

# AUDENSHAW 1928

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## Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1928

This was advertised as the First Dirt Track meeting in Britain "run as is done in Australia". Attendance figures vary from 10,000 to 20,000. The meeting ran for 5 hours. Organiser South Manchester Motor Club. Billy Galloway and Keith MacKay gave broadsiding exhibitions but due to a surface that was too hard it was not possible to put up a really spectacular display. The technique was no faster than riding around the bends "feet up". Track Length half mile to the lap.

### Up to 250 cc

Ht 1: C W Gleave, Fred Fearnley, G E Cowley (ret), [H Warburton, T S Warburton]	132.4
Ht 2: A Firth, A K Ashton, B Gourley, L Higson	137.2
Final: Gleave, Firth	138.8

### Up to 350 cc

Ht 1: A R Riley, J Harrison (f), [J Crump, C W Gleave, H Warburton, B Whyte]	139.8
Ht 2: Ginger Lees, [H Pearse, C J P Dodson, S Johnson, H Purslow, F J Fearnley]	124.8
Ht 3: H Mitchell, [A K Ashton, R Harrison, G R Airey, L Higson, T Proctor]	122.8
Ht 4: C Tattersall, Billy Galloway (f), [A Firth, B Gourley, T Price, S Montgomery]	138.2
Ht 5: Charlie Hornby, [S Dodson, W T Radford, H D Shelton, A Brooks]	140.0
Ht 6: Bert Clayton, [E R Greenall, S Lees, S Hughes, C C Purslow]	128.4
All 6 heats had 5 or 6 riders programmed but in fact 4 turned out in each.	
Final: Bert Clayton, Ginger Lees, Charlie Hornby, [Riley, Mitchell, Tattershall]	122.8

### Up to 500 cc

Ht 1: Tommy Spann, [Alec Jackson, J Crump, A R Riley, T Illingworth, L Flowers]	132.6
Ht 2: Charlie Dodson, [P L B Wills, M Sheldon, D Buckingham, H Rosler, F J Fearnley]	126.8
Ht 3: H Mitchell, [H R Lees, R Harrison, R Hooton, W Hull, G R Airey]	122.4
Ht 4: W L Birch, [B Higginbottom, T Price, T Proctor, S Heeling]	
Ht 5: J Riley, [G Griffiths, C Tattershall, S Meadowcroft, S Dodson]	
Ht 6: Acorn Dobson, [H D Shelton, W T Radford, H Mathews, C Urmston, C Hornby]	
Ht 7: Ernie Greenall, T Allott, [C Snape Jnr, C W Provis, H Clayton]	
Ht 8: P Hunt, [C C Purslow, S Lees, H Heys, S Hughes, A Brewin]	
SF1: H Mitchell, T Spann, [C Dodson, W L Birch]	
SF2: P Hunt, J Riley, [Acorn Dobson, Ernie Greenall]	
Final: Tommy Spann, P Hunt, H Mitchell, J Riley	118.8

### Unlimited - Audenshaw Cup

Ht 1: T Spann, [J Crump, T Illingworth, A Jackson, P L B Wills, M Sheldon]	
Ht 2: Charlie Dodson, [D Buckingham, S Johnson, H Rosler, H Purslow, F J Fearnley]	
Ht 3: H Mitchell, [H R Lees, R Harrison, R Hooton, W Hall, G R Airey]	
Ht 4: W L Birch, [J O Cunliffe, B Higginbottom, T Proctor, T Price, G Griffiths]	
Ht 5: Bert Clayton, [C Tattershall, C Urmston, C Hornby, C W Provis, E R Greenall]	
Ht 6: P Hunt, [T Allott, S Lees, H Heys, S Hughes, A Brewin, C C Purslow]	
Final: H Mitchell, P Hunt, Bert Clayton, Spann (f), [C Dodson, W L Birch]	234.6

### Sidecars

Ht 1: Tommy Spann, W Lord, [N H Buckley, G Cowley]	131.0
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Ht 2: W Shaw, Bert Clayton (crashed), [H Mathews, C Urmston] 140.8

**South Manchester Challenge Cup (Event Winners v Australians)**

K Mackay, H Mitchell (mf), C W Gleave (ret), B Galloway (ns), T Spann (ns), B Clayton (dns) 256.0

**Match race**

H Mitchell bt "a substitute for Tommy Spann" 121.2

**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 1928**

Attendance 10,000

**Up to 350 cc**

Ht: Gleave

Ht: Wilcock,

Ht: C Crump

Ht: Lees,

Ht: Twerdlow

Ht: Davenport

Final: Ginger Lees, Maurice Davenport, J Crump 206.0

**500 cc**

Ht 1: Ginger Lees

Ht 2:

Ht 3: Tommy Hatch, A Davenport

Ht 4: Tom Simister

Ht 5:

Ht 6: Norman Hartley

SF1: Ginger Lees, T Simister 197.0

SF2: A Moore

Final: Ginger Lees, Tommy Hatch, Maurice Davenport 196.2

H R "Ginger" Lees clocked 37 seconds for one half mile lap.

**Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 1928**

Attendance 6,000

**350 cc**

6 heats

Final (6 laps): Maurice Davenport, Ginger Lees (f rmted), Sydney Crabtree or H. Pilling\*\*, Peter Waterhouse 397.0

\*\*Could be M. Pilling

**500 cc**

Ht 1: Greenall\*

Ht 4: Crabtree

Ht 6: Norman Hartley crashed with a big lead. He remounted only to be thrown clean over the handlebars 50 yards further on but very close to the finish. J Crump stopped to help and lost his chance to win.

Final (6 laps): T Simister, Maurice Davenport, S A Crabtree 393.0

\*Could have been Ernie or Frank Greenall

**Sidecars**

SF1: J O Cunliffe 213.0

SF2: C Urmston 222.2

Final: Not raced due to machine problems.

Also Rode: George Cowley

## Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 1928

Attendance 6,000-10,000.

Two meetings were held. One in the afternoon with a further fixture in the evening. The track had not had sufficient watering and was a dust bowl. There was a collision between T Rosier and Joe Palastrand. Rosier bruised his leg and tore a thigh muscle. In a wheel to wheel battle with C. Tattersall, Clem Beckett fell and went across Tattersall who swerved to avoid him. Beckett was lucky to escape with bruises. R.Hooton had bad cuts to his face.

### Afternoon

#### Class C 350 cc

Final. (10 laps): A Greenall\*, C. Tattersall, Arthur Franklyn 396.6

#### Class C 500 cc

Ht 1: T Mason

Ht 2: 3 riders fell

Ht: Tom Simister, Billy Galloway

Final (10 laps): Walter Hull, W. Drew\*\*, C. Tattersall 396.2

Norman Hartley crashed in his heat.

#### Class A 350 cc

Final (10 laps): Ginger Lees, M Davenport, C Tattersall 396.2

#### Class A 500 c.c.

Final (5 laps): T Simister, C Tattersall, A Moore\*\*\* 195.8

\*A Greenall is likely to be either Ernie or Frank Greenall

\*\*W. Drew is probably one of the Drew brothers Albert, Claude or George

\*\*\* Arnold Moore from Huddersfield or Arthur Moore from Barnsley, both of whom were active at the time.

### Evening

#### Sidecars Unlimited

Final (5 Laps): J O Cunliffe, P Hughes, W Dalglish 213.4

#### Audenshaw Cup

Final (5 Laps): Stewart St George, T Simister, Billy Galloway 190.4 (record)

#### Class B 350 cc

Final: A Greenall\*, Arthur Franklyn, C Tattersall 201.8

#### Class B 500 cc

Final (5 Laps): J Crump, C Tattersall, W Drew\*\* 215.4

#### Class D 500 cc

The heats produced the first ever dead heat between Ernie Greenall and Chris Tattersall.

\*A. Greenall is likely to be either Ernie or Frank Greenall – Ernie competed in the meeting.

\*\*W. Drew is probably one of the Drew brothers Albert, Claude or George

## Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 1928

Conditions were poor with continuous rain and the track treacherous.

#### Class C 500 cc

Ht: Norman Hartley

Final (5 Laps): G E Cowley, E A Todd, E Kingdon 227.0

(Hartley fell and Kingdon ran into him)

(In the heats Clem Beckett had a big accident)

**Class C 350 cc**

Final (5 Laps): E A Todd, W Dalglish, Clem Beckett 221.0  
The Sporting chronicle has a different result: Todd, Beckett, W Dawson  
Ashton Reporter has Todd, Dawson, Beckett  
The Motor Cycle has same first 2 as Ashton Reporter

**Class A Scratch Race**

Final. (10 Laps): Walter Hull, Arthur Franklyn, A Norton (Norton) 438.4

**Class B Handicap**

Final (5 Laps): Arthur Franklyn (Joynson-Blackburne), Walter Hull (Norton), A. Norton (Norton) 3m 48

**Class A Handicap**

Final (10 Laps): A Norton, Walter Hull, M Sheldon 456.0  
Alternative source has G Taylor (scr), M Sheldon (5), Walter Hull (scr)

**Light Cars**

(These midget cars carried a passenger during the race)

W Lewis 213.4  
Hutchins 221.0  
Longshaw 223.2  
P Cowley 244.6  
Final: Longshaw, P Cowley 213.0