

PONTYPRIDD 1929

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Monday, 20th May 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd The Valleys 26 Cardiff 26 (Challenge)

The Valleys

Ron Baker
Eddie Hopkins
Jimmy Hindle
Ray Cannell
Nick Carter
George Gregor

Cardiff

Fred Hampson
C M Parson
Champ Upham
A S Guthrie
Ivor Hill
Johnny George

Establishment of track record

Ron Baker	99.8
Fred Hampson	103.6 (unsuccessful)

Lightning Handicap

Final: Johnny George (4), Eddie Hopkins (6), Ray Cannell (6)	103.6
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Taft Vale Scratch Race

Final: Fred Hampson, Ron Baker, Eddie Hopkins, Ivor Hill	105.2
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Saturday, 25th May 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd

Track Record Attempt

Ray Cannell	105.6 (unsuccessful)
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Thunderbolt Handicap

Ht 1: Ron Baker, Nick Carter	105.0
Ht 2: Fred Hampson, Yank Davies	119.6
Ht 3: Champ Upham, C Philpotts	120.6
Ht 4: Johnny George, A S Guthrie	118.4
Ht 5: Ivor Hill, A J Lyons	126.2
Final: Johnny George, Champ Upham, Ivor Hill, Fred Hampson, Ron Baker (ret)	108.6

Rocking Stone Rollers (rolling start)

Final: Fred Hampson, Johnny George, Ivor Hill, Ron Baker (ret)	104.2
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Pontypridd Scratch Race

Ht 1: Ivor Hill, E A Dunlop	111.8
Ht 2: Ron Baker, A S Guthrie	107.4
Ht 3: Nick Carter, Yank Davies	112.0
Ht 4: Fred Hampson, Ray Cannell	113.4
Ht 5: Champ Upham, C M Parsons	123.4
Final: Ron Baker, Ivor Hill, Nick Carter, [Fred Hampson, Champ Upham]	103.0

Saturday, 1st June 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Treforest Handicap**

Ht 1: Fred Hampson, A J Lyons	118.8
Ht 2: J E Mogford, Ray Cannell	119.2
Ht 3: Ivor Hill, Eddie Hopkins	111.4
Ht 4: George Gregor, G Davies	115.4
Ht 5: Champ Upham, E A Dunlop	117.0
Final: George Gregor, Champ Upham, J E Mogford, [Fred Hampson, Ivor Hill]	115.6

Lonsdale Scratch Race

Ht 1: Eddie Hopkins, G Dibble	111.2
Ht 2: Nobby Key, J E Mogford	110.8
Ht 3: Champ Upham, C M Parsons, Ron Baker (f)	114.6
Ht 4: Ivor Hill, Ray Cannell	108.4
Ht 5: Fred Hampson, Sid Hilton	109.8
Final: Fred Hampson, Nobby Key, [Eddie Hopkins, Champ Upham, Ivor Hill]	109.8

Tonypandy Scratch Race

Ht 1: Champ Upham, George Gregor	114.4
Ht 2: Nobby Key, Eddie Hopkins	113.0
Ht 3: Ron Baker, G Pritchard	109.0
Ht 4: Fred Hampson, Sid Hilton	116.8
Ht 5: Ivor Hill, Ray Cannell	105.6
Final: Ron Baker, Ivor Hill, Nobby Key, Fred Hampson, Champ Upham (ns)	?

Thursday, 6th June 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Challenge Races**

Syd Parsons bt Ron Baker 2-0

Ht 1: Parsons bt Baker	99.4 (record)
Ht 2: Parsons bt Baker	99.8

Powderhall Handicap

Ht 1: Jack Luke (scr), Yank Davies (10), [Johnny George, Arthur Bready]	117.8
Ht 2: Eddie Hopkins (4), Ron Baker (scr), [L Thomas, S H Dibble]	116.8
Ht 3: Ray Cannell (4), Champ Upham (scr), [C Philpotts, Tom Davies]	114.8
Ht 4: Nick Carter (4), Syd Parsons (scr), [Fred Hampson, George Gregor]	106.0
Ht 5: Ivor Hill (scr), J E Mogford (8), [C M Parsons, G Davies]	114.0
Final: Nick Carter (4), Eddie Hopkins (4), Jack Luke (scr), Ray Cannell (4), Ivor Hill (scr) (ret)105.8	

