

LEA BRIDGE SPEEDWAY

TOTALISATOR BETTING SPRING 1932

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Totalisator Betting, Spring 1932.

The 4th March 1932 edition of the Hackney Gazette and North London Advertiser carried an item stating that the National Speedway Association's ultimatum to the management of the Lea Bridge Speedway calling upon them to abandon their scheme to introduce Totalisator betting during the coming season expired at midday, Wednesday 2nd March.

Having failed to give the necessary undertaking the club ceased to be members of the Association.

E.J. Bass, managing director of Lea Bridge, said they had tendered their resignation alleging unfair treatment by the Association in allotting Test Matches and unsatisfactory conditions regarding new riders.

"In time we hope other clubs will join the scheme and then league and cup matches can be arranged as before."

18 riders had been signed on with another batch to be considered.

Lea Bridge Speedway advertised the events as Tote-Track Racing. "A Bet and a Thrill." Every Wednesday and Saturday at 8.15. Admission 1/- and 2/-. Thousands of covered seats.

Bets, in 2 shilling units, could be made forecasting race winners. Place bets could also be made, paying out on first and second places.

In addition to the betting on each race, there was also the totalisator double for forecasting the winners of heats 3 and 5.

The figures in brackets after the riders' names, indicate the seconds start given over the scratch riders.

Riders didn't use pseudonyms as has sometimes been suggested.

Saturday, 26th March.

What was described as moody weather interfered with the opening of the first speedway "Tote" at Lea Bridge. The crowd was large but below the number expected.

The totalisator attracted many patrons and betting was brisk although a large section of the spectators was content with the thrills of the speedway alone.

Odds as high as 70-1 were paid at the meeting.

London Handicap.

Race 1	1. Alf Foulds (10, 2. Lou Burger (3), 3. Bill Crouch (1).)	96.4secs.	S Edmonds (Sc)- fell & J Stevens (2) also rode.
Race 2	1. Wally Banner (1), 2. Bert Scott (1), 3. Reg Stanley (Sc).	96.4secs.	Eric Spencer (Sc) & C Vincent (3) also rode.
Race 3	1. Roy Dook (1), 2. Stew. Fairbairn (Sc), Dicky Bird (2).	95.2secs.	Jerry Rogers (2) & Don Boswell (2) also rode.
Race 4	1. Jim Huxley (2), 2. Bill Spencer (3), 3. Doug Stewart (1).	99.4secs.	Harry Bray (Sc) & Howie Osment (£0 also rode.
Race 5	1. G Spalding (1), 2. L Blakeborough (Sc), 3. M Harvey (3).	98.8secs	Fred Ralph (Scr) & Bill Albert (2) also rode.
Final.	1. J Huxley (2), 2. W Banner (1), 3. R Dook (1), 4. A Foulds (1), 5. G Spalding (1).	96.4secs.	
Lea Bridge Scratch.	1. Bill Albert, 2. Jimmy Stevens, 3. Jerry Rogers.	99.6secs.	Jim Huxley & Dicky Bird also rode.
Hackney Silver Plate.	1. Lou Burger, 2. Bill Spencer, 3. C. Vincent.	99.2secs.	Howie Osment & Jack Slater also rode.
Walthamstow Scratch	1. Stewie Fairbairn, 2. Les Blakeborough, 3. Eric Spencer.	95.6secs.	Fred Ralph & Reg stanley also rode.

The race details have been taken from a copy of the meeting programme, kindly provided by Barry Stephenson. Tote payout details aren't available for this meeting, but the programme does give details of the riders' prize money :-

Races 1 to 5 - 1st £3, 2nd £2 & 3rd £1.

London Handicap Final - 1st £50, 2nd £15 & 3rd £7.

The Lea Bridge Scratch and the Hackney Silver Plate - 1st £4, 2nd £2 & 3rd £1.

The Walthamstow Scratch - 1st £6, 2nd £3 and 3rd £2.

