

BRIGHTON (Hove) SPEEDWAY 1928

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Argus 23.5.28

The Hove Stadium for Greyhound Racing was opened on Sat 2 June, 1928 at 7pm. to stage races on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

Argus 28.5.28

Advertisements for the meeting included "Attractions to come - Motor Cycle Dirt Track Racing, Football, Public Tennis Courts"

Argus 29.5.28

Greyhound track is 525yards. Stadium capacity 18,000 (2005: capacity 2,200), including 3,000 in grandstand. Car park for 750 cars. "Geographically, the track leaves nothing to be desired, its' rural surroundings being both beautiful and a pleasure to the eye."

Argus 4.6.28

Opening night crowd for greyhounds on 2.6.28 was 6-7,000. The local press was pleased to note that "Not a single case of fighting occurred to mar any one of the seven races - the dogs were on their very best behaviour"

Argus 9.6.28

First announcement that "the opening Speedway Meeting at the Hove Sports Stadium will take place on Saturday 23rd June, racing starting at 2.30pm"

Argus 16.6.28

Full advertisement appears.

Sussex Daily News 19.6.28

A planned practice for riders from the local Motor Cycle clubs, attended by "Mr. J S Hoskins, accompanied by three Australian champions" [Datson, Johnson, and Schlam] , was "not possible owing to a temporary hold-up in connection with the supply of shingle". Several hundred riders of both sexes turned up. "The Brighton speedway is a quarter of a mile in circumference. When it is finished, experts say it will be the finest in England." The track is unbanked.

Practice will be Thurs 21.6.28 between 7pm and 10pm.

Riders for the opening meeting on 23.6.28 will include "Lionel Wills, Secretary of the Racing Riders' Association. He will be matched for the second time against "Jarrah" Johnson of Western Australia. On the last occasion, Wills was victorious, and Johnson is anxious to have another race. There will be a demonstration of broadsiding by Charlie Datson, the world's record holder"

Entry forms from the local representative of Associated Southern Speedways (Brighton) Ltd.,23 Frith Road, Hove.

Argus 20.6.28

"Great progress has been made with the work of laying the dirt track for motor racing at the Hove Stadium, and practice runs will be possible tomorrow."

"Two Morgan cars, which are classified as side-cars, are to be driven at the opening meeting in competition against side-car outfits. The event is to be a handicap."

"Charlie Datson and Ron Johnson, the two Australian cracks, have taken up residence in Brighton, and express great satisfaction with the track. Charlie Datson says he expects to break his Crystal Palace record time for a mile on the Brighton track, which should be the fastest quarter mile track in England."

Argus 22.6.28

Practice commenced yesterday evening.

"About three hundred riders and friends were thrilled by an exhibition given by the Australian champion, Charlie Datson, who cornered at apparently crazy speed, sending a crowd of cinders into the air" Entries received to date for the first meeting tomorrow [on a wide range of bikes!] :

RIDER hp, MACHINE HANDICAP

Charlie Datson (Australia)	3½hp Douglas,	scratch	
Ron Johnson (Australia)	2¾ Harley,	scratch	
Lionel Wills (London)	3½ Rudge,	scratch	
Johnny Broughton (Croydon)		2¾ H.R.D,	12 seconds start "a Brooklands record holder"
Les Barker (Hove)	2¾ Coventry Eagle, 4 seconds "showing great promise at Brooklands"		
Tommy Croombs (N Malden)	2¾ Harley,	11 seconds	
Alan Kilfoyle (Kingston)	3½ Douglas,	8 seconds	"has been riding at Crystal Palace"
G W Blake (Hampton Court)	2 Abingdon,	14 seconds	
C R Parker (Worthing)	3½ B.S.A,	16 seconds	"showing great promise at the Crystal Palace"
R W How (Steyning)	3½ Ariel,	18 seconds	
H Miller (Littlehampton)	3½ Ariel ,	18 seconds	
E Lucas (Pulborough)	2¾ Calthorpe,	20 seconds	
C E Budden (Horsham)	3½ Ariel	18 seconds	
H C Waldron (Eastbourne)	3½ Norton,	18 seconds	
L Ashdown (Southbourne)	3½ Norton	18 seconds	
W J Stringer (Brighton)	3½ Norton,	18 seconds	
W L Thomas (Ditchling)	2¾ Raleigh	18 seconds	
R [Bryan?] Donkin	2¾ A.J.S	20 seconds	
R Dutton	2¾ A.J.S	20 seconds	
B Duncan	2¾ A.J.S	20 seconds	
Side-Car Race:			
A Boggis,	Aero Morgan		
Stanton Nouhus,	Aero Morgan		
S R Smith,	Matchless		
Auto-Cycle Union Steward will be Mr.C L Clayton			

