

WEST HAM 1928

CUSTOM HOUSE STADIUM

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Saturday 28 July 1928

Run by Dirt Track Speedways Ltd.

Quarter-mile track. Straights 35 ft wide, bends 45 ft wide.

West Ham Invitation Handicap:

Ht1: Ivor Creek, Keith McKay, D Melville (?), [Will Maguire, L Maguire, W Haslam]

Ht2: Sprouts Elder, [Billy Galloway, Billy Bragg, Harry Lewis, Dick Humphreys, E Parker]

Ht3: Paddy Dean, Buzz Hibberd, [Art Pechar, Gus Kuhn, M McEvoy, H Matthews]

Ht4: Jack Adams, Campbell, Williams, 30.25mph [Irvine Jones, L Dallimore, S Gill]

SF1: Sprouts Elder, I. Creek, B.Bragg, [K. McKay, Melville?, B. Galloway]

SF2: Paddy Dean, ? Wright, [B. Hibberd, J. Adams, Williams]

Final: Paddy Dean, Buzz Hibberd 100.0 (36mph)

West Ham Golden Gauntlet

Ht1: Ivor Creek, Harry Lewis, [Buzz Hibberd, Keith McKay]

Ht2: Sprouts Elder, [Willmont, Taffy Williams, Dick Humphreys]

Ht3: Paddy Dean, Billy Galloway, Gus Kuhn, S Gill (ns)

Ht4: Art Pechar, Billy Bragg, [Irvine Jones, ? Roy]

SF1: Elder, Dean, [Lewis, ?]

SF2: [Dean, Bragg]

Final: Sprouts Elder, Paddy Dean 91.0 (39.56mph)

Match Race

Ivor Creek (Eng) beat Billy Galloway (Aus) 98.0 (36.75 mph)

Thursday 2 August 1928

West Ham Invitation Handicap Final: Paddy Dean, Sprouts Elder 37.34mph

West Ham Golden Gauntlet Final: Sprouts Elder, Paddy Dean 39.82mph

Saturday 4 August 1928

Postponed – rain.

Monday 6 August 1928

Stadium Scratch Final: Sprouts Elder, Irvine Jones 40 mph (1-mile flying start record)

Handicap Final: Jack Adams (12 sec start), Sprouts Elder, Billy Galloway

Match Race: Harry Lewis (Eng) beat Buzz Hibberd (Aus) 38.25mph

Thursday 9 August 1928

Match Race: Frank Arthur (Aus) beat Paddy Dean (Aus) 40.09mph (record)

West Ham "B" Grade Handicap Final: Will Maguire (Norton) 32.78mph

Stadium Scratch Race Final: Sprouts Elder, Paddy Dean 38.0mph

Saturday 11 August 1928

Match Race: Jim Kempster beat Ivor Creek 2 races to 1:

1: Kempster beat Creek (Douglas) 37.59mph

2: Creek (Sprouts Elder's Douglas) beat Kempster 39.64mph

3: First run abandoned when Creek (on Dudley Froy's Rudge) fell 3

Rerun: Kempster beat Creek (back on his own Douglas) **Golden**

Gauntlet:

Ht.1: Paddy Dean, Del Forster 104.0

Ht.2: Jack Adams, Bill Bragg, Billy Galloway 105.0

Ht.3: Sprouts Elder, Arthur Willimott 102.0

Ht.4: Ivor Creek, Bill Webster 101.0

SF1: Jack Adams, Bill Bragg [Paddy Dean ef] 105.0

SF2: Sprouts Elder, Ivor Creek 97.0

Final: Sprouts Elder, Jack Adams, Bill Bragg, Ivor Creek f 94.0 (38.29mph)

B Grade Mile Handicap:

Ht.1: Del Forster, George Lovick 116.0

Ht.2: Dudley Froy, Harry Lewis 112.0

Ht.3: Billy Galloway, Jack Adams 104.0

Final: Harry Lewis (Douglas, 3sec start), Dudley Froy, Jack Adams, Billy Galloway f 105.0 (34.28mph)