Races took place at 15 minute intervals with riders parading round the track 10 minutes before each race.

Easter Monday, 28th March.

Improved weather brought a much larger crowd of about 7,000 to the second meeting but the tote arrangements proved scarcely adequate.

E.J. Bass said the track made a very satisfactory start under the new scheme but the tote would need to be extended.

The Tote Double paid £5 on a 2/- stake for forecasting the winners of heats 3 and 5.

No race or heat details given.

A "Tote Track Racing Association" had been formed under the chairmanship of Lord Strathspey.

To guard against betting abuses, the Association's first regulation prohibited betting by any rider or official participating in the meeting.

Failure to comply would entail instant suspension and a warning off from all tracks affiliated to the Association.

A steward, appointed by the Association, was to be in sole charge at all meetings with the power to "demand an explanation from any rider who fails to complete a race or whose machine breaks down".

A starting gate devised by Claude Langdon, the Lea Bridge manager, was being introduced the following week, track lighting was practically doubled and loudspeakers, costing £500, installed.

Wednesday, March 30th.

The first meeting, but it was felt to be too early to pass comment on the new venture. Inclement weather badly affected the attendance. More totalisators were needed, there being insufficient for the small crowd.

Tote Double, including 2s stake, 29s 3d. 21 winners.

			Tote payout, incl 2s stake		
			<u>First</u>	<u>Place 1st</u>	<u>Place 2nd</u>
London Handicap.					
Race 1	1. Lou Burger (2), 2 Fred Ralph (1), 3 Eric Spencer (1).	98.2secs	4s 6d	3s 9d	2s 9d
Race 2	1 Bill Palmer (2), 2. Alf Foulds (1), 3 Don Boswell (2).	93.8secs	35s 3d	14s	3s 3d
Race 3	1 H Osment (3), 2 L Blakeborough (Sc), 3 D Stewart (1).	98.2secs	6s 6d	2s 9d	4s 6d
Race 4	1 Bert Scott (2), 2 Roy Dook (Scr), 3 Jim Huxley (1).	97.4secs	9s	3s 9d	3s 3d
Race 5	1 J Stevens (2), 2 S Fairbairn (Scr), 3 Syd Edmonds (1).	99.2secs	6s 9d	3s 6d	3s 6d
Leyton Scratch.	1 Eric Spencer, 2 Howie Osment.	97.2secs	6s	3s 3d	3s 3d
Homerton Scratch	1 Bill Spencer, 2 Martin Harvey, 3 Bill Albert.	101.4secs	8s 6d	3s 9d	7s 9d
Tottenham Scratch	1 Roy Dook, 2 Stewie Fairbairn, 3 Jim Huxley.	91.8secs	7s 6d	2s 6d	2s 9d
Half Mile dash	1 Wally Banner, 2 Lou Burger, 3 Don Boswell.	51.2secs	16s 9d	6s 9d	4s

Saturday, April 2nd.

In spite of poor weather 5,000 spectators turned out to see the semi-finals and final of the London Handicap. Bill Palmer was favourite for the final, but he made a poor start. Alf foulds won by 3 lengths from Roy Dook.

In addition to the scratch races, 1 lap dashes, with flying starts were held, won by Stevie Fairbairn. Roy Dook fell.

The tote double, on heats 3 and 5 paid out 19s 3d. There were 38 winning tickets.