1ST. MEETING : Saturday 23 JUNE 1928

(See also The Motor Cycle 14.3.29 for Lionel Wills' comments on this meeting)

The Motor Cycle 28.6.28

"The speedway was still in an unfinished state. The track itself was very bumpy ... it was far too rough for "Australian" riding. It requires rolling, raking, and watering continually, and the arrangements for rolling and raking last Saturday - consisting of a Ford van towing a length of angle iron - were totally inadequate. Doubtless our English summer will provide all that is necessary in the way of watering."

Motor Cycling 4.7.28

"The track was really opened too soon. In fact, it was not finished until Saturday morning. The track, however, is good and safe"

Argus 23.6.28, Sussex Daily News 25.6.28, Brighton & Hove Herald 30.6.28 [Quote most of Herald article]

Crowd estimated at 8,000. 17 events. Promoters: Associated Southern Speedways (Brighton) Ltd.

"The cinder or dirt track, constructed inside the greyhound track, provides for all the onlookers a view of the complete race. It is a quarter of a mile in circumference, and consists of two straight runs with semi-circular turns. Interest is enhanced by the speed with which the straight is covered and the great skill with which the riders negotiate the bends. There was not a dull moment in the whole afternoon."

RESULTS

£50 HOVE HANDICAP 1 mile (4 laps) 1st.£20, 2nd £10, 3rd £5, 4th £2 10s. Also £12 10s distributed among 1st and 2nd places in heats and semi-finals.

The promising H Miller improved his time in each race as he won a very close Final from C R Parker.

Heat 1 : H Miller (3½ Ariel) 18 secs, J Broughton (2¾ H.R.D) 12 secs. Also rode : Alan Kilfoyle (3½ Douglas) 8 secs, L Ashdown (3½ Norton) 18 secs. Time 1min 59.6sec

Heat 2 : B Duncan (2¾ A.J.S) 20 secs, E Lucas (2¾ Calthorpe) 20 secs. Also rode : Tommy Croombs (2¾ Harley) 11 secs, G Blake (2 Abingdon) 14 secs. Time 2min 6¾sec

Heat 3 : C R Parker (3½ B.S.A) 16 secs, L Barker (2¾ Coventry Eagle) 4 secs. Also rode : R Dutton (2¾ A.J.S) 20 secs, Stott (Norton). Time : 2min 1.8sec

Heat 4 : R W How (3½ Ariel) 18 secs, H C Waldron (3½ Norton) 18 secs. Also rode : W J Stringer (3½ Norton) 18 secs. Time : 1min 57.6sec

1st. Semi-Final : H Miller (3½ Ariel) 18 secs, C R Parker (3½ B.S.A) 16 secs. Time : 1min 58.6sec

2nd. Semi-Final : R W How (3½ Ariel) 18 secs, H C Waldron (3½ Norton) 18 secs. Time : 2min 1.2sec
FINAL : H Miller (3½ Ariel) 18 secs, C R Parker (3½ B.S.A) 16 secs, H C Waldron (3½ Norton) 18 secs, W L Thomas (2¾ Raleigh) 18 secs. Time : 1min 57.2sec

BROADSIDING EXHIBITION 1 mile (4 laps)

Charlie Datson (Australia) (3½ Douglas) 1min 47.6sec

£30 MATCH RACE 1 mile (4 laps), flying start.

