

# MANCHESTER WHITE CITY 1928

## WHITE CITY STADIUM

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### Saturday 16 June 1928

Opening meeting.

Competitors included "Smoky" Spencer Stratton (347 Harley), Irvine Jones (494 Douglas), Taffy Williams (Wales)

**Golden Helmet:** Sprouts Elder (494 Douglas), Arthur Franklyn (348 Joynson).

**Championship Race:** Sprouts Elder beat A B Drew (346 New Imperial)

### Saturday 23 June 1928

Crowd: 15,000

**Open:** H R "Ginger" Lees (Rudge), Arthur Franklyn (N.U.T), Arthur Firth (Levis) 112.4

**Golden Gauntlet:** H. R. "Ginger" Lees, Arthur Firth, Tommy Hatch (Scott) 115.0

**Sidecar (2 laps):** H P Hughes (Brough), Billy Lord (Sunbeam) 61.6

### Saturday 30 June 1928

Crowd: 25,000

**500cc:** A B Drew (New Henley), Ginger Lees (Rudge-Whitworth), Arthur Firth (Levis)

**Match Race:** Sprouts Elder (Douglas) beat A B Drew (ret)

**Golden Helmet:** A B Drew, Sprouts Elder

**Sidecar Match Race:** Miss Dot Cowley beat her father, "Pa" Cowley.

### **Wednesday 4 July 1928**

**Senior Race Final:** A B Drew (New Henley), Arthur Franklyn (Rudge-Whitworth) - 109.4 (record)

**Golden Armlet Final:** H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, A B Drew, Norman Dawson.

### **Saturday 7 July 1928**

Crowd: 30,000

**"Manchester Evening News" Challenge Trophy Final:** Spencer "Smoky" Stratton, Len Padley 117.6

**Golden Gauntlet Final:** A B Drew (New Henley), Fred Fearnley (Special), Geoff Taylor (Raleigh) 110.8

**Junior Event:** W Dawson (Triumph), T F Mason (AJS)

**Sidecars:** Tommy Hatch (Scott), Billy Lord (Sunbeam)

**Sidecar Challenge:** G Matthews beat Miss Dot Cowley (fell)

### **Wednesday 11 July 1928**

Crowd: 20-25,000

**Challenge Race:** BDTRA Manchester (Arthur Franklyn & Arthur Firth) beat Derby 116.2

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**Golden Sash Final:** Fred Fearnley (Douglas), H. R. 'Ginger' Lees (Rudge), Arthur Franklyn (Rudge-Whitworth) 112.4

**Junior Event:** A J Ward (AJS), C Winston (Triumph), E Kingdom (AJS) 121.6

**Sidecars:** J Sandiford (Norton), C Marion (Triumph) 113.4

### **Saturday 14 July 1928**

Crowd: 20-30,000

**Junior Race:** Ted Egerton (Sunbeam), A B Drew (New Henley), A Douglas (Douglas)

**Senior Race Final:** Fred Fearnley (Douglas), Arthur Franklyn (Rudge-Whitworth), C Palastrand (AJS) 112.6

**Golden Helmet Final:** A B Drew, Arthur Franklyn [Sprouts Elder f, rm] 110.6

**Sidecars:** H Matthews (Norton), J Sandiford (Norton) 109.4 (record)

### **Wednesday 18 July 1928**

Crowd: 27,000

**Junior Race Final:** H R Chadwick (Cotton), J Harrison (HRD), W Holmes (Sunbeam) 117.6

**Senior Race Final:** H. R. 'Ginger' Lees (Rudge), A B Drew (New Henley), Fred Fearnley (Douglas) 108.8

**Golden Armlet:** H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, Arthur Firth (Levis), Arthur Franklyn (Rudge-Whitworth) 112.6