London Handicap.					
1st semi	1 Bill Palmer (2), 2 Jimmy Stevens (2), Howie Osment (3).	93.8secs	12s 3d	4s 3d	3s 6d
2nd semi	1 Roy Dook (scr), 2 Alf Foulds (1), Les Blakeborough (Scr).	92.4secs	5s 9d	3s 3d	4s
Final	1 Alf Foulds (1), Roy Dook (Scr), Les Blakeborough (Scr).	94secs	14s 9d	6s 6d	4s 3d
Hainault Scratch	1 Les Blakeborough, 2 Alf Foulds, 3 Eric Spencer.	93.2secs	5s 3d	2s 9d	3s
Clissold Scratch	1 Jim Huxley, 2 Gordon Spalding 3 Wally Banner.	96secs	5s 3d	3s 3d	4s 6d
Finsbury scratch	1 Reg Stanley, 2 Don Boswell, 3 Doug Stewart	96.2secs	5s 3d	3s 3d	3s 3d
Edmonton Scratch	1 Bert Scott, 2 Lou Burger, 3 Bill Crouch.	97.8secs	8s 6d	3s 3d	2s 6d
Half Mile Dash	1 Jerry Rogers, 2 Spencer Stratton, 3 Martin Harvey.	50.2secs	9s 3d	4s 9d	4s 3d
Track Record Comp.	1 Stewie Fairbairn 21.6secs, 2 Alf Foulds 22secs, 3 Bill Palmer 22.2 secs		7s 6d	5s 3d	3s 9d

Wednesday, 6th April.

Qualifying rounds of the London Handicap occupied the major part of the programme, with the semi-finals and final to be staged on Saturday.

Weather conditions were against a good attendance but the racing was keen.

In heat 2 of the handicap Doug Stewart fell on lap 2. Roy Dook and Jerry Rogers, close behind, did well to avoid him by riding on the grass. The stewards ordered a re-run.

Jack Smythe by winning the 3rd race at 20s 3d to a 2s unit upset the punters' calculations in the double event.

The tote double, races 3 and 5, paid out £5 16s 3d. There were only 3 winning tickets.

		<u>Tote payout, incl. 2s stake.</u>				
		<u>First</u>	<u>Place, 1st.</u>	<u>Place, 2nd.</u>		
London Handicap						
Race 1	1 H Traynor (3), 2 L Blakeborough (Scr), 3 G Spalding (2).	97.4 secs	6s 9d	3s 6d	3s 9d	
Race 2	1 Roy Dook (Scr), 2 Jack Sykes (3), 3 Jerry Rogers (3).	95.2 secs	3s 3d	2s 6d	5s 6d	
Race 3	1 Jack Smythe (3), Jim Huxley (2), 3 Eric Spencer (2).	97 secs	20s 3d	10s 9d	3s	
Race 4	1 Lou Burger (3), 2 Reg Stanley (2).	100 secs	5s 6d	2s 3d	2s 3d	
Race 5	1 S Fairbairn (Scr), 2 H Osment (3), 3 F Ralph (2).	94 secs	5s 3d	3s 3d	3s 6d	
Junior Scratch						
Race 1	1 Howie Osment, 2 Don Boswell, 3 Bill Spencer.	98.2 secs	7s 3d	3s 9d	5s	
Race 2	1 Howard Traynor, 2 Jack Sykes, 3 Stan Reynolds.	96.2 secs	6s 9d	2s 9d	3s	
Final	1 Howard Traynor, Don Boswell, 3 Jack Sykes.	96.2 secs	3s 6d	3s	5s 3d	
Track Record	1 J Sykes 22.2 secs, 2 H Osment 22.4, 3 S Reynolds and J Smythe 22.8.		5s 9d	2s 6d	2s 9d	

Saturday, 9th April.

Howie Osment was in great form, winning 4 races including 2 finals.

The grading of the riders was not up to the usual standard. The limit man won every race, with one exception when he fell while leading. There were, however, some close finishes.

The final of the Hainault handicap was re-run when Dicky Bird crashed into the fence on lap 1. He suffered slight concussion and was unable to take part in the re-run. The totalisator refunded the stakes to his supporters.

The totalisator double paid out 7s 9d. There were 99 winning tickets.