Just prior to the racing, Lionel Wills, the well-known English champion, came to grief, his Rudge somersaulting and falling upon him. He sustained a badly sprained left ankle and cut hands. Though severely shaken, he insisted on riding in all the events for which he was entered. He was, however, unable to do himself justice in his match with Ron Johnson, 21-years-old Australian, who easily reversed the Crystal Palace decision by arriving home over 3 seconds before Wills.

Ron Johnson (West Australia) (2¾ Harley) beat Lionel Wills (England) (3½ Rudge) Time : 1min 47.8sec

£40 BRIGHTON SCRATCH RACE 1 mile (4 laps), flying start. 1st £15, 2nd £7 10s, 3rd £2 10s. Each starter to receive £2 10s. 40 yards start conceded by C Datson, R Johnson, and L Wills.

Track record set at 1min 39.6sec by Charlie Datson in the Final.

Heat 1 : Ron Johnson (Australia) (2¾ Harley), A Kilfoyle (3½ Douglas). Time : 1min 51.6sec

Heat 2 : Lionel Wills (London) (3½ Rudge), Johnny Broughton (2¾ H.R.D). Time : 1min 50.8sec

Heat 3 : Charlie Datson (Australia) (3½ Douglas), Les Barker (2¾ Coventry Eagle). Time : 1min 42.8sec

FINAL : Charlie Datson, Ron Johnson, Lionel Wills. Time : 1min 39.6sec (track record)

£10 SIDE-CAR RACE 1mile (4 laps)

A Boggis (Aero Morgan), Stanton Nouhus (Aero Morgan), F R Smith (3½ Matchless). Time : 2min 9sec

Argus 27.6.28 & Sussex Daily News 28.6.28

"Next Saturday's Meeting At Hove Stadium - Signaller(sic) Schlam, the Australian champion, will make his first appearance on the new speedway track at Hove Stadium. The track will be much better and faster than last week. With last week's performances to guide him, the handicapper is confident that he can get better racing.. There will probably be five riders instead of four in each heat. The racing will commence with a grand parade at 3 o'clock."

Sussex Daily News 29.6.28

Nearly 1,000 people watched the practice last night, attended by a record number of riders. One rider fell, and cut his face slightly. Entries for tomorrows' meeting :

Charlie Datsun (Australia)	3½ Douglas	scratch
Sig Schlam (West Australia)	2¾ Harley	scratch
Ron Johnson (Australia)	2¾ Harley	scratch
Les Barker (Hove)	3½ Rudge	4 secs start
Ron Voice (Southwick)	2¾ New Gerrard	18 secs
Johnny Broughton (Croydon)	2¾ H.R.D	10 secs
H W Godder (Framfield)	3½ B.S.A	16 secs
L Ashdown (Southbourne)	3½ Norton	16 secs
H C Waldron (Eastbourne)	3½ Norton	14 secs
G M Seaham (Westham)	3½ Cotton	10 secs
Ben Wise (Hellingly)	2¾ Cotton	18 secs
George Lewis (Brighton)	2¾ Cotton	18 secs
H Miller (Littlehampton)	3½ Ariel	8 secs
C E Budden (Horsham)	3½ Ariel	18 secs
W J Stringer (Brighton)	3½ Norton	16 secs
C J Youell (Brighton)	3½ Norton	16 secs
A G Grant (Brighton)	2¾ A.J.S	18 secs
W L Thomas (Ditchling)	2¾ Raleigh	18 secs
J F Gray (Petworth)	2¾ Calthorpe	18 secs
E Lucas (Pulborough)	2¾ Calthorpe	16 secs
C R Parker (Worthing)	3½ B.S.A	8 secs
H H Freeman (Brighton)	3½ Rudge	10 secs
Alan Kilfoyle (Molesey)	3½ Douglas	8 secs
G W Blake (Hampton Court)	1¾ A.K.D	10 secs
F K Anderson (Weybridge)	3½ Cotton	10 secs