**Sidecars:** A Ray (Triumph), H P Hughes (Brough) 115.4

### **Saturday 21 July 1928**

Crowd: 30,000

**Handicap Final:** Arthur Franklyn, H. R. 'Ginger' Lees

**Golden Gauntlet Final:** Stewie St. George, Arthur Franklyn 107.0 (record)

**Match Race:** Clem Beckett beat A B Drew

**Manchester Evening News Challenge Cup:** Arthur Franklyn (Rudge-Whitworth) 109.2

### **Saturday 28 July 1928**

Crowd: 20-27,000

**Golden Helmet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, A B Drew 104.0 (record)

**Junior Event:** H Bentley (BSA), E Blatherwick (BSA)

**"Sunday Chronicle" Challenge Trophy:** Arthur Franklyn (Rudge), H Boulton (Norton) 105.0

**Sidecar Event:** C Schofield (Norton), H P Hughes (Brough) 119.8

### **Wednesday 1 August 1928**

Crowd: 30-35,000

**Junior Challenge Race (for Gold Bowl):** E Blatherwick (BSA), H P Walker (AJS) 118.6

**Golden Armlet:** H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, Arthur Sherlock [A B Drew f when leading] 108.0

**Senior Open:** Arthur Franklyn, Geoff Taylor, A. Norton 106.6

**Sidecars:** H Matthews, L Manion 108.4

### **Saturday 4 August 1928**

Crowd: 32-35,000.

A B Drew was taken to hospital after a crash with Geoff Taylor.

#### **Fifty Guinea Manchester Evening News Challenge Trophy**

**Final:** Arthur Franklyn (Rudge), Ginger Lees, Ernest Greenall 102.8 (record)

**Match Race:** Clem Beckett (Douglas) beat Arthur Franklyn 99.4 (record)

**Golden Gauntlet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Ginger Lees [Stewie St. George f] 100.6

**Match Race:** Geoff Taylor (Douglas) beat Sig Schlam (Douglas) 2-0

**Junior Event:** D Cottell, J Kenyon 116.4

**Sidecars:** Bob Matthews, L Manion 105.8

### **Monday 6 August 1928**

Crowd: 31-35,000

**Junior Event:** D Kenyon, E Marshall, F Thorpe 117.0

**White City Challenge Cup:** Arthur Franklyn, N Sherlock, Mark Sheldon 101.0

**Senior Event:** Arthur Franklyn, N Sherlock 101.6

**Challenge Race:** Ron Johnson beat Arthur Franklyn 102.4

**Sidecars:** H Matthews, Billy Lord, W E Paton 106.0

### Wednesday 8 August 1928

Crowd: 18-30,000.

Waterlogged track - one junior race was abandoned when all 6 riders stopped when water got into their engines.

**Pemberton Corinthian Trophy Final:** Arthur Franklyn (Rudge), R Chadwick, Clem Beckett 106.4

**Junior Event:** A C Wilson, A. E. Toleman 122.0

**Golden Sash Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Ernest Greenall, Geoff Taylor, Clem Beckett, Keith MacKay (Aus) 100.6

**Challenge Event:** Arthur Franklyn beat Geoff Taylor 104.2

**Sidecars:** H Matthews, L Manion, H P Hughes 101.0

### Saturday 11 August 1928

Crowd: 38,000.

**Match Race:** Clem Beckett beat Ron Johnson 96.0 (record)

**Match Race:** Ernest Greenall beat Mark Sheldon 102.6

**Senior Open Race:** Arthur Franklyn, H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, Clem Beckett 102.0

**Golden Helmet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Norman Dawson, A J Ward 101.4

**"Sunday Chronicle" Challenge Trophy:** C A Drew, G Gresty, E Fryer 115.8

**Sidecars:** H Matthews, L Manion, Billy Lord 100.4 (record)

### Wednesday 15 August 1928

Crowd: 30-45,000

England beat Scotland 3 races to 0:

1: H R Ginger Lees (Eng, Rudge) beat Harry Duncan (Scot, Sunbeam) 104.8

2: Clem Beckett (Eng, Douglas) beat Drew McQueen (Scot, Douglas) 113.0

3: Arthur Franklyn (Eng, Rudge) beat George McKenzie (Scot, Douglas) 105.6

**Golden Armlet Final:** Clem Beckett, Drew McQueen [Arthur Franklyn ef] 97.0 (new track record, which won Beckett the Hart Trophy)