Hainault Handicap

Race 1	1 Dicky Bird (3), 2 Jim Huxley (2), 3 Don Durant (2).	94.4 secs	£1 2s	8s 6d	4s 3d
Race 2	1 J Rogers (3), 2 L Blakeborough (Scr), 3 Don Boswell (2).	98.4 secs	7s 3d	3s	4s 9d
Race 3	1 H Traynow (3), 2 S Fairbairn (Scr), 3 Stiffy Aston (2).	95 secs	4s	2s 3d	2s 9d
Race 4	1 Howie Osment (3), 2 Reg Stanley (2), 3 Alf Foulds (Scr).	93.8 secs	9s	4s	3s 9d
Race 5	1 R Dook (Scr), 2 G Spalding (2), 3 C Rickard (3).	97.4 secs	4s 9d	3s 3d	4s
Final	1 H Osment (3), 2 H Traynow (3), 3 Roy Dook (Scr).	95.4 secs	5s	2s 3d	3s 3d

London Handicap Stakes

1st Semi	1 H Traynow (3), 2 R Dook (Scr), 3 J Smythe (3).	93.8 secs	5s 3d	3s 3d	10s
2nd Semi	1 Howie Osment (3), 2 Jack Sykes (3), 3 Reg Stanley (2).	95 secs	3s	2s 9d	5s 9d
Final	1 Howie Osment (3), 2 Howard Traynor (3), 3 J Smythe (3).	94.2 secs	9s	3s	2s 9d

Wednesday, 13th April

It was wintry but the fans were treated to keen exciting racing.

Eric Spencer won the Clacton and Ilford handicaps from the 2 secs. mark and was unfortunate to fall in the Hampstead Scratch when about to overtake Fred Ralph.

Jack Smythe and Fred Ralph upset all calculations by winning the 3rd and 5th races, the totalisator double, £21 13s 9d being paid on a 2s unit. The number of winners, if any, was not recorded.

Clacton Handicap	1 Eric Spencer (2), 2 Roy Dook (Scr), 3 Don Durant (2)	93.8 secs	15s 9d	4s 3d	3s
Highbury Scratch	1 Roy Dook, 2 Les Blakeborough, 3 Alf Foulds.	92 secs	4s 9d	3s	10s 3d
Camden Scratch	1 Jack Smythe, 2 Jack Sykes, 3 Lou Burger.	97.4 secs	12s 3d	5s	3s 6d
Ilford Handicap	1 Eric Spencer (2), 2 Jack Smythe (2), 3 Roy Dook (Scr).	95.2 secs	4s 9d	3s	4s 9d
Hampstead Scratch	1 Fred Ralph, 2 Jimmy Stevens.	95.2 secs	11s 6d	8s 6d	6s 9d
Finsbury Handicap	1 L Blakeborough (Scr), 2 S Fairbairn (Scr), 3 B Spencer (3).	94.4 secs	10s 6d	6s	5s 6d
Tottenham Handicap	1 Alf Foulds (Scr), 2 Don Boswell (3), 3 Doug Stewart (2).	96.8 secs	17s	6s 3d	4s 6d
Shoreditch Handicap	1 Bill Spencer (3), 2 S Fairbairn (Scr), 3 Al Wilkinson (Scr).	95.4 secs	27s 6d	5s 3d	2s 6d
Dalston Handicap	1 Don Boswell (3), 2 Jack Sykes (3), 3 Doug Stewart (2).	97.2 secs	6s 3d	3s 3d	3s 3d

Saturday, 16th April - meeting cancelled, track waterlogged.

Wednesday, 20th April.

There was a good attendance with additional totalisators in operation. This should enable more races in future.

Les Blakeborough won the opening event easily and just failed, by a length, to catch Jack Smythe, who had a 3 secs. start in the Shoreditch handicap.

Martin Harvey led the Tottenham Handicap but went wide on the last bend to let Reg Stanley through. Reg Stanley also won the Highbury Scratch Race.