Tommy Croombs (New Malden)	2¾ Harley	11 secs
R W How (Steyning)	3½ Ariel	10 secs
Bob Miller (Rustington)	--	--
Side-cars		
L Ashdown	3½ Norton	
Stanley Noakes	Aero Morgan	
S R Smith	3½ Matchless	
A Killfoyle	7/9 Harley	
A Boggis	Aero Morgan	

2ND.MEETING : Saturday 30 JUNE 1928

Argus 30.6.28, Sussex Daily News 3.7.28

Att : 7,000

Motor Cycling 4.7.28

"The second meeting was even more successful than the first. Vigorous raking and much practising had improved the track "

RESULTS

£30 HOVE HANDICAP 1 mile

Heat 1 : C J Youell 16secs start, Les Barker 4 secs. Also rode : F K Anderson 10 secs, J F Gray 18 secs. Won by half a length. Time : 2min 0.6sec

Heat 2 : C E Budden 18 secs, R W How 10 secs. Also rode : Tommy Croombs 11 secs, E Lucas 16 secs, A G Grant 18 secs. Won by 2 lengths. Time : 1min 58.6sec

Heat 3 : H C Waldron 14 secs, Ron Voice 18 secs. Also rode : H Miller 8 secs, H W Godder 16 secs. Won easily. Time : 2mins 0.2sec

Heat 4 : George Lewis 18 secs, Johnny Broughton 10 secs. Also rode : L Ashdown 16 secs, W L Thomas 18 secs. Won easily. Time : 1min 58.6sec

Heat 5 : C R Parker 8 secs, W J Stringer 16 secs. Also rode : Ben Wise 18 secs, G M Seaham 18 secs. Won easily. Time : 1min 57.6sec

1st. Semi-Final : H C Waldron 14 secs, R W How 10 secs, Les Barker 4 secs. Won by a length. Time : 1min 58.4sec

2nd. Semi-Final : George Lewis 18 secs; C R Parker 8 secs & Johnny Broughton 10 secs dead-heat. Won easily. Time : 1 min 54.8sec

FINAL : George Lewis 18 secs, R W How 10 secs, C R Parker 8 secs. Won by 40 yards. Time : 1 min 55.8sec

£5 CHALLENGE RACE : CROYDON v HOVE

Johnny Broughton (Croydon) beat Les Barker (Hove) by a length. Time : 1min 50.8sec

£30 SCRATCH RACE

Heat 1 : Sig Schlam awarded walkover against Les Barker. Schlam had engine failure, and Barker fell heavily.

Heat 2 : Ron Johnson, F K Anderson. Won by 40 yards. Time : 1min 49.6sec

Heat 3 : Charlie Datson, C R Parker. Won by 30 yards. Time : 1min 42.2sec

FINAL : Charlie Datson, Ron Johnson (fell, remounted), Sig Schlam (ef). Time : 1min 45.8sec

EXHIBITION RIDE

Ron Johnson Time : 1min 44.0sec

£10 SIDE-CAR RACE

Heat 1 : F A Boggis, Stanley Noakes. Won by 100 yards. Time : 2min 7.4sec

Heat 2 : S R Smith, L Ashdown, H C Waldron. Won by 50 yards. Time : 2min 11.8sec

FINAL : F A Boggis, S R Smith. Won by a length. Time : 2min 8.2sec

Argus 4.7.28

Star attraction at the next meeting will be Miss Fay Tylour. She wants a match race against local riders, who have refused, saying "We don't like racing against women". Also appearing will be J.(Arthur) Willimott, "one of the best English riders at Crystal Palace", who will meet Schlam in a match race. Schlam will be riding a new Douglas, Willimott a new Rudge. Further improvements are being made to the track.

