

## LEICESTER INDOOR SPEEDTRACK 1972

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Compiled by Keith Corns

Venue: Granby Halls, Aylestone Road, Leicester

Promoters: Harry Bastable and Alan Eagles

Manager: Vic White

Track length: Just under 100 yards

Track surface: concrete

Machines: 175cc

Races: 5 laps, clutch start



### Meetings

10<sup>th</sup> January 1972

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Leicester Hunters v Midland Grass Track Stars (Cancelled – fuel crisis)

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 1972**

**Midland Riders' Individual Championship**

Roger Mills	0	1	0	0	2	3	
Tony Darby	2	2	1	2	0	7	
Arthur Price	1	2	1	2	2	8	
Graham Plant	3	3	0	0	3	9	
Geoff Bouchard	1	0	0	0	2	3	
Arthur Browning	2	3	3	3	0	11	(2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Alan Harvey	3	0	0	2	1	6	
Joe Hughes	0	1	2	1	3	7	
Andy Hunt	1	2	3	2	3	11	
Steve Bass	0	1	0	1	1	3	
Rob Homer	3	3	1	0	1	8	
George Major	2	0	3	3	1	9	
James Bond	3	3	3	3	3	15	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Bruce Forrester	1	0	0	1	0	2	
John Knock	0	1	2	0	0	3	
Chris Harrison	2	2	2	3	2	11	(3 <sup>rd</sup> )

Peter Wrathall (res)

J Gardner (res)

Ht 1: Plant, Darby, Price, Mills	46.8 (record established)
Ht 2: Harvey, Browning, Bouchard, Hughes (f)	49.0
Ht 3: Homer, Major, Hunt, Bass	48.8
Ht 4: Bond, Harrison, Forrester, Knock	47.2
Ht 5: Bond, Hunt, Mills, Bouchard (f)	48.4
Ht 6: Browning, Darby, Bass, Forrester (f)	48.2
Ht 7: Homer, Price, Knock, Harvey (f)	46.6 (record)
Ht 8: Plant, Harrison, Hughes, Major (f)	48.4
Ht 9: Browning, Harrison, Homer, Mills	44.8 (record)
Ht 10: Major, Knock, Darby, Bouchard	46.0
Ht 11: Hunt, Hughes, Price, Forrester (f)	46.6
Ht 12: Bond, Plant (f), Bass (f), Harvey (f)	47.0
Ht 13: Major, Harvey, Forrester, Mills	46.0
Ht 14: Bond, Darby, Hughes, Homer (f)	47.2
Ht 15: Harrison, Price, Bass, Bouchard	47.0
Ht 16: Browning, Hunt, Plant (f), Knock (f)	45.8
Ht 17: Hughes, Mills, Bass, Knock (f)	47.4
Ht 18: Hunt, Harrison, Harvey, Darby	47.2
Ht 19: Bond, Price, Major, Browning	45.4
Ht 20: Plant, Bouchard, Homer, Forrester	46.2
2 <sup>nd</sup> place run-off: Browning, Harrison, Hunt	45.6

Attendance reported as 1,500. Thought to be an over-inflated figure as the length of the track was around 100 yards with viewing on three sides only and photos from the first meeting show fans three deep at best and all on one level.

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 1972**

**Leicester Hunters 36 Wolverhampton Wasps 53**

**Leicester**

Graham Plant	1	0	0	0	1			
Joe Hughes	0	2	3	1	6			
Bruce Forrester	1	0	0	3	1	5		
Roger Mills	0	2	2'	0	4	1		
Geoff Bouchard	1'	3	3	1	1	0	9	1
Steve Bass	2	0	3	3	8			
John Knock	0	0						
Peter Wrathall	1	2'	3	1				

**Wolverhampton**

James Bond	2'	1'	2	1'	6	3
Arthur Price	3	2	2'	2	9	1
George Major	3	1	3	3	10	
Chris Harrison	0	3	0	2'	5	1
Arthur Browning	3	3	1'	0	7	1
Alan Harvey	2'	1	0	2	5	1
Rob Homer	2'	1	3	6	1	
Howard Cole	3	0	2'	5	1	