Stew Fairbairn, the favourite, won the first race of the totalisator double, the Finsbury Handicap. Jack Smythe won the second race. The tote double paid 16s on a 2s ticket. There were 52 winners.

Jack Smythe won the Camden Scratch and the Ilford and Shoreditch handicaps.

No heat details.

Saturday, 23rd April.

3,000 spectators were treated to very close finishes in a mainly handicap programme.

Alf Foulds was beaten into second in the Ilford Handicap after going wide on the last bend.

Jimmy Stevens fell in the South London Handicap and Fred Ralph was forced into the fence avoiding him.

Les Blakeborough won the Walthamstow and Surrey Handicaps, but overslid in the Leyton Handicap when he was about to pass the leaders.

The totalisator double was £3 17s for a 2s unit. There were 11 winners.

			<u>Tote payout, incl 2s stake.</u>		
			<u>First.</u>	<u>Place 1st.</u>	<u>Place 2nd.</u>
Chingford Hanicap	1 Lou Burger (3), 2 Reg Stanley (1), 3 Howie Osment (1).	96 secs	12s 3d	3s 9d	5s 3d
Ilford Handicap	1 Jimmy Stevens (1), 2 Alf Foulds (Scr), 3 Eric Spencer (1).	96.6 secs	8s 3d	3s 3d	3s 6d
Walthamstow Hand'p.	1 L Blakeborough (Scr), 2 D Boswell (3), 3 S Aston (3).	94.2 secs	5s 3d	3s	2s
South London Hand.	1 Wally Banner (2), 2 Doug Stewart (2).	96.8 secs	7s 9d	2s 9d	3s
Tottenham Handicap	1. Eric Spencer (1), 2 Alf Foulds (Scr), 3 Martin Harvey (2).	95.6 Secs	16s	6s	3s 6d
Wimbledon Handicap	1. Don Boswell (3), 2 Doug Stewart (3), 3 Alf Foulds (1).	94.2 secs	4s 6d	3s	4s 6d
Surrey Handicap	1. L Blakeborough (Scr), 2 J Stevens (2), 3 F Ralph (1).	94.4 secs	4s 9d	3s 3d	4s 6d
Leyton handicap	1 Reg Stanley (1), 2 Martin Harvey (3), 3 Dick Bond? (3).	94.8 secs	12s	5s	9s
Half Mile Dash	1 Doug Stewart, 2 Wally Banner, 3 Lou Burger.	47.8 secs	13s 6d	4s 6d	6s 9d

Wednesday, 27th April.

Handicap races were again the feature.

The Dalston Handicap produced a fine struggle with limit men, Dicky Bird and Jerry Rogers exchanging the lead. Rogers won by 3 lengths. The tote paid out £4. 6s 3d on a 2s unit. Odds of over 40-1.

Jack Sykes maintained his form winning the Sydenham Scratch and the Chippenham and Highbury Handicaps.

Lou Burger was unfortunate in the Amhurst Handicap, suffering engine failure on the last lap whilst leading. He crawled round for third place. The race went to local favourite, Martin Harvey.

50 punters were successful in the totalisator double. The dividend was 15s.

No race details.

Saturday, 30th April.

It was Don Boswell's turn for success. He won two handicaps and a scratch race.

Jimmy Stevens and Les Blakeborough both suffered misfortune. Stevens led the Orpington Scratch for 31/2 laps before shedding a tyre. Blakeborough's silencer became loose when he was well up with the leaders in the Loughton Scratch.

The totalisator double paid £2.13s 6d. There were 20 winners.