Sussex Daily News 6.7.28

Following last night's practice session, the following handicaps have been declared for tomorrows' meeting:

Les Barker	3½ Rudge	4 secs start
H Miller	3½ Ariel	8 secs

Alan Kilfoyle	3½ Douglas	8 secs
C R Parker	3½ B.S.A	8 secs
C E Budden	3½ Ariel	18 secs
L Lee	3½ Rudge	8 secs
A H Hewett	3½ Matchless	8 secs
G Westgate	3½ Ariel	8 secs
S R Smith	3½ Matchless	To be handicapped
G A Lowe	2¾ Cotton	9 secs
Bryan Donkin	2¾ A.J.S	9 secs
George Lewis	2¾ Cotton	18 secs
H E Firthkettle	2¾ Matchless	9 secs
A G Grout	2¾ A.J.S	9 secs
C R Brown	2¾ New Henley	9 secs
F K Anderson	3½ Cotton	10 secs
Tommy Croombs	2¾ Harley	11 secs
R W How	3½ Ariel	10 secs
H H Freeman	3½ Rudge	10 secs
Johnny Broughton	2¾ H.R.D	10 secs
G W Blake	1¾ A.K.D	10 secs
H C Waldron	3½ Norton	14 secs
C J Youell	3½ Norton	16 secs
E Lucas	2¾ Calthorpe	16 secs
H W Godder	3½ B.S.A	16 secs
L Ashdown	3½ Norton	16 secs
W J Stringer	3½ Norton	16 secs
J F Gray	2¾ Calthorpe	18 secs
A G Grant	2¾ A.J.S	18 secs
Ron Voice	2¾ New Gerrard	18 secs
W L Thomas	2¾ Raleigh	18 secs
Ben Wise	2¾ Cotton	18 secs
G M Seaham	2¾ Douglas	18 secs
G (Arthur) Willimott	3½ Rudge	To be handicapped
Bob Miller		To be handicapped

3RD. MEETING : Saturday 7 JULY 1928

Argus 7.7.28, Sussex Daily News 9.7.28, The Motor Cycle 12.7.28

Att: 6,000

£30 HOVE HANDICAP

Heat 1 : C R Parker (Worthing) 3½ B.S.A 8 secs start dead-heat with Tommy Croombs (New Malden) 2¾ Harley 11 secs. Time : 1min 55.0sec

Heat 2 : Ben Wise (Hellingly) 2¾ Cotton 18 secs, R W How (Steyning) 3½ Ariel 10 secs. Won by half a lap. Time : 2min 6.2sec

Heat 3 : Alan Kilfoyle (Molesley) 3½ Douglas 8 secs, E Lucas (Pulborough) 2¾ Calthorpe 16 secs. Won by 10 lengths. Time : 2min 12.0sec

Heat 4 : H C Waldron (Eastbourne) 3½ Norton 14 secs, Johnny Broughton (Croydon) 2¾ H.R.D 10 secs. Won easily. Time : 1min 56.6sec

Heat 5 : H Miller (Littlehampton) 3½ Ariel 8 secs, C R Brown (Kemp Town) 2¾ New Henley 9 secs. Won by 2 lengths. Time : 1min 58.4sec

Heat 6 : C E Budden (Horsham) 3½ Ariel 18 secs, H Stock O.E.C. Won easily. 1min 58.4sec

1st. Semi-Final : C R Parker, Alan Kilfoyle. Won by 2 lengths. Time : 1min 55.4sec

2nd. Semi-Final : H C Waldron, Ben Wise. Won by 10 lengths. Time : 2min 0.4sec

3rd. Semi-Final : C E Budden, H Miller. Won by 40 yards. Time : 1min 58.6sec

FINAL : C E Budden, H C Waldron, Allen Kilfoyle, C R Parker, Ben Wise, H Miller. Won by 10 yards. Distance between 2nd and 3rd : 10 yards. Time : 1min 55.4sec

£30 SCRATCH RACE

In the first heat, Johnson fell, and local boy Barker stopped for him, so that the race was rerun. As a reward, Barker was given a place in the Final where he created a sensation by winning the £30 prize and was carried shoulder high. It has to be said that he was rather fortunate, as all three of the Australians suffered either a fall or mechanical problems.

