Essex Scratch Race Final:

Buster Frogley, Allen Kilfoyle, Tommy Croombs 33.09mph

Thursday 19 July 1928

All-British programme, very poorly attended, incredible number of non-starters, many long delays.

Match Race:

Larry Coffey beat Tommy Croombs, who was leading when he ran out of fuel.

Handicap:

Tommy Croombs (12 sec start) 32.43mph, Buster Frogley (6 sec), Allen Kilfoyle (8 sec)

Saturday 21 July 1928

Handicap:

Ht.1: J Correll, Bob Bedwin 120.2

Ht.2: Allen Kilfoyle, Buster Frogley 110.8

Ht.3: Clem Cort, J Humphries 119.8

Ht.4: Geoff Taylor, Sonny Wilson 119.0

SF1: Buster Frogley, Bob Bedwin 111.0

SF2: Clem Cort, Sonny Wilson 118.4

Final: Buster Frogley, Bob Bedwin 108.0

Scratch

Ht.1: Bob Bedwin, Clem Cort 113.2

Ht.2: Buster Frogley, Tommy Croombs 108.4

Ht.3: Allen Kilfoyle, J Correll 118.4

Ht.4: Geoff Taylor, A Vaughan 118.0

SF1: Bob Bedwin, Clem Cort 113.0

SF2: Allen Kilfoyle, Geoff Taylor 114.0

Final: Clem Cort, Allen Kilfoyle 111.2

Hard Luck Handicap:

Ht.1: J Correll, Clem Cort 120.6

Ht.2: Larry Coffey, Sonny Wilson 119.8

Final: Larry Coffey (12 sec start), Sonny Wilson (10 sec), Clem Cort (2 sec) 120.0

Thursday 26 July 1928

Lea Bridge Handicap:

Ht.1: Tommy Croombs (8 sec start), Les Dallimore 113.8 Roger Frogley (scr) fell on last bend as he passed Croombs.

Ht.2: Larry Coffey, Les Blakebrough. 117.0

Ht.3: Buster Frogley, Jimmie Taylor. 108.4

Ht.4: Allen Kilfoyle, Hulley Howard 116.0

1st SF: Tommy Croombs, Les Dallimore [Larry Coffey f] 112.2

2nd SF: Buster Frogley, Jimmie Taylor 113.0

Final: Tommy Croombs, Buster Frogley, Les Dallimore 115.0

Novices Handicap:

Ht.1: Sonny Wilson, Jimmie Taylor, Tom Osborne f, Wellstead f, Baker ef 119.8

Ht.2: Les Standish, Les Dallimore, Roger May [Larry Coffey f] 119.0

Final: Les Standish, Jimmie Taylor, Les Dallimore f,rm 119.4

Special Handicap:

(rerun) Buster Frogley, Roger Frogley, Tommy Croombs, Les Blakebrough Hulley Howard f,ex 111.2

Sidecar Pursuit

Arthur Warwick, H E Hollis 113.2

4-lap Sidecar Record Attempt: Arthur Warwick 108.0 (new record)

1-Lap Sidecar Record Attempt: Arthur Warwick 26.8 (new record)

Saturday 28 July 1928

Lea Bridge Handicap

Ht.1: Les Blakebrough, J Corrall 111.8

Ht.2: Tommy Croombs (4 sec start), Les Standish [Hulley Howard f, Roger Frogley f] 111.8

Ht.3: Clem Cort, Buster Frogley 112.2

Ht.4: Allen Kilfoyle, Frog Anderson 110.6

Final: Tommy Croombs, Clem Cort f,rm, Les Blakebrough f,rm, Allen Kilfoyle ns (e/t) 111.2

Essex Scratch:

Ht.1: Les Blakebrough, Frog Anderson, Roger May ret, Luxford ns 111.8

Ht.2: Roger Frogley, Clem Cort [Tommy Croombs f] 104.4

Ht.3: Les Standish (only finisher), Ron Johnson (Aus) f, Hulley Howard f, Larry Coffey f 115.0