Thursday 16 August 1928**Open Handicap:**

Ht.1: Paddy Dean, Will Maguire, Harry Lewis 97.0

Ht.2: Sonny Wilson, Arthur Willimott, Les Dallimore 116.0

Ht.3: Buzz Hibberd, Jack Adams, Del Forster 110.0

Ht.4: Ivor Creek, Taffy Williams, Les Maguire [Sprouts Elder ef] 99.0

SF1: Will Maguire, Paddy Dean, Sonny Wilson 111.4

SF2: Buzz Hibberd, Jack Adams, Ivor Creek 104.8

Final: Will Maguire, Paddy Dean, Ivor Creek 107.0 (33.64mph)

B Grade Handicap: (6 laps)

Ht.1: Dudley Foy, Taffy Williams [Harry Lewis f] 166.0

Ht.2: Buzz Hibberd, Les Dallimore, Del Forster 167.2

Ht.3: Jack Barnett, Jack Adams 161.0

Final: Taffy Williams, Dudley Foy f,rm , Les Dallimore f,rm , Jack Barnett f,rm , Buzz Hibberd f 168.0

West Ham Championship:

Ht.2: Taffy Williams beat Billy Galloway 104.8

Match Race: Taffy Williams beat Billy Galloway

Match Race: Jack Adams beat Les Blakebrough 2 races to 1

Match Race: Dudley Foy beat Sonny Wilson 110.0

Dicky Smythe created a new 1-lap record of 21.2 (42.45mph)

Open Handicap:

Ht.1: Bill Bragg, Taffy Williams, Nick Nicol 111.0

Ht.2: Del Forster, Dickie Smythe, Alf Foulds 111.0

Ht.3: Will Maguire, Bill Webster, E W Bavin [Irvine Jones f] 110.0

Ht.4: A Palmer, Buzz Hibberd, Dudley Froy, J Moyle 109.0

SF1: Del Forster, Nick Nicol, Bill Bragg [Dickie Smythe f,rm] 108.0

SF2: Buzz Hibberd, Dudley Froy, A Palmer [Will Maguire f] 108.0

Final: Dell Forster (AJS) (12 sec), Bill Bragg, Buzz Hibberd [Dudley Froy f] 107.0

Grade B Handicap:

Ht.1: Colin Ford, Del Forster 169.4

Ht.2: Taffy Williams, A Palmer 172.0

Ht.3: Alf Foulds 172.0

Final: Del Forster, Colin Ford, Will Maguire 170.0

Match Race:

Buzz Hibberd (Aus) beat Dudley Froy (Eng) 2-1

Saturday 18 August 1928

No details.

Thursday 23 August 1928

Golden Gauntlet:

1: Ivor Creek, Les Dallimore [Paddy Dean f] 97.2

2: Charlie Spinks, Alf Foulds [Dudley Froy f, Bill Bragg f] 103.0 3:

Buzz Hibberd, Ray Ralph [Irvine Jones f] 100.0

4: Sprouts Elder, Les Blakebrough 94.4

SF1: Charlie Spinks, Les Dallimore 98.4

SF2: Sprouts Elder, Buzz Hibberd, Les Blakebrough 96.2

Final: Sprouts Elder, Les Dallimore, Charlie Spinks f,rm, Buzz Hibberd ef 93.0

Grade "B" Match Race: Jack Adams beat Dudley Froy 2-0

Special Match Race: Charlie Spinks beat Irvine Jones 2 races to 0 1:

Charlie Spinks (Aus), Irvine Jones (Aus) f 105.0

2: Charlie Spinks (Aus), Irvine Jones (Aus) f 105.6

Grade "B" Handicap: (5 laps)

1: Les Dallimore, Harry Lewis 170.0

2: Jack Barnett, Dennis Seaman 160.0

3: Buzz Hibberd, Sonny Wilson [Taffy Williams ef] 170.0 Final:

Jack Barnett (5 sec), Buzz Hibberd, Les Dallimore 155.0

West Ham Championship: Ht.3: Sprouts Elder beat Paddy Dean 90.0

Tuesday 28 August 1928

One Mile Record Attempt: (current: Sprouts Elder 89.0) : Irvine Jones (Douglas) 94.2

West Ham Open Handicap:

1: A Palmer, Paddy Dean, Buzz Hibberd 108.4

2: Les Blakebrough, Irvine Jones, G Everness 107.0

3: Sprouts Elder, Jack Adams, Moyle [Billy Galloway f] 91.2

4: Les Dallimore, Harry Lewis, Wallie Trumble [Ivor Creek chain] 104.0

SF1: A Palmer, Irvine Jones, G Everness 110.0

SF2: Les Dallimore, Sprouts Elder, Jack Adams 101.0

Final: Sprouts Elder, Les Dallimore, G Everness, Irvine Jones f 96.0

Special Match Race: Les Dallimore beat Les Blakebrough 2 - 0

Metropolis Club Handicap: (6 laps):

1: Len Reeve, Robert Slorah, Alf Foulds 170.0

2: H Jackson, A Palmer, J Moyle 162.0 by half a lap

Final: Alf Foulds (10 sec), Robert Slorah (12), A Palmer, H Jackson f, rm, f 162.0 (33.72mph)

News of the World Belt: Ht.1: Ivor Creek, Les Dallimore, Buzz Hibberd 95.8 37.42mph

Thursday 30 August 1928

Open Handicap:

1: Nick Nicol, Jack Barnett, Billy Galloway, Irvine Jones 102.0 2:

Sprouts Elder, Les Dallimore, Harry (Tiger) Lewis 99.2

3: Ivor Creek, Buzz Hibberd, Alf Foulds 101.4

4: Jack Adams, Dudley Froy, J Moyle [Frank Pearce ef] 107.4

SF1: Nick Nicol, Jack Barnett, Les Dallimore [Sprouts Elder disq - crossed inner line] 106.0

SF2: Ivor Creek, Jack Adams, Alf Foulds [Buzz Hibberd f] 102.0

Final: Jack Barnett (10 sec), Alf Foulds, Les Dallimore [Ivor Creek ef] 109.0

Match Race: Buzz Hibberd beat Frank Pearce 2-0

Match Race: Miss Fay Taylour beat G Everness 101.0 35.64mph

Match Race: Harry Lewis beat Miss Fay Taylour 101.4 35.5mph

West Ham Championship: Ht.4: Irvine Jones beat Ivor Creek ef 90.8

Encourage Scratch

1: G Everness, Len Reeve f,rm 106.0 2:

R Randle, A Palmer 106.2

3: Jack Barnett, Alf Foulds 107.0

4: Wallie Trumble f,rm, Cecil Bounds [L G Bailey f] 116.0

SF1: Abandoned - L Reeve f, G Everness f

SF2: Jack Barnett, Alf Foulds 102.4

Final: Jack Barnett, Len Reeve, Alf Foulds, A Palmer ns 98.4 36.56mph

Tuesday 4 September 1928

Match Race: Sonny Wilson (Stamford Bridge) beat Wallie Trumble (West Ham) 2-1

Handicap: Ivor Creek (4 sec start), Les Blakebrough (8 sec), Les Dallimore (7 sec) 36.89mph

Thursday 6 September 1928

Golden Gauntlet:

1: Les Dallimore, Buzz Hibberd [Ivor Creek f] 2:

Roger Frogley, Sprouts Elder

3: Jack Barnett, Billy Galloway [Paddy Dean ns] 4:

Irvine Jones, Jack Adams, Colin Ford

SF1: Roger Frogley, Sprouts Elder

SF2: Jack Barnett, Billy Galloway [Jack Adams f, Irvine Jones ns (e/t)]

Final: Jack Barnett [Sprouts Elder f,rm , Roger Frogley ef, Billy Galloway ns (e/t)] 36.14mph

Open Handicap:

1: Les Dallimore, Colin Ford [Paddy Dean f] 2:

Ivor Creek, Dennis Seaman.

3: Sprouts Elder, Jack Adams, Billy Galloway

4: Irvine Jones, Bounds f,rm, Will Maguire [Les Blakebrough ef]

SF1: Les Dallimore, Colin Ford, Ivor Creek, Buzz Hibberd

SF2: Sprouts Elder, Bounds, Irvine Jones f,rm, Will Maguire ef

Final: Sprouts Elder, Les Dallimore 37.04mph

Match Race: Sprouts Elder beat Roger Frogley 2-0 39.56 & 39.22 mph

Tuesday 11 September 1928

Match Race: Buzz Hibberd beat Frank Pearce 2-1:

1: Pearce, Hibberd 92.6 [38.96mph]