Heat 1 : Ron Johnson (Australia) 3½ Douglas, C R Parker (Worthing) 3½ B.S.A. Won by 20 yards. Time : 1min 47.6sec

Heat 2 : Charlie Datson (Australia) 3½ Douglas, Arthur H Willimott (Crystal Palace) 3½ Rudge. Won by 60 yards. Time : 1min 42.4sec

Heat 3 : Sig.Schlam (Australia) 3½ Douglas, R H How (Steyning) 3½ Ariel. Won easily. Time : 1min 43.6sec

FINAL : C Reg Parker, Charlie Datson ef, Ron Johnson ef, Sig.Schlam ef. Finished alone. Time : 1min 46.6sec

£30 ONE MILE MATCH

Sig.Schlam(Australia) 3½ Douglas beat Arthur H Willimott (Crystal Palace) 3½ Rudge. Won by 80 yards. Time : 1min 42.0sec

ONE MILE MATCH

Miss Fay Taylour (London) beat Les Barker (Hove). Won easily. Time: 1min 50.0sec

Argus 11.7.28, Sussex Daily News 11.7.28

A special meeting will take place tomorrow at 7pm (Thurs. 12 July 1928). Charlie Datson is giving special training to local boy C.R.Parker, who will soon have rides at Crystal Palace. General Manager Mr. Hoskins said "This lad should have a big future in the dirt track racing business". Practice last night (Tuesday) was watched by "a good crowd". Handicaps for tomorrow :

L Ashdown (Southbourne)	3½ Norton	16 secs
Les Barker (Hove)	3½ Rudge	6 secs
A G Browne (Kemp Town)	3½ New Henley	9 secs
C E Budden (Horsham)	3½ Ariel	14 secs
Bryan Donkin (Eastbourne)	2¾ A.J.S	14 secs
H E Firthkettle (Moulscroomb)	2¾ Matchless	16 secs
H Freeman (Brighton)	3½ Rudge	12 secs
T O Helmsley (Crawley)	2¾ A.J.S	9 secs
A H Hewett (Hove)	3½ Matchless	16 secs
R W How (Steyning)	3½ Ariel	12 secs
K Ivereigh (Withdean)	3½ Ariel	9 secs
L Lee (Arundel)	3½ Rudge	16 secs
George A Lewis (Brighton)	2¾ Cotton	14 secs
E Lucas (Pulborough)	2¾ Calthorpe	16 secs
J Marshall (Worthing)	3½ Norton	8 secs
H Miller (Littlehampton)	3½ Ariel	10 secs
H C Waldron (Eastbourne)	3½ Norton	12 secs
Ben J Wise (Hellingly)	2¾ Cotton	15 secs
P Sale (Brighton)	2¾ Harley	8 secs
R M Croucher (Bexhill)	3½ Norton	9 secs
Johnny Broughton (Croydon)	2¾ H.R.D	10 secs
G M Denman (Brighton)	3½ Ariel	9 secs
Ron Voice (Southwick)	2¾ New Gerrard	16 secs

4TH. MEETING : Thursday 12 JULY 1928

Argus 13.7.28, Sussex Daily News 13.7.28, The Motor Cycle 19.7.28

First evening meeting. Att: 4,000.

£30 MID-WEEK HANDICAP

Heat 1 : C E Budden (Horsham) 3½ Ariel 14 secs start, J Packham (Brighton) 2¾ Cotton 16 secs. Won by 20 yards. Time : 1min 50.6sec

Heat 2 : R W How (Steyning) 3½ Ariel 9 secs, H E Firthkettle (Moulscroomb) 2¾ Matchless 16 secs. Won easily. Time : 1min 50.0 secs

Heat 3 : C R Parker (Worthing) 3½ B.S.A 7 secs, H C Waldron (Eastbourne) 3½ Norton 12 secs. Won easing up by

10 yards. Time : 2min 0.2sec

Heat 4 : George A Lewis (Brighton) 2¾ Cotton 14 secs. Finished alone after all had crashed. No time.