Rhondda Scratch Race

Ht 1: Jack Luke, George Gregor, [G Davies, S H Dibble]	107.4
Ht 2: Ron Baker, C Phillpots, [Johnny George, J E Mogford]	106.0
Ht 3: Champ Upham, Eddie Hopkins, (Nick Carter, Yank Davies)	108.4
Ht 4: Ivor Hill, [Syd Parsons, Arthur Bready, Yank Davies]	103.8
Ht 5: Fred Hampson, C M Parsons, [Ray Cannell, L Thomas]	103.4
Final: Ivor Hill, Ron Baker, Fred Hampson, [Jack Luke, Champ Upham]	103.8

Programmed reserves: W J Benyon, A J Lyons, A Napier, T J Pascoe, Jack Wade)

Saturday, 15th June 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd

Challenge Races

Fred Hampson bt Nobby Key 2-0

Ht 1: Hampson bt Key	110.2
Ht 2: Hampson bt Key	110.8

Gandon Handicap

Ht 1: George Gregor (4), E A Dunlop (6), [Stan Longney, Ivor Hill]	114.6
Ht 2: Champ Upham (scr), Ray Cannell (2), [A J Lyons, C Hayson]	114.6
Ht 3: Eddie Hopkins (4), Fred Hampson (scr), [Yank Davies, C Philpotts]	115.0
Ht 4: Nick Carter (2), Nobby Key (scr), [Tom Davies, C M Parsons, Ron Baker]	115.0
Ht 5: J E Mogford (7), Jack Luke (scr), [Jimmy Thomas, Johnny George]	119.8
Final: George Gregor (4), Nick Carter (2), Champ Upham (scr), [Eddie Hopkins (4), J E Mogford (7)]	112.2

Moody Scratch Race

Ht 1: Ivor Hill, A J Lyons, [Johnny George, Stan Longney]	122.4
Ht 2: Eddie Hopkins, Jack Luke, [Tom Davies, C Hayson]	115.2
Ht 3: Fred Hampson, George Gregor, [Jommy Thomas, C M Parsons]	113.0
Ht 4: Nobby Key, E A Dunlop, [J E Mogford, Ron Baker, Ray Cannell]	112.8
Ht 5: Champ Upham, Nick Carter, [C Philpotts, Yank Davies]	109.0
Final: Champ Upham, Nobby Key, Ivor Hill, [Eddie Hopkins, Fred Hampson]	103.0

Saturday, 22nd June 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd

Track Record Attempts

Nobby Key (f)	
Nick Carter	98.2 (record)
Nobby Key	99.8
Ray Cannell	108.2
George Gregor	104.4
Eddie Hopkins	108.4
E A Dunlop	111.2
Frank Smith	105.2
Gordon Spalding	104.2

Challenge Race (rolling start)

Syd Parsons bt Jack Chapman	96.2 (rolling start record)
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Parsons' Handicap

Ht 1: Fred Hampson (scr), J E Mogford (8)	?
Ht 2: Jimmy Thomas (12)	117.0
Ht 3: Ivor Hill (scr), Eddie Hopkins (4)	118.4
Ht 4: C Philpotts (8), Nobby Key (scr)	109.6
Ht 5: Jack Luke (scr), C M Parsons (8)	119.0
Final: C Philpotts (8), Jimmy Thomas (12), Fred Hampson (scr), [Ivor Hill (scr), Jack Luke (scr)]	109.8

Chapman Scratch Race

Ht 1: Frank Smith, Eddie Hopkins	104.6
Ht 2: Jack Chapman, E A Dunlop	105.8
Ht 3: Nobby Key, Champ Upham	101.8
Ht 4: C M Parsons, J E Mogford	115.4
Ht 5: C Philpotts, Nick Carter	111.4
Final: Jack Chapman, Smith, C Philpotts, [Nobby Key, C M Parsons]	100.2