**Senior Race:** Arthur Franklyn, Arthur Firth (Levis) 95.2 (new record)

**Junior Challenge Bowl:** C A Drew (Sunbeam), A E Toleman (New Hudson) 112.6

**Sidecar Challenge:** H Matthews (Norton) beat H P Hughes (Brough) 99.0 (record)

### **Saturday 18 August 1928**

The first coloured leathers? - "vermilion and delphinium-blue leathers worn respectively by Clem Beckett and Arthur Franklyn added gaiety to the scene".

**Golden Gauntlet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, E. Blatherwick 100.4

**Manchester Evening News 50 Guineas Challenge Trophy:**

Arthur Franklyn, H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, Norman Dawson 100.0

**Challenge Race:** Sprouts Elder beat Arthur Franklyn 92.0

**Junior Event:** Les Wotton, R S Trickett 104.8

**Sidecars:** Billy Lord, B Dobson 110.0

**Track record:** Sprouts Elder (Douglas) 91.0 (standing start)

### **Wednesday 22 August 1928**

Crowd: 40,000

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Clem Beckett 96.6

**City Hall Junior Cup:** R S Trickett, J Fisher 96.8

**Corinthian Trophy:** Skid Skinner, Arthur Franklyn 98.2

**Golden Sash:** Skid Skinner, Arthur Franklyn 100.0

### **Saturday 25 August 1928**

Crowd: 20,000

**Golden Helmet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner, F Mason 98.6

**Junior Event:** C Croster, D Kenyon, Sid Ball 110.4

**George Pemberton Trophy:** H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, Arthur Franklyn, R L Trickett 103.8

### **Wednesday 29 August 1928**

**Senior Open:** Syd Jackson (Douglas), Ginger Lees (Rudge)

**Golden Armlet:** Syd Jackson, Ginger Lees

### **Saturday 1 September 1928**

#### **Inter-Track Match:**

Manchester beat Blackpool

1: Skid Skinner (M), Ginger Lees (M), Arthur Wilcock (B) f, R Summer (B) f 98.2

2: Arthur Franklyn (M), Frank Charles (B), Dick Hayman (M) f

3: Ernest Greenall (M), Cyril Wilcock (B), Norman Dawson (M) f

**Manchester Evening News Trophy:** Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner 100.0

**Challenge:** Skid Skinner beat Arthur Franklyn 97.6

**Golden Gauntlet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner, H. R. 'Ginger' Lees 99.8

**Junior Challenge Trophy:** Tommy Withington, J Entwistle, Harry Gresty 109.8

**Sidecars:** L Manion, T Raynes, J Sandiford 104.0

### **Wednesday 5 September 1928**

Norman Dawson dislocated a shoulder

**Golden Sash:** H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, Arthur Firth 97.0

**Corinthian Cup:** Arthur Jervis, H. R. 'Ginger' Lees 97.8

**City Hall Junior Cup:** R S Trickett, A. Patterson 114.2

### **Friday 7 September 1928**

Crowd: 50,000 (capacity).

Charity Broadside Carnival featuring Stewie St George, Keith McKay, Irvine Jones, Paddy Dean, Sprouts Elder & Ivor Creek.

This meeting raised the amazing sum (for 1928) of £2,736 15s 7d.

## **Saturday 8 September 1928**

### **"Sunday Chronicle" Challenge Trophy:**

Heat winners:

Arthur Franklyn

H. R. 'Ginger' Lees

Skid Skinner

A. Firth

Tommy Withington

Larry Boulton

All qualify for semi-finals.

**Junior Event:** Sid Ball, H Bentley, R Atherton 108.8

**Golden Helmet:** Skid Skinner, Arthur Franklyn, Arthur Firth 98.8

**Sidecars:** T Raynes, L Manion 104.2

## **Monday 10 September 1928**

Crows: 5,000.