Heat 5 : Johnny Broughton (Croydon) 2¾ H.R.D 10 secs, Ron Voice (Southwick) 2¾ New Gerrard 16 secs. Won by 20 yards. Time : 1min 56.6sec

1st. Semi-Final : C E Budden, R W How, C R Parker, Ron Voice, George A Lewis. Won by 10 yards. Distance between 2nd and 3rd : 10 yards. Time : 1min 53.0sec

2nd. Semi-Final : H E Firthkettle, Johnny Broughton, J Packham, H C Waldron. Won by 15 yards, 3rd close up. Time : 1min 57.0sec

FINAL : C E Budden, R W How, Johnny Broughton, H E Firthkettle. Won by 20 yards. Distance between 2nd and 3rd : 10 yards. Time : 1min 51.4sec

TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT

Charlie Datson (Australia) 3½ Douglas Time : 1min 32.6sec (new track record)

£30 SCRATCH RACE

Heat 1 : Johnny Broughton (Croydon) 2¾ H.R.D. Sig Schlam (Australia) retired through broken chain while leading. Time : 1min 47.4sec

Heat 2 : C R Parker (Worthing) 3½ B.S.A. Ron Johnson (Australia) retired through a broken chain. No time.

Heat 3 : Charlie Datson (Australia) 3½ Douglas, H Miller (Littlehampton) 3½ Ariel. Won by 20 yards, Time : 1min 41sec

FINAL : Charlie Datson, Johnny Broughton, C R Parker (fell, remounted). Won easily. Time : 1min 44.6sec

SPECIAL MATCH

H Miller (Littlehampton) 3½ Ariel, beat Alan Kilfoyle (Molesey) 3½ Douglas. Won by 30 yards. Time : 1min 47.0sec

A team race has been arranged for tomorrow (Sat 14 July 1928). Charlie Datson, H Miller, and C R Parker will race against Ron Johnson, R W How, and C E Budden over 3 heats and a final.

5TH. MEETING : Saturday 14 JULY 1928

Argus 14.7.28, Sussex Daily News 16.7.28

Att: 4,000. The projected team racing was cancelled due to machine problems for Charlie Datson.

£30 HOVE HANDICAP

Heat 1 : H Freeman (Brighton) 3½ Rudge, 12 secs start; Ben J Wise (Hellingly) 2¾ Cotton, 15 secs. Won by a length. Time : 1min 56.4sec

Heat 2 : A H Hewitt (Hove) 3½ Matchless 16 secs; H Miller (Littlehampton) 3½ Ariel, 10 secs. Won easing up. Time 1min 53.4sec

Heat 3 : W S Coghlan (East Grinstead) 2¾ Douglas, 9 secs; C E Budden (Horsham) 3½ Ariel, 6 secs. Won by a length. Time : 1min 55.8sec

Heat 4 : C R Parker (Worthing) 3½ B.S.A, 8 secs; Bryan Donkin (Eastbourne) 2¾ A.J.S, 18 secs. Won easily. Time : 1min 57.6sec

Heat 5 : Jimmy Sale (Brighton) 2¾ Harley, 15 secs; J F Gray (Petworth) 2¾ Calthorpe, 18 secs. Won by half a length. Time : 2min 1.2sec

1st. Semi-Final : A H Hewitt, H Freeman. Won by 200 yards. Time : 1min 53.8sec

2nd. Semi-Final : Bryan Donkin, Jimmy Sale. Won by half a length. Time 1min 55.8sec

FINAL : Bryan Donkin, Jimmy Sale, H Freeman. A H Hewitt fell. Won by a length. Time : 1min 54.4sec

£30 CHALLENGE RACE

Heat 1 : Ron Johnson (Australia) 2¾ Harley; Jimmy Sale (Brighton) 2¾ Harley. Won by 50 yards. Time : 1min 42.8sec

Heat 2 : C E Budden (Horsham) 3½ Ariel; H Miller (Littlehampton) 3½ Ariel (fell). Won by Half a lap. Time : 1min 47.6sec

Heat 3 : C R Parker (Worthing) 3½ B.S.A; R H How (Steyning) 3½ Ariel (ret). Finished alone. Time : 1min 46.2sec

FINAL : Ron Johnson; C R Parker; C E Budden. Won by 50yds. Time : 1min 44.6sec

HOVE SPEEDWAY TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP

Heat 1 : J Packham (Preston) 2¾ Cotton; H Miller (Littlehampton) 3½ Ariel. Won by 2 lengths. Time : 1min 52.2sec