Betchworth Handicap	1 D Stewart (2), 2 L Blakeborough (Scr), 3 J Smythe (2).	93.8 secs	12s	3s 9d	2s 9d
Cuffley Handicap	1 Jimmy Stevens (2), 2 Wally Banner (2), 3 E Spencer (1).	95.2 Secs	5s 9d	3s 3d	4s 6d
Ilford Handicap	1 Don Boswell (2), 2 Jack Smythe (2), 3 Jack Sykes (1).	94.4 secs	5s 6d	2s 6d	3s 3d
Ashtead Handicap	1 Wally Banner (2), 2 L Blakeborough (1), M Harvey (3).	97.4 secs	9s 9d	3s	2s 9d
Elstree Handicap	1 L Burger (2), 2 Jimmy Stevens (2), 3 Doug Stewart (2).	99secs	Details not given.		
Sydenham Handicap	1 Dick Bird (3), 2 Jack Smythe (2), 3 Jack Sykes (1).	98.4 Secs	7s 3d	3s	2s 9d
Orpington Scratch	1 Don Boswell, 2 Jimmy Stevens, 3 Lou Burger.	96.4 Secs	9s 6d	3s 9d	3s 9d
Loughton Scratch	1 Fred Ralph, 2 Alf Foulds, 3 Reg Stanley.	100.4 Secs	14s 3d	9s 6d	8s 9d
Ruislip Handicap	1 Don Boswell (2), 2 Reg Stanley (1), 3 Martin Harvey (3).	95.2 Secs	3s 9d	3s	5s 6d

It was announced that Wednesday meetings were no longer to be held. Saturdays only until Whit Monday, then Mons. and Sats.

Saturday, 7th May.

2,000 fans saw more double and treble successes.

Reg Stanley and Jack Smythe both recorded 3 wins.

Eric Spencer had bad luck in the Hertford Scratch Race. He had left the rest behind but suffered engine failure on the last bend.

The totalisator double paid out £3. 8s. 9d.. There were 10 winners.

			<u>Tote payout, incl. 2s stake.</u>		
			<u>First.</u>	<u>Place, 1st.</u>	<u>Place, 2nd</u>
Dalston Handicap.	1 R Stanley (2), 2 L Blakeborough (1), 3 W Banner (2).	95.4secs	7s 6d	3s	3s 6d
Clacton Scratch Race	1 Jack Smythe, 2 Doug Stewart, 3 Eric Spencer.	95.4secs	12s	6s 6d	4s 6d
Tottenham Handicap.	1 Jack Smythe (2), 2 Alf Foulds (1), 3 Fred Ralph (2).	94.8secs	6s	4s	5s 3d
Chingford Handicap.	1 Reg Stanley (2), 2 Jimmy Stevens (2), 3 M Harvey (3).	96secs	5s 3d	3s	4s 6d
Hertford Scratch.	1 Lou Berger, 2 Wally Banner.	97secs	16s 3d	4s 3d	3s 6d
Ilford Handicap.	1 Reg Stanley (2), 2 Dicky Bird (3), 3 Les Blakeborough (1).	96.8secs	3s 9d	3s 3d	4s
Welwyn Handicap.	1 Fred Ralph (2), 2 Jack Sykes (2), 3 Don Boswell (1).	94.6secs	5s 3d	3s 3d	3s 3d
Hatfield Hanicap.	1 Eric Spencer (2), 2 Lou Burger (2), 3 Alf Foulds (1).	94.4secs	4s 6d	3s 3d	5s
Leyton Handicap.	1 Jack Smythe (2), 2 Matin Harvey (3), 3 Don Boswell (1).	96.8secs	4s 9d	2s 9d	6s

Saturday, 14th May.

A meeting of very close finishes. Dicky Bird, Reg Stanley and Lou Burger each recorded two wins.

Doug Stewart won the Harlow Handicap but suffered engine failure whilst leading the Ashurst Handicap.

The totalisator double paid out 8s. There were 93 winners.

Heat details not given.

Monday 16th May.

A small Bank Holiday crowd saw Doug Stewart lead the opening event, the Becontree Handicap, before falling on the last lap. He remounted for 3rd and later won the Essendon Handicap and the Laindon Scratch Race.

Jack Stewart won the Cuffley and Orpington Handicaps from the 1 second mark.