Riders included Fay Taylour.

**Bridgens Cup:** Arthur Franklyn (Douglas - instead of his usual Rudge), Skid Skinner 96.0

**Senior Open:** Arthur Franklyn (Douglas), H. R. 'Ginger' Lees, A Firth 97.0

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Spencer Stratton 2-0

**Junior Event:** T Bentley, E Marshall 107.0

**Sidecars:** L Manion beat W Lord 102.0



### Wednesday 12 September 1928

**Golden Armlet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Clem Beckett, H. R. 'Ginger' Lees 94.0

**Senior Race:** Arthur Franklyn, Syd Jackson, Geoff Taylor 95.8

**Gold Bowl:** Tom Creegan, T Bentley, J Owen 108.2

**Sidecar Challenge:** L Manion beat E H Hunt 95.8

### Wednesday 15 September 1928

**Manchester Evening News Challenge Trophy Final:** Skid Skinner, Arthur Franklyn, Ginger Lees 92.0  
(= record)

**Junior Challenge Trophy:** Tommy Withington, C Crosier, Harry Gresty 98.2

**Golden Gauntlet Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Wally Hull, Rex Kirby, Skid Skinner f,rm,f,rm 93.8

**Sidecar Event:** N Dobson, W Lord 94.0

**Challenge Race:** Wally Hull beat Ernest Greenall 2-0

### Monday 17 September 1928

**Junior Event:** T Thorpe, E Marshall 116.2

**Bridgens Cup:** Skid Skinner, Arthur Jervis 92.2

**Handicap Event:** Rex Kirby beat Wally Hull 96.4

**Challenge Race:** Norman Dawson beat Ginger Lees 2-1 (Dawson 96.4, Lees 116.2, Dawson 98.6)

### Wednesday 19 September 1928

**City Hall Cup:** R S Trickett, Ian Ritchings 107.6

**Corinthian Trophy:** Arthur Franklyn, Arthur Jervis 94.4

**Golden Sash:** Arthur Franklyn, Ginger Lees 97.4

**Challenge Match:** Clem Beckett beat Stewie St. George 2-1

**Sidecar Event:** N Dobson beat Billy Lord

### Saturday 22 September 1928

**"Sunday Chronicle" International Trophy Semi Final:** Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner, A Moore 93.8

**Golden Helmet:** Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner, Clem Beckett 93.0

**Sidecar Event:** L Manion 102.0

**Junior Event:** C Crosier, George Hazard 111.0

**Challenge Match:** Rex Kirby beat A B Drew 2-0 (97.6 & 102.0)

### Monday 24 September 1928

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Norman Dawson 2-0

**Junior Race:** Tommy Withington, Harry Gresty 104.2

**Bridgens Cup:** Arthur Franklyn (Douglas), Arthur Jervis (Rudge) 92.6

**Senior Race:** Skid Skinner (Douglas), Larry Boulton 100.0

### **Wednesday 26 September 1928**

Crowd: 20,000

Manchester White City 6 Coventry 0

- 1: Arthur Franklyn beat Arthur Jervis 95.8
- 2: Ginger Lees beat "Broadside" Burton 94.4
- 3: Skid Skinner beat Wilmot Evans 99.0
- 4: Wally Hull beat W Tandy 103.0
- 5: Clem Beckett beat Cyril Lord 99.0
- 6: Norman Dawson beat A. A. Sanders 100.8

**Handicap:** T Withington, Billie Tallimam (Birmingham), Wally Hull 93.4

**Junior Race (for Gold Challenge Bowl):** Bill Arland (Ariel) Ian Ritchings (Rudge) 106.8

**Golden Armlet:** Norman Dawson, Arthur Jervis, Arthur Franklyn 96.0

### **Saturday 29 September 1928**

**Manchester Evening News Trophy:** Arthur Franklyn (Douglas), Larry Boulton(Douglas), Ginger Lees (Rudge) 92.8

**Junior Challenge Trophy:** George Hazard (Ariel), L Robertson, C Massey 110.4

**All Star Race:** Arthur Franklyn, Ginger Lees 91.0

**Golden Gauntlet:** Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner 93.6

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Sprouts Elder 2-1 (Elder 87.4(record); Franklyn 91.6 & 95.4)