Ht.4: Allen Kilfoyle, J Corrall 112.6

SF1: Roger Frogley, Clem Cort f,rm, Les Blakebrough f,rm, Frog Anderson ef 103.8

SF2: J Corrall, Allen Kilfoyle f,rm. (only 2 riders) [Les Standish ns] 112.2

Final: Roger Frogley, Allen Kilfoyle, Clem Cort, J Corrall 104.2

1-Mile Track Record Attempt: Ron Johnson (Aus) made 4 attempts, and fell on each occasion, being obviously unhappy with the track.

Hard Luck Handicap:

Buster Frogley, G Anderson, Clem Cort f, J Corrall f 115.8

Thursday 2 August 1928

Handicap Match Race:

Buster Frogley (4 sec start), Roger Frogley (scr), Hulley Howard 110.2 32.67mph

Handicap:

Ht.1: de Raalte, A Anderson, Roger May 119.2

Ht.2: Buster Frogley, Hulley Howard [N B Luxford f] 116.2

Ht.3: Syd Chambers, Tom Osborne f,rm, F Wellstead f, Ivor Vaughan f, J Corral f,ns 120.8

Ht.4: Roy Dook, Larry Coffey [Roger Frogley f,rm] 116.0

SF1: Buster Frogley, de Raalte, Hulley Howard, A Anderson ef 115.0

SF2: Roy Dook, Tom Osborne 115.0

Final: Tom Osborne, Roy Dook, Buster Frogley 112.2

Novice:

Ht.1: Larry Coffey, Sonny Wilson 120.2

Ht.2: Syd Chambers, Holt, Roger May 119.6

Final: Larry Coffey, Syd Chambers, Holt f, Sonny Wilson f,rm,f, Roger May ns 119.0 30.10mph

Saturday 4 August 1928

"There being a rumour that racing was abandoned owing to the rain, early arrivals were delighted to find that they could walk in without paying. Their joy was shortly terminated, however, by two R.A.C officials, who herded the entire crowd out and made them re-enter in the orthodox manner." However, racing was curtailed owing to continual torrential rain.

Essex Scratch:

Ht.1: Ted Pink (awarded, after falls and engine failures affected all riders)

Ht.2: Roger Frogley, Syd Chambers 106.2

Ht.3: Buster Frogley, N B Luxford 108.2

Ht.4: Roy Dook, Roger May 112.6

Final: Roger Frogley, Roy Dook, Buster Frogley 35.43mph 101.6

Handicap:

Ht.1: Clem Cort, Roger Frogley 111.6

Ht.2: Alf Foulds, N B Luxford 119.0

Ht.3: Bert Bolt (10 sec start), Syd Chambers 118.0

Ht.4: Buster Frogley, Larry Coffey [Hulley Howard f] 113.0

Final: Clem Cort, Buster Frogley, Bert Bolt 111.8

Match Race:

Clem Cort, Roy Dook, Hulley Howard

Monday 6 August 1928 (afternoon)

Handicap:

Ht.1: Clem Cort, Allen Kilfoyle 113.6

Ht.2: Roger Frogley, Bert Bolt 102.8

Ht.3: Tommy Croombs, Roy Dook 109.0

Ht.4: H Pickance, Ted Pink f,rm [Syd Chambers f] 123.6

SF1: Allen Kilfoyle, Bert Bolt 108.2

SF2: Tommy Croombs, Roy Dook 108.4

Final: Allen Kilfoyle, Bert Bolt f,rm, Roy Dook f, Tommy Croombs ef 106.4

Novice Handicap:

Ht.1: Roy Dook, Bert Bolt f,rm, Bowden f,rm,f,rm,f,rm !!! 115.6

Ht.2: H Pickance (only 1 finisher) [Hewitt ef, Wellstead ef] 125.0

Ht.3: "Stiffy" Aston, C F Williams [Syd Chambers f] 123.8

Final: Roy Dook, Stiffy Aston, Bert Bolt 113.6

Monday 6 August 1928 (evening)

Racing abandoned due to bad light.