Saturday, 29th June 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Challenge Races**

Nobby Key bt Ron Baker 2-0

Ht 1: Key bt Baker	101.8
Ht 2: Key bt Baker	100.6

Track Record Attempts (all unsuccessful)

Nobby Key	98.6
Ron Baker	100.6
Arthur Bready	105.6
Fred Hampson	105.8
W Wade	105.0

Ynys Handicap

Ht 1: Ron Baker (scr)	116.6
Ht 2: Nick Carter (scr)	114.8
Ht 3: C M Parsons (8)	114.4
Ht 4: J Mogford (8)	121.0
Ht 5: Yank Davies (8)	116.2
Final: Yank Davies (8), J Mogford (8), Nick Carter (scr), [Ron Baker (scr), C M Parsons (8)]	115.8

Dragon Scratch Race

Ht 1: Jack Luke	103.8
Ht 2: Nobby Key	102.0
Ht 3: George Gregor	112.6
Ht 4: Fred Hampson	109.4
Ht 5: Ron Baker	107.4
Final: Nobby Key, Fred Hampson, Jack Luke (ns), [George Gregor, Ron Baker]	100.6

Saturday, 6th July 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Glyn Taff Handicap**

Ht 1: George Gregor (3), Tom Davies (10)	114.6
Ht 2: Gordon Spalding (2), Ron Baker (scr)	107.4
Ht 3: Nick Carter (scr), Arthur Bready (6)	111.8
Ht 4: Fred Hampson (scr), E A Dunlop (6)	109.8
Ht 5: C Philpotts (4), Yank Davies (7)	111.4
Final: C Philpotts (4), George Gregor (3), Nick Carter (scr), [Gordon Spalding (2), Fred Hampson (scr)]	105.6

Great Western Scratch Race (rolling start)

Ht 1: C Philpotts, Eddie Hopkins	105.4
Ht 2: Champ Upham, Gordon Spalding	99.8
Ht 3: Fred Hampson, Ron Baker	97.6
Ht 4: Nick Carter, Arthur Bready	101.0
Ht 5: Jack Wade, J E Mogford	108.8
Final: Fred Hampson, Nick Carter, Champ Upham, [C Philpotts, Jack Wade]	98.2

Llanover Handicap

Ht 1: Yank Davies (3), Champ Upham (scr)	108.2
Ht 2: R C Haggett (10), Nick Carter (scr)	116.8
Ht 3: Jack Luke (scr), Tom Davies (10)	114.2
Ht 4: Ron Baker (scr), C Philpotts (4)	110.6
Ht 5: Fred Hampson (scr), Stan Longney (10)	116.0
Final: Tom Davies (3), R C Haggett (10), Ron Baker (scr), [Jack Luke (scr), Fred Hampson (scr)]	110.6

Saturday, 13th July 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Porth Handicap**

Final: Fred Hampson, Ron Baker (f, rmted), [Tom Lougher (ret)]

Caerphilly Scratch

Final: Ron Baker, Champ Upham, Davies*

*Could be G., Tom or Yank Davies

Mountain Ash Race

Final: Ron Baker, Tom Lougher, Champ Upham, Fred Hampson 102.8

Challenge Race

C Philpotts bt Tom Lougher (f)

Saturday, 20th July 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Challenge Races**

C Philpotts bt Tom Lougher 2-1

Ht 1 (standing start): Philpotts bt Lougher 106.6

Ht 2 (rolling start): Lougher bt Philpotts 101.4

Ht 3: Philpotts bt Lougher 109.4

Garth Handicap

Ht 1: Champ Upham, Yank Davies 111.8

Ht 2: Jack Luke, George Gregor 117.0

Ht 3: David Morgan, C Phillpots 113.4

Ht 4: Tom Lougher, C M Parsons 115.2

Final: Tom Lougher (3), David Morgan (3), Champ Upham (scr), Jack Luke 109.8

Beacon Scratch Race (rolling start)

Ht 1: Fred Hampson, Champ Upham ?