Ht 1: Price, Bond, Plant, Hughes	48.4	1	5	1	5
Ht 2: Browning, Harvey, Forrester (f rm), Mills (f rm)	48.0	1	5	2	10
Ht 3: Major, Bass, Bouchard, Harrison	48.8	3	3	5	13
Ht 4: Cole, Homer, Wrathall, Knock (f)	47.4	1	5	6	18
Ht 5: Browning, Hughes, Harvey, Plant (f exc)	47.6	2	4	8	22
Ht 6: Harrison, Mills, Major (f rmt'd), Forrester (f exc)	47.8	2	4	10	26
Ht 7: Bouchard, Price, Bond, Bass (f)	47.0	3	3	13	29
Ht 8: Bouchard, Mills, Homer, Harrison (ef)	48.0	5	1	18	30
Ht 9: Major, Price, Bouchard, Plant	47.4	1	5	19	35
Ht 10: Hughes, Bond, Browning, Forrester (f)	48.8	3	3	22	38
Ht 11: Bass, Wrathall, Harvey (f), Cole (ret)	49.8	5	0	27	38
Ht 12: Major, Harrison, Hughes, Plant (f)	47.4	1	5	28	43
Ht 13: Forrester, Price, Bond, Mills (f)	48.0	3	3	31	46
Ht 14: Bass, Harvey, Bouchard (f rmt'd), Browning (f)	49.0	4	2	35	48
Ht 15: Homer, Cole, Forrester, Bouchard (f)	47.4	1	5	36	53

**Handicap Event (6 laps, clutch start)**

Ht 1: Hughes (gate), Major (10 yds), Bond (10 yds), Mills (gate) (f)	57.4 (6 lap track record)
Ht 2: Knock (gate), Harvey (gate), Bouchard (10 yds), Browning (10 yds) (f)	58.0
Ht 3: Cole (gate), Price (10 yds), Plant (gate), Bass (10 yds) (f exc)	58.4
Ht 4: Harrison (10 yds), Forrester (gate), Homer (10 yds), Wrathall (gate)	56.0 (record)
Final (6 riders, 8 laps): Price (gate), Cole (20 yds), Major (gate) Forrester (gate) (f exc), [Hughes (20 yds), Knock (20 yds), Harrison (20yds) Harvey (gate) (no start).	

Attendance reported as 1,400.

**Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 1972**  
**Midland Riders Best Pairs Tournament**

Graham Plant	3 0 3 0 3 0	9	
Pete Taylor	1 1 0 2 0 1	5	
	Total		14
Roger Mills	0 2 1 2 2 2	9	
Steve Bass	2 1' 0 0 0 0	3 1	
	Total		12
Geoff Bouchard	1 0 2 0 2 1	6	
Joe Hughes	0 3 1' 1 1' 3	9 2	
	Total		15
Arthur Price	3 3 3 1' 2' 1'	13 2	
Malcolm Corradine	2' 0 2' 2 3 2	11 2	
	Total		24 (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Chris Harrison	1' 1 3 0 2 2	9 1	
Phil Corin	2 2 0 3 1 0	8	
	Total		17
Arthur Browning	3 3 3 3 3 3	18	
Tony Darby	0 0 1 2' 1 0	4 1	
	Total		22 (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Rob Homer	3 2 2 3 3 1	14	
Alan Harvey	2' 1' 1' 0 0 3	7 3	
	Total		21 (3 <sup>rd</sup> )

Ht 1: Plant, Bass, Taylor, Mills	51.2
Ht 2: Price, Corradine, Bouchard, Hughes (f exc)	49.8
Ht 3: Browning, Corin, Harrison, Darby	50.2
Ht 4: Homer, Harvey, Taylor, Plant (f)	49.0
Ht 5: Hughes, Mills, Bass, Bouchard (f)	50.0
Ht 6: Price, Corin, Harrison, Corradine	49.6
Ht 7: Browning, Homer, Harvey, Darby	48.0
Ht 8: Plant, Bouchard, Hughes, Taylor	49.8
Ht 9: Price, Corradine, Mills, Bass	49.0
Ht 10: Harrison, Homer, Harvey, Corin	49.2
Ht 11: Browning, Taylor, Darby, Plant	47.6
Ht 12: Corin, Mills, Harrison (exc), Bass (f excl)	49.8
Ht 13: Browning, Darby, Hughes, Bouchard	48.4
Ht 14: Homer, Corradine, Price, Harvey	47.0
Ht 15: Plant, Harrison, Corin, Taylor	47.2
Ht 16: Browning, Mills, Darby, Bass	48.2
Ht 17: Homer, Bouchard, Hughes, Harvey (ret)	49.6
Ht 18: Corradine, Price, Taylor, Plant (f)	48.2
Ht 19: Harvey, Mills, Homer, Bass	49.0
Ht 20: Hughes, Harrison, Bouchard, Corin	53.0
Ht 21: Browning, Corradine, Price, Darby (f)	46.6

