

BLACKPOOL, HIGHFIELD ROAD 1928

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Saturday, 21st April 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

Attendance 4,000. The races were held in a clockwise direction at this meeting. The track was a half mile long. All races were over 6 laps.

350 c.c. Sydney Cup

Ht 1: H Shelton, Johnnie Crump, C E Needham (mf)	249.8
Ht 2: Ginger Lees, Alec Mitchell, R Sumner (f)	248.2
Ht 3: Eric Langton, M Lewis, Hirst Mitchell (f)	249.2
Final: Ginger Lees, H Shelton, Eric Langton	248.2

500 c.c. Melbourne Cup

Ht 1: Gordon Baxter, D Birch	255.4
Ht 2: Wilf McClure, H Shelton	232.2
Ht 3: Alec Mitchell, Ginger Lees	246.8
Ht 4: Eric Langton, Chris Tattersall	284.0
Ht 5: E Mainwaring, P Starkey	268.0
Ht 6: Oliver Langton, Alec Jackson	246.0
SF1: Wilf McClure, Alec Mitchell	236.4
SF2: Alec Jackson, Eric Langton	246.2
Final: Wilf McClure, Alec Mitchell, Eric Langton, Alec Jackson	234.4

750 c.c. Adelaide Cup

Ht 1: Gordon Baxter, Johnnie Crump	257.0
Ht 2: Wilf McClure, Ginger Lees	244.0
Ht 3: Alec Mitchell, Eric Langton	248.2
Ht 4: P Starkey, E Mainwaring	275.6
Ht 5: Oliver Langton, Alec Jackson	249.0
SF1: Wilf McClure, Alec Mitchell	239.2
SF2: Oliver Langton, Alec Jackson	245.4
Final: Wilf McClure, Oliver Langton, Alec Mitchell, Alec Jackson	110.8

Unlimited c.c. Brisbane Cup

Ht 1: Wilf McClure, Gordon Baxter	247.6
Ht 2: Ginger Lees, Alec Mitchell	254.2
Ht 3: Oliver Langton, Chris Tattersall	242.2
Final: Oliver Langton, Alec Mitchell, Gordon Baxter, [Wilf McClure (nf), Ginger Lees, ChrisTattersall]	241.4

The Golden Helmet and Canberra Cup were awarded to the fastest man of the day Wilf McClure (232.2)

George Cowley rode at this meeting.

Saturday, 23rd June 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

Attendance 10,000. Races were in the conventional anti-clockwise direction from this meeting on.

350 c.c.

Ht 1: J A Smith, Cliff Mawson	256.0
Ht 2: C E Needham, George Reynard	249.8
Ht 3: T E Wilshaw, T Howarth	276.8
Final: George Reynard, J A Smith, Cliff Mawson, C E Needham (ef)	250.4

500 c.c.

Ht 1: J A Smith, Arthur Wilcock	267.4
Ht 2: Frank Charles, Cliff Mawson	273.0
Ht 3: George Reynard, J Gregson	251.2
Ht 4: R Sumner, P Starkey	255.2
Ht 5: A Higginbottom, Charlie Hornby	270.8
SF1: George Reynard, Arthur Wilcock, J Gregson (f)	249.2
SF2: R Sumner, P Starkey	278.0
Final: Arthur Wilcock, P Starkey, George Reynard, Cyril Wilcock	249.8

Sidecars

Ht 1: Harold Stephenson - only finisher.	
Ht 2: Norman Buckley, H Hutchinson	260.0
Final: H Hutchinson, Norman Buckley, Harold Stephenson	274.6

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350 c.c.

Final: R Sumner, Cliff Mawson, Alec Mitchell	239.2
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500 c.c.

Ht 2: Eric Langton	229.8 (record)
Final: Eric Langton, J A Smith, R Sumner	230.2

Sidecars

Final: Norman Buckley, H Warburton	254.2
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Saturday, 14th July 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

Attendance 2,500.

350 c.c.

Ht 1: C E Needham, J A Smith	267.4
Ht 2: J Gregson, Cliff Mawson, T Sumner* (f)	274.0
Final: C E Needham, Cliff Mawson (f), J A Smith (f), J Gregson (ef)	254.6

*Probably R Sumner

500 c.c.	
Ht 1: C E Needham, Frank Charles	254.6
Ht 2: Cyril Wilcock, Eric Langton	267.0
Ht 3: Norman Nelson, Oliver Langton	269.8
Final: C E Needham, Frank Charles, Oliver Langton	238.8

Sidecar Event	
H Warburton, Norman Buckley, H Hutchinson	267.4

Golden Ace	
C E Needham	236.0

Saturday, 21st July 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool
Attendance 3,000.

350 c.c.	
Ht 1: C E Needham, only finisher	288.6
Ht 2: R Sumner, Cliff Mawson	254.4
Final: C E Needham, R Sumner	238.8

500 c.c.	
Ht 1: Cyril Wilcock, J Gregson	267.6
Ht 2: Frank Charles, C E Needham	237.6
Ht 3: Norman Nelson, R Sumner	255.8
Final: Frank Charles, C E Needham, Norman Nelson	231.0

Sidecar Event	
Ht: Harold Jackson	
Ht: Norman Buckley	
Final: Harold Jackson, Norman Buckley	256.4

Golden Ace
Not staged due to a crash in the first running of the event involving Norman Nelson, P Starkey and C E Needham.