Ht 2: David Morgan, Nobby Key 117.0

Ht 3: Tom Lougher, George Gregor 104.2

Ht 4: Jack Luke, Eddie Hopkins 106.6

Final: George Gregor, Fred Hampson, Jack Luke, David Morgan 101.0

Sugar Loaf Scratch Race (rolling start)

Ht 1: Nick Carter, G S Haggett	108.0
Ht 2: Durrin John & George Gregor dead-heat	104.4
Ht 3: Yank Davies, Fred Hampson, David Morgan (f)	108.8
Ht 4: Tom Lougher, Eddie Hopkins, Champ Upham (f)	106.0
Final: George Gregor, Nick Carter, Tom Lougher, Yank Davies	101.6

Saturday, 27th July 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Challenge Races** (rolling starts)

Yank Davies bt Durrin John 2-1

Ht 1: John bt Davies	108.6
Ht 2: Davies bt John	105.6
Ht 3: Davies bt John	108.0

Powderhall Handicap

Ht 1: Ron Baker (scr), C Philpotts (rec 3 secs)	106.2
Ht 2: Len Parker (scr), Nobby Key (scr)	108.4
Ht 3: Nick Carter (scr), Champ Upham (scr)	119.2
Ht 4: Yank Davies (4), George Gregor (scr)	113.6
Final: Yank Davies (4), Ron Baker (scr) (mf), Len Parker (scr) (mf), Nick Carter (scr) (mf)	108.0

Cambrian Dash (rolling start)

Ht 1: Jack Luke, Champ Upham	102.4
Ht 2: Nobby Key, Nick Carter	102.4
Ht 3: Len Parker, Ron Baker	98.0
Ht 4: C Philpotts, George Gregor	105.8
Final: Jack Luke, Nobby Key, Len Parker, C Philpotts (ns)	102.0

Track Record Attempts

Len Parker (unsuccessful)	99.8
Red Murch (unsuccessful)	99.8

Thursday, 1st August 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**The Valleys 5 Bristol 16 (Challenge)****The Valleys**

Fred Hampson
 Jack Luke
 George Gregor
 Tom Lougher

Bristol

Len Parker

Ht 1:	94.2	1	6	1	6
Ht 2:	96.6	3	4	4	10
Ht 3:	95.6	1	6	5	16

Final (fastest men)

Len Parker bt Jack Luke	95.6
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Brig-Y-Don Scratch Race (rolling start)	
Ht 1: Stan Longney, David Morgan	112.2
Ht 2: Teddie Douglas, Fred Hampson	102.4
Ht 3: Len Parker, Jack Luke	97.0
Ht 4: Gordon Spalding, Ted Bravery	98.8
Final: Len Parker, Gordon Spalding, Stan Longney, Teddie Douglas	96.8

Craig-y-Don Handicap	
Ht 1: Tom Lougher (3), Len Parker (scr)	104.4
Ht 2: G S Haggett (6), Jack Luke (scr)	107.4
Ht 3: Yank Davies (3), Ted Bravery (scr)	110.0
Ht 4: Durrin John (5), C Philpotts (3)	106.0
Final: Tom Lougher (3), Durrin John (5), G S Haggett (6), Yank Davies (3)	107.6

Triangular Challenge Races (rolling start)	
Ht 1: Durrin John bt David Morgan	104.8
Ht 2: Tom Lougher bt Durrin John	101.0
Ht 3: Tom Lougher bt David Morgan	97.8

Monday, 5th August 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd

Holiday Handicap	
Ht 1: Ron Baker (scr), Stanley Gill (scr)	105.2
Ht 2: Nobby Key (scr), Durrin John	108.4
Ht 3: Y Davies (5), Gordon Spalding (scr)	104.8
Ht 4: C Philpotts (3), W May (scr)	105.0
Final: Yank Davies (5), Nobby Key (scr), C Philpotts (3), Ron Baker (scr)	103.6

Flying 12 (rolling start)	
Ht 1: Bill Clibbett, Jack Luke	102.4
Ht 2: Ron Baker, Cyril Wilcock	97.2
Ht 3: Nobby Key, Fred Hampson	100.6
Ht 4: Gordon Spalding, Champ Upham	97.8
Final: Gordon Spalding, Jack Luke, Nobby Key, Bill Clibbett	99.8