Heat 2 : C R Parker (Worthing) 3½ B.S.A; Jimmy Sale (Brighton) 2¾ Harley. Won easily. Time : 1min 52.2sec

FINAL : C R Parker; H Miller. Jimmy Sale fell at the last bend when leading. Time : 1min 48.8sec

One Mile Track Record Attempt

L Smith 120.2 (new record)

Argus 18.7.28

C R Parker dislocated a shoulder at practice yesterday, but hopes to be OK by Saturday (21 July), when Ron Johnson will compete in his first handicap race in this country, coming from three-quarters of a lap behind. There will also be a teams match, Brighton v Worthing.

On 28 July, Miss Fay Tylour will race C R Parker in a match race.

Argus 20.7.28

Of tomorrows' meeting "If the day be a hot one, a cool breeze may be found at the Stadium from 3 o'clock to 5 o'clock, when these Cycling combats are taking place in perfect surroundings and best sea air."

6TH. MEETING : Saturday 21 JULY 1928

Att : 4,000. The Australians, Schlam and Johnson, due to falls and engine problems, failed to win any prize money! R W How amazingly won both the handicap and scratch finals, and will meet Miss Fay Tylour in a match race next Saturday (28 July)

Argus 21.7.28, Sussex Daily News 23.7.28

HOVE HANDICAP

Heat 1 : R W How (Steyning) 10 secs start; H E Firthkettle (Moulscoomb) 16 secs. Won by 2 lengths. Time : 1min 57.4sec

Heat 2 : George A Lewis (Brighton) 14 secs; G Ivereigh (Withdean) 18 secs. Won by 4 lengths. Time : 1min 59.0sec

Heat 3 : Jimmy Sale (Brighton) 12 secs; L Lee (Arundel) 16 secs. Won easily. Time : 1min 59.0secs

Heat 4 : Ron Johnson (Australia) owes 3 secs; H W Godder (Brighton) 16 secs. Won easily. Time : 2min 8.4sec

Heat 5 : T Gower (Brighton) 16 secs; H E Waldron (Brighton) 12 secs. Won easily. Time : 2min 1.2sec

1st. Semi-Final : R W How, Jimmy Sale. Won by 100 yards. Time : 1min 56.8sec *2nd. Semi-Final* : H E Waldron, Ron Johnson. Won by 40 yards. Time : 2min 2.0sec

FINAL : R W How, Jimmy Sale, H E Waldron, Ron Johnson (mf). Won easily. Time : 1min 53.8sec

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Bryan Donkin fell, and Sale ran into the fence to avoid him. But Schlam, about to overtake Sale, hit him, and the Australian had to receive ambulance attention.

Heat 1 : Bryan Donkin (Eastbourne), Jimmy Sale (Brighton). Won easily. Time : 1min 49.2sec

Heat 2 : R W How (Steyning), H C Waldron (Brighton). Won by 20 lengths. Time : 1min 52.2sec

1st. Semi-Final : Sig Schlam (Australia), Jimmy Sale. Won easily. Time : 1min 40.6sec

2nd. Semi-Final : R W How finished alone [Ron Johnson (f)]

. Time : 1min 47.6sec

FINAL : R W How, Jimmy Sale. Sig Schlam fell. **108.0**. Won by 80 yards.

Argus 26.7.28

"The organizers of the Speedway race meetings at Hove are led to understand that some inconvenience has been caused to their patrons owing to the time at which their meetings have been held. They have decided, therefore, to postpone further meetings till the early completion of the artificial lighting installation which is now being erected. Practice on the track has been arranged for this evening, and on Thursday of next week. Due notice will be given of the resumption of the meetings." [We're still waiting!]

Argus 31.7.28

There will be a free practice session at the Hove Stadium on Thursday 2nd Aug, 7pm to 9 pm. Public are admitted to watch, charge 6d.

...AND SO ENDETH BRIGHTON SPEEDWAY