### Monday 1 October 1928

**Junior Race:** Simpson, J Owen, D Riley 107.0

**Challenge Race:** Ginger Lees beat Norman Dawson 2-1 (Lees 94.2; Dawson 93.6; Lees 95.6)

**Bridgens Cup:** Arthur Franklyn, Arthur Jervis, Billie Dallison 93.4

**Senior Race:** Arthur Franklyn, Tommy Withington, Billie Dallison 95.6

### Wednesday 3 October 1928

**City Hall Junior Cup:** R S Trickett, A E Toleman 109.0

**Challenge Race:** Larry Coffey beat Skid Skinner 2-0 92.8 & 91.6

**Golden Sash:** Harry Taft (Douglas), Billy Dallison (Douglas) 94.0

**Corinthian Trophy:** Skid Skinner, Tommy Withington 94.6

### Saturday 6 October 1928

**Junior Event:** Ian Ritchings (Rudge), H Burnell, J Owen (BSA) 100.0

**Roy Bridgens Cup:** Skid Skinner (Douglas), A Firth (Levis), Ginger Lees (Rudge) 91.8

**Golden Helmet:** Ian Ritchings, Skid Skinner, E Blatherwick 98.6

### Wednesday 10 October 1928

**Golden Armlet:** Skid Skinner (Douglas), Arthur Firth (Levis), Tommy Withington (Douglas) 95.0

**Open Scratch:** Skid Skinner, Ginger Lees (Rudge), E Blatherwick (AJS) 93.4

**Junior Race:** M E Davenport (Douglas), G E Wigfield (BSA), A E Toleman (New Hudson) 105.2

**Match Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Larry Coffey

**Match Race:** Billie Dallison beat Arthur Franklyn 90.4

### Saturday 13 October 1928

"A rather thin attendance ... probably due to the extreme cold"(MCyc) Larry Coffey collapsed during a match race with Franklyn and was discovered to be suffering severely from nervous shock. An early-season competitor at White City, A B Drew, is currently in hospital with a serious condition, suffering from double pneumonia.

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Larry Coffey f 88.4

**Challenge Race:** Clem Beckett beat Skid Skinner 2-0

**Junior Challenge Trophy:** J Owen (BSA), P W Kemble (Cotton), D Kenyon (Calthorpe) 102.4 [G A Drew (f, had several stitches in his hand), A F Traynor f]

**Manchester Evening News Trophy:** Arthur Franklyn, Sid Newiss, Arthur Firth 94.0

**Golden Gauntlet:** Skid Skinner, Cyril Taft, Arthur Firth 89.2

### Wednesday 17 October 1928

**City Hall Junior Cup:** P W Kemble, G E Toleman 104.8

**Golden Sash:** Arthur Jervis, Tommy Withington 94.2

**George Pemberton Corinthian Trophy:** Arthur Jervis, Larry Boulton 95.4

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn drew 1-1 with Billie Dallison

### Saturday 20 October 1928

**Team Match** (6-a-side, 9 heats, 4 riders per heat, scoring 2-1-0-0):

White City 15 (Arthur Jervis max, Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner, Billie Dallison, + 2)

Salford 12 (Harry Whitfield, Johnnie Broughton, Frank Varey, + 3 others)

**Roy Bridgens Cup:** Tommy Withington, Harry Whitfield, Sid Newiss 90.8

**Golden Helmet:** Arthur Franklyn, Tommy Withington, Ian Ritchings 94.6

### Wednesday 24 October 1928

#### **Team Match:**

White City 20 Leicester 7.