2: Hibberd, Pearce ef 99.0 [36.36mph]

3: Hibberd walkover (Pearce's frame cracked) 102.4

News of the World Silver Belt:

Ht.3: Billy Galloway, Irvine Jones 94.4 [38.14mph]

Metropolis Club Handicap: (6 laps)

1: Cecil Bounds, A Palmer 170.2

2: Stanley Gill, Dudley Froy 163.0

3: Dennis Seaman, H M Christopher

Final: Dennis Seaman, H M Christopher, Cecil Bounds 155.6

Open Handicap:

1: Sprouts Elder, Taffy Williams, H M Christopher 95.0 2:

Les Blakebrough, Alf Foulds, Ivor Creek 103.6

3: Len Reeve, Buzz Hibberd, Dick Melville 108.2 4:

Jack Barnett, Irvine Jones, Dennis Seaman

SF1: Les Blakebrough, Alf Foulds, Sprouts Elder 102.0

SF2: Irvine Jones, Buzz Hibberd, Dick Melville 98.8 Final:

Buzz Hibberd, Irvine Jones, Alf Foulds 100.8

Thursday 13 September 1928

Match Race: Sprouts Elder beat Dickie Smythe 2-0 92.2 (39.05mph) & 91.4 (39.39mph)

West Ham Championship:

2nd SF: Sprouts Elder beat Irvine Jones, who fell when leading on last lap 88.4 (40.72mph)

Open Handicap:

1: Jack Adams, Jack Barnett & Len Reeve to 1st SF after a mass pile-up. Irvine Jones (broken finger), Les Blakebrough (swollen face), and Billy Galloway (knee injury) were unable to continue in the meeting.

2: Dickie Smythe, Allen Kilfoyle, Ivor Creek 95.2

3: Tommy Croombs, Colin Ford, Sprouts Elder 100.2 4:

Buzz Hibberd, Paddy Dean, Alf Foulds 100.2

SF1: Allen Kilfoyle, Jack Barnett, Dickie Smythe 100.0

SF2: Tommy Croombs, Colin Ford, Sprouts Elder 101.8

Final: Colin Ford (9 sec), Sprouts Elder (scr), Allen Kilfoyle 103.8 (34.68mph)

Metropolis Club Handicap: (6 laps)

1: Len Reeve, Colin Ford 163.4

2: Nick Nicol, Wally Trumble 160.2 3:

A P Bounds, Winks Rice 162.0

Final: Colin Ford (scr), Len Reeve, Winks Rice 153.4 (35.2mph)

Inter-Track Race:

1: Joe Francis (Crystal Palace) beat Dudley Froy (WH) 102.2

2: Jack Adams (WH) beat Arthur Willimott (Crystal Palace) 93.4

Final: Void, due to falls in the heats.

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Metropolis Club Handicap: (6 laps)

1: Nick Nicol, Les Maguire 164.2

2: A Palmer, Colin Ford 159.4

3: Reg Bounds, Cecil Bounds 173.0

Final: Colin Ford, Cecil Bounds, Reg Bounds 158.0

Open Handicap:

1: Tommy Croombs, Buster Frogley, Del Forster 102.6 2:

Jack Barnett, Ivor Creek, George Lovick 104.2

3: Sprouts Elder, Buzz Hibberd, Les Dallimore 96.8 4:

Sonny Wilson, Allen Kilfoyle, Roger Frogley 107.2

SF1: Tommy Croombs, Jack Barnett, George Lovick 101.6

SF2: Allen Kilfoyle, Les Dallimore, Sonny Wilson 97.2

Final: Jack Barnett, Allen Kilfoyle, Les Dallimore 102.0

News of the World Silver Belt:

Ht.4: Clem Cort, Tommy Croombs 95.8

Match Race:

Eric Spencer beat Ivor Creek 2-0 91.2 & 91.4

Match Race:

Clem Cort beat Les Dallimore 97.8

Thursday 20 September 1928

Poor visibility due to fog.

Gold Gauntlet: Buzz Hibberd, Roger Frogley, Les Dallimore 39.56mph 91.0

West Ham Championship: Sprouts Elder, Taffy Williams 37.27mph

Match Race: Sprouts Elder beat Colin Watson 2-0 38.30mph & 38.88mph

Tuesday 25 September 1928

Buzz Hibberd fell in a handicap heat, and whilst walking from the track was run into by another competitor. He suffered a leg injury.