**Reserves Race**  
**Alan Harvey, Pete Taylor, Steve Bass, Tony Darby 48.6**

**Attendance reported as 'dropping'.**

**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 1972**

**Leicester 28 Wolverhampton 27 Grass Stars 21 Sprite American Eagle 20 (Four Teams Trophy)**

**Leicester**

Geoff Bouchard	1	1	2	1	5
Steve Bass	1	1	0	0	2
Graham Plant	3	3	3	3	12
Malcolm Corradine	3	3	2	1	9

**Wolverhampton**

Arthur Browning	3	3	2	3	11
Alan Harvey	3	2	1	0	6
Pete Taylor	1	1	1	1	4
Tony Darby	0	2	1	3	6
J Gardner					

**Grass Stars**

Joe Hughes	2	2	2	2	8
Dave Drinkwater	2	1	3	0	6
Mike Nicholson	0	0	3	0	3
John Knock	2	0	0	2	4

**Sprite American Eagle**

Gordon Bowden	0	0	0	3	3
Terry Challenor	1	2			3
Dave Smith	2	3	3	2	10
Richard West	1	2	0	1	4
Richard Dutton	0	0			0

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Ht 1: Browning, Hughes, Bouchard, Bowden (ef)	48.2	1	3	2	0
Ht 2: Harvey, Drinkwater, Bass, Dutton	50.0	2	6	4	0
Ht 3: Plant, Smith, Taylor, Nicholson	46.0	5	7	4	2
Ht 4: Corradine, Knock, West, Darby	47.8	8	7	6	3
Ht 5: Browning, West, Bass, Nicholson	48.0	9	10	6	5
Ht 6: Smith, Harvey, Bouchard, Knock	47.4	10	12	6	8
Ht 7: Corradine, Hughes, Taylor, Dutton	46.8	13	13	8	8
Ht 8: Plant, Darby, Drinkwater, Bowden (ef)	45.8	16	15	9	8
Ht 9: Plant, Browning, Challenor, Knock	44.4*	19	17	9	9 (*record)
Ht 10: Nicholson, Corradine, Harvey, Bowden	47.2	21	18	12	9
Ht 11: Drinkwater, Bouchard, Taylor, West	47.0	23	19	15	9
Ht 12: Smith, Hughes, Darby, Bass	45.8	23	20	17	12
Ht 13: Browning, Smith, Corradine, Drinkwater	45.6	24	23	17	14
Ht 14: Plant, Hughes, West, Harvey (f)	45.4	27	23	19	15
Ht 15: Bowden, Knock, Taylor, Bass	46.4	27	24	21	18
Ht 16: Darby, Challenor, Bouchard (f rmt), Nicholson (f (rm)	47.0	28	27	21	20

**Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 1972**

**Leicester Hunters 42 Wolverhampton Wasps 36**

**Leicester**

Graham Plant	3	1	0	0	4	
Roger Mills	0	3	1'	1	5	1
Malcolm Corradine	3	2	3	0	8	
Geoff Bouchard	2	1	1	1	5	
Dave Smith	0	3	3	3	9	
Pete Taylor	3	1	1'		5	1
Mike Nicholson	2'	2	2'		6	2

**Wolverhampton**

John Knock	1'	2	0	1'	4	2
Alan Harvey	2	0	3	1	6	
Arthur Browning	2	0	2	2'	6	1
Arthur Price	1	3	3	2	9	
Chris Harrison	3	0	2'	3	8	1
<b>Tony Darby</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>			<b>2</b>	
Phil Corin	1	0	0		1	
Richard West	0				<b>0</b>	

Ht 1: Plant, Harvey, Knock, Mills	45.0	3	3	3	3
Ht 2: Taylor, Nicholson, Corin, West ( <b>Darby ns</b> )	48.0	5	1	8	4
Ht 3: Harrison, Bouchard, Price, Smith (exc)	47.6	2	4	10	8
Ht 4: Corradine, Browning, Taylor, Corin	47.2	4	2	14	10
Ht 5: Smith, Knock, Bouchard, Harvey	44.6	4	2	18	12
Ht 6: Mills, <b>Darby</b> , Plant, Browning (ef)	46.2	4	2	22	14
Ht 7: Price, Corradine, Taylor, Harrison	46.4	3	3	25	17
Ht 8: Harvey, Nicholson, Mills, Corin	45.6	3	3	28	20
Ht 9: Smith, Browning, Bouchard, <b>Darby</b>	45.0	4	2	32	22
Ht 10: Price, Harrison, Mills, Plant (f exc)	47.0	1	5	33	27
Ht 11: Corradine, Nicholson, Harvey, Knock	46.0	5	1	38	28
Ht 12: Harrison, Browning, Bouchard, Plant (ef)	47.8	1	5	39	33
Ht 13: Smith, Price, Knock, Corradine	44.2*	3	3	42	36