Essex Scratch:

Ht.1: Clem Cort, F Wellstead [Bowden f] 114.8

Ht.2: Tommy Croombs, Roy Dook, Noel Johnson 106.2

Ht.3: Roger Frogley, Allen Kilfoyle 103.4

Ht.4: Jim Kempster, Syd Chambers 109.0

SF1: Tommy Croombs, Roy Dook 106.0

SF2: Roger Frogley, Jim Kempster, Allen Kilfoyle 101.4

Final: Roger Frogley, Jim Kempster, Roy Dook 100.8

Inter-Track Race - Lea Bridge v White City, London:

Jim Kempster (WC) 101.2 Tommy Croombs (LB) f, Noel Johnson (WC) ef, Roger Frogley (LB) ef

Thursday 9 August 1928

Novice Handicap:

Ht.1: Larry Coffey, Roy Dook 115.2

Ht.2: Arthur Warwick, H Pickance [F Wellstead f] 125.2

Ht.3: Alf Foulds, Syd Chambers, [Dickie Bird ef] 117.8

Final: Larry Coffey (10 sec start) (Zenith), Roy Dook 113.2

Lea Bridge Handicap:

Ht.1: F Wellstead, H Pickance 122.4

Ht.2: J A Durant, Buster Frogley 119.0

Ht.3: Larry Coffey, Clem Cort 118.0

Ht.4: Roger Frogley, Arthur Warwick [Roy Dook f] 106.6

SF1: Buster Frogley, J A Durant 115.2

SF2: Larry Coffey, Roger Frogley [Clem Cort f] 114.6

Final: Larry Coffey (10 sec), Buster Frogley, Roger Frogley 111.2

Match Race:

Clem Cort beat Hulley Howard 115.8

Saturday 11 August 1928

Essex Scratch (rolling start)

Final: Roger Frogley (Douglas) 104.0 (34.62mph)

Lea Bridge Handicap:

Final: Roy Dook (6 sec start), Roger Frogley (scr) 112.0 (32.14mph)

Special 6-lap Handicap:

Tommy Croombs (5 sec start) 166.6 (31.14mph)

Sidecar Race (clutch start):

Arthur Warwick 111.4 (32.32mph)

Thursday 16 August 1928

Junior Handicap:

Final: Roger May

"Seconds" Handicap:

Les Barker, Roger May

Handicap:

Roger Frogley

Saturday 18 August 1928

Match Race:

Fay Taylour (7 sec start) beat Tommy Croombs

Handicap Final:

Buster Frogley.

Fay Taylour (10 sec start) won her heat and semi-final, but crashed in the final.

Thursday 23 August 1928

Match Race:

Tommy Croombs (scr) beat Buster Frogley (30 yds start) 33.32mph by half a wheel

Handicap Final:

Tommy Croombs

Novice Final:

Roger May (only 1 finisher) 30.25mph

Saturday 25 August 1928

Essex Scratch Final:

Tommy Croombs 34.16mph

Special Handicap Match Race:

Tommy Croombs (scr) beat Buster Frogley 31.80mph

Junior Handicap:

Roger May (4 sec), Bert Bolt (2 sec), Bob Bedwin (scr) 30.0mph

Sidecars:

R V Newman 31.47mph

Thursday 30 August 1928

Match Race:

Roy Dook beat Dicky Bird f

Lea Bridge Handicap:

Final: Roy Dook (6 sec), Allen Kilfoyle (4), Buster Frogley (4) 32.14mph

Novice Handicap:

Final: Roger May (2 sec), E Cox (4) 30.05mph

Saturday 1 September 1928

News of the World Belt:

Tommy Croombs, Allen Kilfoyle 33.58mph

Junior Handicap:

Clem Cort (scr), Les Standish (3 sec) 29.90mph

Match Race:

Allen Kilfoyle (Douglas) beat Roger May (Zenith) 33.64mph

Saturday 8 September 1928

Essex Scratch:

Tommy Croombs, Mart Seiffert, Roy Dook 34.48mph

Junior Handicap:

Clem Cort (scr) 31.80mph

News of the World Belt:

Tommy Croombs (holder) beat Don Durant (challenger) f 112.4 32.03 mph

Special Match Race:

Allen Kilfoyle, Tommy Croombs, Mart Seiffert 34.95mph

Saturday 15 September 1928

News of the World Belt:

Tommy Croombs (holder) beat Allen Kilfoyle (challenger) 33.27mph

Essex Scratch (rolling start):

Mart Seiffert [Tommy Croombs f] 33.09mph

Junior Handicap:

E Cox (7 sec start) 31.69mph

Match Race:

Roy Dook (3 secs) beat Tommy Croombs (scr) 2-0

Saturday 22 September 1928

Essex Scratch:

Final: Allen Kilfoyle, Del Forster

Junior Handicap:

Final: C. Holder 30.25mph

News of the World Belt:

Mart Seiffert (challenger) beat Tommy Croombs (holder) (chain broke when leading) 34.29mph

Match Race:

Allen Kilfoyle beat Mart Seiffert 2-1

Scratch:

Tommy Croombs, Mart Seiffert, Del Forster 35.93mph

Saturday 29 September 1928

Junior Handicap:

Hulley Howard (1 sec) 31.3mph

Essex Scratch (rolling start):

Tommy Croombs 35.16mph

Match Race:

Roger May beat Les Standish 2-0

Special Match Race:

Hulley Howard 34.09mph

News of the World Belt:

Tommy Croombs beat Mart Seiffert (holder) by default (Seiffert injured in crash at Wimbledon)

Saturday 6 October 1928

News of the World Belt:

Tommy Croombs (holder) beat Allen Kilfoyle (challenger) 101.0 (35.64mph) by a length

Essex Scratch (rolling start):

Tommy Croombs 102.8 (35.02mph)

Junior Handicap:

Frank Bond (3 sec start) 114.4 (31.47mph)

Hard Luck Handicap (for 2nds & 3rds in Junior Handicap):

Stiffy Aston (2 sec) 29.75mph

Saturday 13 October 1928

News of the World Belt:

Tommy Croombs (holder) beat Roger May (challenger) 34.68mph

Junior Handicap:

Roger May (scr) [H H Downes f, Roy Dook f] 32.49mph

Essex Scratch:

Allen Kilfoyle 34.62mph

Match Race:

Allen Kilfoyle beat Tommy Croombs 2-1

Saturday 20 October 1928

Junior Handicap:

Ht.1: Bert Bolt, A G How 31.30mph

Ht.2: Sonny Fraser, Ernie Perry 29.27mph

Ht.3: A J Gregory, H A Crouch 29.27

Ht.4: Dicky Bird, Les Standish 30.82

SF1: Bert Bolt, Sid Chambers 30.17

SF2: Albert Savory, A J Gregory 30.41

Final: Les Standish, Bert Bolt 31.92

Essex Scratch

Ht.1: F W Bond, Bert Bolt 33.00

Ht.2: A J Gregory, T H Greig 32.03

Ht.3: Les Standish, Gordon Rex 32.97

Ht.4: Albert Savory, Gordon Rex 33.96

SF1: Bert Bolt, A J Gregory 31.97

SF2: Albert Savory & Les Standish dead-heat 33.03

Final: Albert Savory, Les Standish 108.8 sec

Lea Bridge v White City

Ht.1: Sid Chambers (WC), Bert Bolt (LB) 31.03mph

Ht.2: Les Standish (LB), F Wellstead (LB) 32.91

Final: F Wellstead (LB) 32.43