Match Race:

1: Billy Lamont beat Ivor Creek 38.34mph 2:

Ivor Creek beat Billy Lamont 36.07mph

3: Not held - Lamont's machine out of action.

Thursday 27 September 1928

Open Handicap:

1: A Palmer (10 sec start), Colin Watson, H Jackson 105.2 2:

Roger Frogley, Les Barker, Les Dallimore 102.0

3: Winks Rice, Sprouts Elder, J H Calvert 105.4

4: Buster Frogley, W Matthews, Alf Foulds [Jack Barnett ef] 102.6

SF1: Les Dallimore, H Jackson, Roger Frogley, Colin Watson 101.4

SF2: Sprouts Elder, Winks Rice, Buster Frogley 94.2

Final: Roger Frogley, Les Dallimore, Buster Frogley [Sprouts Elder ef] 98.2

Match Race:

Roger Frogley beat Charlie Spinks 2-0 94.2 & 92.2 (38.22mph & 39.05mph)

Match Race:

Roger Frogley beat Sprouts Elder ef 91.8 (39.22mph)

Match Race:

Colin Watson beat Charlie Spinks 93.2 (38.63mph)

Metropolis Club (Amateur) Handicap:

1. Bill Morris, Sonny Wilson 161.2

2. Jimmy Hayes, J H Calvert 160.6

3. H Robinson, Wallie Trumble 163.8

Final: Bill Morris, Sonny Wilson 160.8

Tuesday 2 October 1928

A Grade Scratch:

1: Sprouts Elder, Les Blakebrough 93.4

2: Roger Frogley, Clem Cort 93.4

3: Ivor Creek, Buster Frogley 95.4

4: Billy Lamont, Tommy Croombs 92.8

SF1: Roger Frogley, Sprouts Elder 90.4

SF2: Billy Lamont, Tommy Croombs 91.8

Final: (rerun) Sprouts Elder, Billy Lamont, Roger Frogley f, Tommy Croombs f 88.0

Match Race:

Sprouts Elder beat Eric Spencer 2-0 97.4 & 94.8

Open Handicap:

1: A Palmer, Buster Frogley, Allen Kilfoyle 103.8

2: Les Blakebrough, Clem Cort, Jimmy Hayes 103.4 3:

Jack Barnett, Bob Bedwin, H Jackson 101.2

4: Roger Frogley, Tommy Croombs, Wallie Trumble 96.2

SF1: Les Blakebrough, Buster Frogley, A Palmer 103.2 SF2:

Roger Frogley, Tommy Croombs, H Jackson 95.0

Final: A Palmer (9 sec start), Roger Frogley (1 sec), Tommy Croombs 100.0

Match Race: Ivor Creek beat Billy Lamont 94.2 (38.22mph)

News of the World Silver Belt:

SF2: Tommy Croombs, Clem Cort [Billy Galloway & Irvine Jones ns (injured)] 96.0

Sidecar Scratch:

1: Len Pellat, Gordon Norchi 108.0

2: Arthur Noterman, R V Newman 103.4

Final: Arthur Noterman, Len Pellat 103.6

Thursday 4 October 1928

No details.

Tuesday 9 October 1928

News of the World Belt Final: Sprouts Elder, Ivor Creek, Tommy Croombs 89.4

Special Match Race: Billy Lamont beat Sprouts Elder 2-0 90.0 & 89.4

A Grade Scratch:

1: Billy Lamont, Jack Barnett

2: Roger Frogley, Les Blakebrough, Clem Cort 3:

Sprouts Elder, Nick Nicol [Allan Kilfoyle ef] 4:

Ivor Creek, Gus Kuhn

SF1: Buzz Hibberd, Les Blakebrough, Jack Adams

SF2: Sprouts Elder, Ivor Creek

Final: Sprouts Elder, Ivor Creek, Les Blakebrough 39.65mph

Invitation Handicap:

1: Reg Bounds

2: Les Barker, W Maguire

3: Jimmy Hayes, Alf Foulds, Wal Phillips

Final: W Maguire, Alf Foulds, Les Barker, Jimmy Hayes f 32.67mph

Sidecars: Arthur Noterman, E C Thomas 31.63mph

Thursday 11 October 1928

Match Race: Dickie Smythe beat Tommy Croombs

Match Race: Roger Frogley (Eng) beat George "Jock" MacKenzie (Scot) 2-0

Scratch Final: Dickie Smythe, Tommy Croombs, Roger Frogley 39.47mph

Handicap Final: Roger May (8 sec start), Nick Nicol, Tommy Croombs 35.36mph

Tuesday 16 October 1928

Sprouts Elder missed this meeting with a septic leg (actually a boil on the right knee, from the continual banging against the right knee hook) and was replaced by Billy Lamont.

Match Race:

Billy Lamont beat Vic Huxley 2-0 40.09mph & 39.39mph

Invitation Handicap Final:

H Robinson (10 sec start), Billy Lamont (scr), Les Barker 35.57mph

English Amateur Championships: Qualifying Heats

Heat winners:

Taffy Williams

Gus Kuhn

Bob Bedwin Sonny

Wilson Del Forster

Jimmy Hayes

Sidecar Scratch:

Arthur Noterman, Len Pellat 35.5mph

Thursday 18 October 1928

Postponed – rain.

Tuesday 23 October 1928

Match Race:

Billy Lamont beat Sig Schlam 2-0 37.97mph & 37.66mph

Invitation Handicap Final:

Roger Frogley, Jack Barnett 36.14mph

B Grade Scratch Final:

J H Calvert, Les Maguire 33.52mph

Tuesday 30 October 1928

Invitation Handicap:

Ht.2: Roger Frogley 37.19mph

SF: Roger Frogley 37.04mph

Final: Gus Kuhn, Albert Savory, Roger Frogley 32.76mph

A Grade Scratch

Final: Sprouts Elder, Les Dallimore f,rm [Roger Frogley f] 37.89mph

Match Race:

Sprouts Elder beat Arthur Jervis 2-0 38.71 & 38.96

Thursday 1 November 1928

No details.

Tuesday 6 November 1928

Attendance: 25,000

Inter-Track Match: (9 heats, scoring 2-1-0-0):

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Heat winners: Sprouts Elder (WH) 3, Roger Frogley (WH) 2, Les Dallimore (WH) 2, Arthur Jervis (M) 2

Match Race:

Arthur Jervis beat Roger Frogley 2-0

Tuesday 13 November 1928

Special Match Race (best of 3):

Arthur Jervis beat Ron Johnson f 38.38mph

Golden Gauntlet:

Ht.1: Sprouts Elder, Colin Watson 39.05mph [Boyd Pratt, Noel Johnson]

Ht 2: [Ron Johnson, Buzz Hibberd, Eric Spencer, Roger May]

Ht.2: Arthur Jervis 38.96mph (?)

Ht.3: [A. W. Jervis, L. Dallimore, Buster Frogley, Jack Barnett]

Ht.4: [Jim Kempster, Roger Frogley, Bert Spencer, Harry Stephens]

SF1: [1st and 2nd from heats 1 & 2]

SF2: Roger Frogley, Arthur Jervis 39.22mph [1st and 2nd from heats 3 & 4]

Final: Sprouts Elder, Roger Frogley 39.74 mph by half a wheel [1st and 2nd from semi-finals]

West Ham Invitation Handicap

Ht 1 [Jim Kempster (scr), Buster Frogley (4), Roger May(5), L. Maguire (7), Billy Bragg (8), J. H. Calvert (9)]

Ht 2 [Roger Frogley (scr), Bert Spencer (5), Gus Kuhn (5), Wal Phillips (5), S. Wilson (9), Tim Healey (10)]

Ht 3 [Colin Watson (2), Buzz Hibberd (5), Noel Johnson (5), Bob Bedwin (7), F. W. Bond (7), Jim Douglas (10)]

Ht 4 [Eric Spencer (scr), Harry Stephens (4), Boyd Pratt (5), L. Dallimore (5), C. Holder (8), R. P. Bounds (10)]

SF1 [first three from heats 1 & 2]

SF2 [first three from heats 1 & 2]

Final (first 4 from semi-finals): Les Dallimore, Gus Kuhn, Bill Bragg