Saturday, 4th August 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool
Attendance 5,000.

350 c.c.	
Ht 1: C E Needham, Hirst Mitchell	237.8
Ht 2: J Gregson, Alec Mitchell	252.8
Final: C E Needham, J Gregson, Hirst Mitchell	257.6

500 c.c.	
Ht 1: Frank Charles, E R Kinley	258.0
Ht 2: Cyril Wilcock, R Sumner	259.2
Ht 3: C E Needham, Arthur Wilcock	257.4
Final: Frank Charles, Cyril Wilcock, Arthur Wilcock, C E Needham (f, rm)	241.8

Lancashire v Yorkshire - 750 c.c.
 Ht 1: Arthur Atkinson, Alec Mitchell 264.2
 Ht 2: C E Needham 257.2
 Ht 3: Frank Charles, Cyril Wilcock 252.0
 Final: Frank Charles, Cyril Wilcock, Alec Mitchell, [Arthur Atkinson, C E Needham, Cliff Mawson] 249.4

Sidecar Event
 Ht 1: Norman Buckley, E Hollingworth 255.2
 Ht 2: Harold Jackson, Harold Stephenson 274.4
 Final: Harold Stephenson, Harold Jackson, Norman Buckley 252.4

Saturday, 11th August 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool
 Attendance 8,000.

Sunday Chronicle Dirt Track Trophy
 Ht: Joe Abbott, R Summer
 Final: Norman Nelson, Arthur Wilcock, Chris Tattersall, Frank Charles (f) 246.2

Up to 350 c.c.
 Ht: C E Needham
 Ht: Arthur Wilcock
 Ht: R Sumner
 Ht: Norman Nelson
 Final: Arthur Wilcock, Norman Nelson, C E Needham 238.4

Novices up to 500c.c.
Ht: Ted Greenwood
 Ht: G B Leslie
 Ht: Eric Airey
 Ht: Joe Abbott.
 Final: Eric Airey, Joe Abbott, G B Leslie 250.0

Sidecars
 Norman Buckley, Harold Stephenson 241.8 (record)

Saturday, 25th August 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

350 c.c.
 Ht 1: R Sumner, Arthur Wilcock 229.0
 Ht 2: J Gregson, G B Leslie 267.4
 Final: R Sumner, J Gregson, Arthur Wilcock 227.0

500 c.c. Handicap
 Ht 1: J Gregson (10), Joe Abbott (10) 228.2
 Ht 2: R Sumner (5), Eric Airey (9) 229.8
 Ht 3: Norman Nelson (4), Cyril Wilcock (9) 227.6
 Final: Norman Nelson (5), J Gregson (10), R Sumner (5) 228.6

Sunday Chronicle Dirt Track Trophy	
Ht 1: P Starkey, Cyril Wilcock	238.6
Ht 2: Norman Nelson, Frank Charles	230.8
Ht 3: R Sumner, J Gregson	238.6
Final: Norman Nelson, Frank Charles, P Starkey,	226.6 (record)

Sidecar Event	
Ht 1: Norman Buckley, P Starkey	235.4 (record)
Ht 2: Harold Jackson, R B Talbot	232.4 (record)
Final: Harold Jackson, Norman Buckley, R B Talbot	237.8

Saturday, 8th September 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

Believed to have been postponed due to rain.

Saturday, 22nd September 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

350 c.c.	
Ht 1: C E Needham, J Gregson	236.6
Ht 2: R Sumner, Arthur Wilcock	232.0
Final: C E Needham, Arthur Wilcock, J Gregson	229.4

500 c.c. Handicap	
Ht 1: C Newman (14), H Yates (8)	247.2
Ht 2: Arthur Wilcock (5), Frank Charles (Scr)	238.0
Ht 3: Cyril Wilcock (9), P Starkey (7)	253.4
Final: Cyril Wilcock, C Newman, Arthur Wilcock, Frank Charles (exc)	228.4
C E Needham fell in his heat	

Sunday Chronicle Dirt Track Trophy (Track Final)	
Ht 1: Cyril Wilcock, H Yates	229.2
Ht 2: R Sumner, Frank Charles	232.4
Ht 3: C E Needham, Arthur Wilcock	229.6
Final: Cyril Wilcock, C E Needham, H Yates, Frank Charles (ns)	228.2

Sidecar Event	
Final: Harold Stephenson, H Warburton, W Heyworth (Rudge)	242.6

Track Record Attempt (Holder Norman Nelson 226.6)	
C E Needham	224.8 (flying start record)

Saturday, 6th October 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

350 c.c.	
Final: C E Needham, J Gregson	245.4

500 c.c. Handicap

Ht: Frank Charles (scr), C E Needham (4)
Final: Frank Charles (Scr), C Newman (10), R Sumner (6) 228.4

500 c.c. Scratch
Frank Charles, Arthur Wilcock, C E Needham 225.0

Sidecars
H Warburton, Harold Jackson, Norman Buckley 237.0

Track Record
During the meeting Frank Charles did the 6 laps in 224.8 from a clutch start, equalling Needham's record from a flying start.

Saturday, 20th October 1928, Highfield Road, Blackpool

The scheduled meeting was not held due to bad weather.