The totalisator double paid £4. 11s 6d. There were 7 winning tickets.

Heat details not given

Saturday, 21st May.

Three new features were introduced. Two totalisator doubles, heats 3 & 5 and heats 6 & 8; rolling starts in scratch races and on course bookmakers.

The bookmakers didn't find trade very brisk. Rain fell practically throughout the meeting, keeping the attendance down.

The churned state of the track towards the close made racing a farce.

Riders found it difficult to get their mounts to start and the last race was re-run as all riders, with the exception of Spalding fell.

Totalisator doubles - Heats 3 and 5, £2. 7s (8 winners); Heats 6 and 8, £4. 5s. 9d (3 winners).

Cuffley Scratch Race	1 Reg Stanley, 2 Lou Burger, 3 Eric Spencer	92.4 secs	5s 3d	3s 3d	5s 6d
Becontree Handicap	1 Jack Sykes (2), 2 Jack Smythe (1).	97.6 secs	3s	2s 9d	6s
Regent Scratch Race	1 Reg Stanley, 2 Jack Smythe, 3 Bill Palmer.	93.2 Secs	11s 9d	3s 9d	4s 3d
Chippenham Hand'c'p	1 Dicky Bird (2), 2 Doug Stewart (2), Howie Osment (3).	94.6 secs	5s	2s 6d	2s 6d
Clapton Scratch Race	1 Alf Foulds, 2 Eric Spencer, 3 Jimmy Stevens.	93.8 secs	7s 9d	3s 9d	3s 6d
Tottenham Handicap	1 B Palmer (1), 2 L Blakeborough (1), 3 J Stevens (2).	101 secs	5s 3d	12s 3d	3s 6d
Laindon Scratch Race	1 Doug Stewart, 2 Jack Sykes, 3 Stiffy Aston.	95.4 Secs	11s 6d	5s	3s 3d
Ashtead Scratch Race	1 Reg Stanley, 2 Jack Smythe.	96.8 secs	4s 3d	2s 9d	3s 6d
Opington Handicap	1 Gordon Spalding (2), 2 Jack Sykes (2).	114.2 secs	5s	4s 6d	2s 6d

Monday, 23rd May.

A small attendance but the racing was keen and exciting.

Martin Harvey, a track favourite, created a surprise by winning the Chippenham Handicap by 2 lengths from Reg Stanley, who was suffering engine problems. Martin Harvey also won the Orpington Handicap.

Jimmy Stevens gave a glimpse of his old form in winning the Clapton Scratch Race.

Les Blakeborough recorded three wins, the Tottenham Handicap and the Regent and the Bexley Scratch races.

Totalisator doubles - Heats 3 and 5, 15s (22 winners); Heats 6 and 8, £2. 8s 6d (5 winners).

Heat details not given.

Friday, 27th May.

Under the headline "End of Tote Track Racing", the Hackney Gazette and Stoke Newington Advertiser reported that owing to lack of support the Lea Bridge Tote Track meetings had been discontinued.

It went on to report that the track had been leased, for the rest of the season, to the Southampton Speedway management who were to stage their matches at Lea Bridge. It was also quite possible that Southampton would change their name to Clapton later in the season.

Wednesday, 1st June.

A reported crowd of 12,000 turned out to see the Southampton Saints lose their first match 22-31, a N.S.A. National League fixture, v. Stamford Bridge.

Friday, 3rd June.

The Hackney Gazette confirmed the totalisator and every other form of betting had stopped at Lea Bridge.

Southampton, who would be known as the "Saints" for the time being, had received official A.C.U. sanction to hold the remainder of their home engagements at the track.

As soon as the first half of the season ended, ie the N.S.A. National League fixtures, in the first week in July, the "Saints" were to change their name. Lea Bridge, North London, Clapton and Lea Saints were titles suggested.

Wednesday, 8th June.

It was announced that the "Saints" were now known as Clapton.