(\*record)

**The Newcomers' Romp (5 laps)**

**Richard West, Jim West, Richard Dutton, (3 only) 47.6**

**The Reserves' Gallop (5 laps)**

**Pete Taylor, Phil Corin, Mike Nicholson, Tony Darby 46.0**

**Team Riders' Handicap (6 laps)**

**Ht 1: Plant, Knock, Price, Harvey 54.0**

**Ht 2: Bouchard, Smith, Mills, Harrison (f) 54.0**

**Ht 3: Browning, Corradine, Taylor, Corin 53.2**

**Handicap Final (6 laps)**

**Browning, Smith, Bouchard, Knock (ret), Corradine (exc), Plant (no start) 53.0**

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> February 1972**

**Leicester Hunters 30 Sprite American Eagles 47**

**Leicester**

Graham Plant	3	3	0	1	0	7
Mike Nicholson	1	2'	1	1		5 1
Malcolm Corradine	2	0	0	0		2
Geoff Bouchard	0	2	0	1		3
Joe Hughes	1	1'	2	2		6 1
Pete Taylor	3	1'	1			5 1
John Knock	2'	0				6 2

**Sprite American Eagles**

Gordon Bowden	2	3	3	1		9
Terry Challenor	0	0	2'	2'		4 2
Dave Smith	3	0	3	3		9
Dave Drinkwater	3	3	3	3		12
Arthur Browning	2'	2'	2'	2'		8 4
Steve Bass	1	0	1			2
Steve Wilson	0	0	3			3

Ht 1: Plant, Bowden, Nicholson, Challenor	44.4	4	2	4	2
Ht 2: Taylor, Knock, Bass, Wilson (f exc)	48.6	5	1	9	3
Ht 3: Drinkwater, Browning, Hughes, Bouchard	46.8	1	5	10	8
Ht 4: Smith, Corradine, Taylor, Wilson	44.8	3	3	13	11
Ht 5: Bowden, Bouchard, Hughes, Challenor	45.0	3	3	16	14
Ht 6: Plant, Nicholson, Smith (f exc), Bass (ef)	45.8	5	0	21	14
Ht 7: Drinkwater, Browning, Taylor, Corradine (ef)	45.0	1	5	22	19
Ht 8: Wilson, Challenor, Nicholson, Knock (ret)	44.8	1	5	23	24
Ht 9: Smith, Hughes, Bass, Bouchard	44.2*	2	4	25	28
Ht 10: Drinkwater, Browning, Nicholson, Plant (ret)	44.4	1	5	26	33
Ht 11: Bowden, Challenor, Plant, Corradine (ret)	44.0**	1	5	27	38
Ht 12: Smith, Browning, Bouchard, Plant (f excl)	46.0	1	5	28	43
Ht 13: Drinkwater, Hughes, Bowden, Corradine (ef)	44.2	2	4	30	47

**Newcomers' Romp (5 laps - Winner to Heat 3, Second to Heat 4)**

Richard West, Dave Hallam, Richard Dutton, Tony Cooper 47.0

Ht 1: Terry Challenor, Pete Taylor, Steve Wilson, Graham Plant 44.2

Ht 2: Gordon Bowden, John Knock, Dave Drinkwater, Mal Corradine (no start) 44.2

Ht 3: Mike Nicholson, Joe Hughes, Richard West, Arthur Browning (ret) 44.4

Ht 4: Dave Smith, Geoff Bouchard, Dave Hallam (f), Steve Bass (exc) 44.6

Final: Bowden, Smith, Challenor, Nicholson 45.0

**Newcomers' Return (5 laps)**

Tony Cooper, Tony Smith (f), J Gardner (exc), Richard Dutton (no start) 49.0

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 1972**

**Leicester Hunters v Midland Grass Track Stars**

Cancelled due to the crisis caused by a National Union of Mineworkers strike, with 9-hour long power cuts introduced on a rota from 16<sup>th</sup> February.