Heat winners:

Arthur Franklyn(2), A Firth, Tommy Withington (2), Larry Boulton (2) (all White City);

Cyril "Broadside" Burton, Arthur Sherlock (Leicester)

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Billie Dallison 91.6

**Golden Armlet:** Arthur Franklyn, Billie Dallison, Ginger Lees 91.8

**Junior Race:** A E Toleman, Harry Gresty 105.8

### Saturday 27 October 1928

**Manchester Evening News Challenge Trophy:** Sprouts Elder (Douglas), Billie Dallison (Douglas), Arthur Franklyn (Douglas) 93.0

**Golden Gauntlet Handicap:** Billie Dallison (2 sec start), Arthur Franklyn (scratch), Arthur Moore (6 sec) 95.2

**"Sunday Chronicle" Dirt Track Trophy:** (final on Sat 3.11.28)

Heat winners:

Sprouts Elder

Arthur Franklyn

George Emsley

### Wednesday 31 October 1928

Attendance: 8,000

**Inter-Track Match:** Manchester 17 Coventry 10

**City Hall Junior Cup:** P W Kemble, H Bentley 104.4

**Challenge Race:** Billie Dallison beat Ginger Lees 100.8

**Corinthian Trophy:** Arthur Franklyn, Billie Dallison 98.0

### Saturday 3 November 1928

**"Sunday Chronicle" Dirt Track Trophy Final:** Sprouts Elder, Arthur Franklyn, Harry Taft 90.4 by 1 length

**Golden Helmet Final:** Sprouts Elder, Skid Skinner, Larry Coffey, Arthur Franklyn fell 95.6

**Roy Bridgen's Cup:** George Hazard (10 sec start), C A Drew (10 sec) 98.0

**Challenge Race:** Sprouts Elder beat Arthur Jervis

**Challenge Race:** Skid Skinner beat Harry Whitfield 2-1

### Wednesday 7 November 1928

Attendance: 6,000

**Junior Event:** D Riley, J Owen 105.4

**All Stars Race:** Billie Dallison, Sid Newiss 98.0

**Golden Armlet:** Billie Dallison, Ginger Lees 98.0

### Saturday 10 November 1928

Torrential rain - frequent falls and engine failures

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Franklyn beat Sprouts Elder 2-0 110.0 & 116.0

**Manchester Evening News Trophy:** Wally Hull (8 sec start), Sprouts Elder (scr), Ginger Lees (2 sec) 105.6

#### **Inter-Track Match**

Manchester 16 West Ham 11:

Heat winners: Sprouts Elder (WH) 2, Arthur Jervis (M) 1, Skid Skinner (M)1, Reg Pointer (WH) 2, Ginger Lees (M) 1, Billie Dallison (M)1, Syd Jackson (M)1

### **Wednesday 14 November 1928**

Attendance: 8,000

#### **Inter-Track Match:**

White City 16 Salford 11

**Henley Junior Trophy:** E Marshall, G A Drew 130.2

**Corinthian Trophy:** Eric Langton, Wally Hull 105.6

### **Saturday 17 November 1928**

Attendance: 20,000

**Golden Helmet Handicap:** A Moore (8 sec start), Rex Kirby (7 sec), Arthur Franklyn (scr) 97.0

**City Hall Junior Cup:** R Chadwick, W Simpson 112.4

**News of the World Championship Belt:** Billy Dallison 101.0

**George Pemberton Corinthian Trophy:** Wally Hull 105.0

**Challenge Race:** Arthur Jervis beat Skid Skinner 2-0

### **Saturday 1 December 1928**

Charity event, including greyhound racing, trotting, and Monsieur Gaston driving a car blindfolded!  
This meeting raised £842 for charity.

**Manchester Evening News Trophy:** Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner, Ginger Lees 94.6

**All Star Race:** Arthur Jervis, Ginger Lees, Wally Hull 97.0

**Handicap Race:** Arthur Jervis, Rex Kirby, R S Trickett 95.6

**Henshaw Trophy:** Skid Skinner, Billie Dallison 97.4

**Royal School for the Deaf Trophy:** George Hazard, A J Ward 108.0

**Stretford War Memorial Race:** Wally Hull, Ginger Lees