August Scratch Race (rolling start)	
Ht 1: Fred Hampson, G Thomas	105.8
Ht 2: Champ Upham, Jack Luke	101.0
Ht 3: Arthur Wilcock, Stanley Gill	107.4
Ht 4: Gordon Spalding, Ron Baker	101.0
Final: Champ Upham, Gordon Spalding, Fred Hampson, Arthur Wilcock	99.6

Saturday, 10th August 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd

Taff Handicap	
Ht 1: Stan Longney (6), Champ Upham (scr)	108.4
Ht 2: Ron Baker (scr), Yank Davies (4)	109.2
Ht 3: Nobby Key (scr), Tom Lougher (3), [J Thomas (f, ns)]	102.8
Ht 4: Len Parker (scr), Fred Hampson (scr)	102.8
Final: Len Parker (scr), Stan Longney (6), Ron Baker (scr), Nobby Key (scr)	105.6

Rhondda Scratch Race (rolling start)

Ht 1: Bill Clibbett, George Gregor	99.6
Ht 2: Ron Baker, Nobby Key	98.2
Ht 3: Len Parker, Jack Luke	96.8
Ht 4: Champ Upham, Fred Hampson	102.8
Final: Len Parker, Bill Clibbett, Ron Baker	93.8

Cynon Handicap

Ht 1: Ron Baker (scr), Stan Longney (6)	105.2
Ht 2: Yank Davies (4), Nick Carter (4), [Tom Lougher (f)]	107.0
Ht 3: George Gregor (2), Durrin John (6)	109.4
Ht 4: Bill Clibbett (scr), Jack Luke (scr)	108.4
Final: Ron Baker, George Gregor, Bill Clibbett, Yank Davies	105.2

Saturday, 17th August 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Challenge Races**

Nobby Key beat Sprouts Elder 2-0

Ht 1 (standing start): Key bt Elder (ef) 97.2 (record)

Ht 2 (rolling start): Key bt Elder 95.6

Open Handicap

Ht 1: David Morgan (8), Ron Baker (scr) 104.8

Ht 2: Champ Upham (scr), Len Parker (scr) 114.8

Ht 3: Jack Luke (scr), C M Parsons (6) 108.0

Ht 4: Nick Carter (scr), Stan Longney (6) 107.4

Final: David Morgan (8), Jack Luke (scr), Champ Upham (scr), Nick Carter (scr) 106.4

Sprouts Scratch Race (rolling start)

Ht 1: Sprouts Elder, George Gregor 94.6

Ht 2: Jack Luke, Bill Clibbett 96.8

Ht 3: Champ Upham, Nobby Key 96.0

Ht 4: Nick Carter, Ron Baker 97.4

Final: Sprouts Elder, Jack Luke, Nick Carter, Champ Upham 95.0

Triangular Challenge

Ht 1: Ron Baker bt Nick Carter 102.4

Ht 2: Len Parker bt Ron Baker (ret) 99.0

Ht 3: Nick Carter bt Len Parker 101.0

Saturday, 24th August 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd
Rhondda Select 12 Wembley 16 (Challenge)**Rhondda Select**

Nick Carter

Durrin John

Tom Lougher

Bill Clibbett

Wembley

Reeves
G Spalding
Ron Hieatt
Barratt

Ht 1: [Carter, John, Reeve, Spalding]	2	5	2	5
Ht 2: [Lougher, Clibbett, Hieatt, Barrett]	1	6	3	11
Ht 3: [Lougher, Clibbett, Reeve, Spalding]	3	4	6	15
Ht 4: [Carter, John, Hieatt, Barrett]	6	1	12	16

Ulster Handicap

Ht 1: Gordon Spalding (scr), Ted Bravery (scr)	103.8
Ht 2: Tom Lougher (3), Nick Carter (scr)	108.2
Ht 3: Bill Clibbett (scr), Phil Watkins (6)	106.6
Ht 4: C Applin, Jack Luke (scr)	107.2
Final: Bill Clibbett (scr), Gordon Spalding (scr), Tom Lougher (3), C Applin	107.4

Schneider Scratch Race (rolling start)

Ht 1: G Spalding, Nick Carter	96.0
Ht 2: Tom Lougher, Ted Bravery	99.2
Ht 3: Applin, G S Haggett	104.4
Ht 4: Jack Luke, George Gregor	98.8
Final: Spalding, Lougher, Applin, Luke	99.8

Saturday, 31st August 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd

Challenge Races

Ron Baker bt Len Parker 2-0	
Ht 1 (standing start): Baker bt Parker	95.6 (record)
Ht 2 (rolling start): Baker bt Parker	97.2

Gordon Lennox Handicap

Ht 1: Stan Longney (6), Phil Watkins (6)	106.6
Ht 2: C Fowler (scr), Jack Luke (scr)	106.2
Ht 3: E A Dunlop (6), Tom Lougher (3)	134.8
Final: Stan Longley, E A Dunlop, C Fowler	121.2

Fowler Scratch Race

Ht 1: Bill Clibbett, Jack Luke	103.8
Ht 2: David Morgan, Nick Carter	108.8
Ht 3: Tom Lougher, Ivor Hill	108.0
Ht 4: Len Parker, Arthur Westwood	101.2
Final: Len Parker, Bill Clibbett, Tom Lougher, David Morgan	97.2

Challenge Races

Glyn John bt Fred May 2-0	
Ht 1 (standing start): John bt May	124.8
Ht 2 (rolling start): John bt May	109.4

Monday, 9th September 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd

Glamorgan Handicap

Ht 1: Phil Watkins (6), C Fowler (scr)	103.4
Ht 2: Tom Lougher (2), Eddie Hopkins (8)	103.8
Ht 3: Glyn John (4), Nick Carter (scr)	104.6
Ht 4: Yank Davies (4), Ivor Hill (scr)	105.8
Final: Phil Watkins (6), Yank Davies (4), Glyn John (4), Tom Lougher (2)	105.8

Monmouthshire Scratch (rolling start)

Ht 1: Jack Luke, Yank Davies	98.4
Ht 2: Nick Carter, Jack Douglas	102.4
Ht 3: Teddie Douglas, Phil Watkins	99.6
Ht 4: Champ Upham, Tom Lougher	98.8
Final: Champ Upham, Jack Luke, Teddie Douglas, Nick Carter	97.4

Breconshire Scratch (standing start)

Ht 1: Champ Upham, C Fowler	104.4
Ht 2: Glyn John, Tom Lougher	104.2
Ht 3: Ron Baker, Nick Carter	101.0
Ht 4: Phil Watkins, Jack Luke	105.4
Final: Ron Baker, Champ Upham, Phil Watkins, Glyn John	101.8

Saturday, 14th September 1929, Taff Vale Park, Pontypridd**Flat Handicap**

Ht 1: Champ Upham (scr), Ivor Hill (scr)	106.8
Ht 2: Phil Watkins (4), David Morgan (4)	104.8
Ht 3: Glyn John (4), Len Parker (scr)	103.8
Ht 4: Jack Luke (scr), Stan Longney (5)	109.2
Final: Glyn John (4), Jack Luke (scr), Champ Upham (scr), Phil Watkins (4)	104.8

Flying 12 (slowest heat winner not to compete in the final)

Ht 1: Ivor Hill	97.8
Ht 2: Len Parker, Jack Luke	92.8
Ht 3: Fred Hampson, Champ Upham	99.6
Ht 4: Jack Wade, Tom Lougher	94.0
Final: Len Parker, Ivor Hill, Jack Wade	93.6

Breconshire Scratch (standing start)

Ht 1: Jack Luke, Glyn John	95.8
Ht 2: Tom Lougher, Champ Upham	101.2
Ht 3: Len Parker, Ivor Hill	96.8
Ht 4: Ron Baker, Jack Wade	98.0
Final: Len Parker, Ron Baker, Tom Lougher, Jack Luke	92.6