

# BURNLEY 1929

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## Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 1929, Townerley Stadium, Burnley

Attendance 12,000. Official opening of the track was by the Mayor of Burnley, Cllr. Henry Lees – an uncle of the rider H R “Ginger” Lees.

### Stars Challenge

Ht 1: Arthur Franklyn, Arthur Wilcock	103.12
Ht 2: Geoff Taylor, Frank Charles	118.34
Ht 3: Ginger Lees, Mark Sheldon	106.95
Final: Ginger Lees, Arthur Franklyn, Geoff Taylor	100.36

### Junior Race

Ht 1: E Francis, Leslie G Martin	127.47
Ht 2: H Wilcock, Fred Wilcock	133.81
Ht 3: Eric Airey, Bill Kitchen	125.71
Final: Leslie G Martin, E Francis, Fred Wilcock	119.47

### Senior Scratch

Ht 1: Eric Airey, Tom Proctor	118.85
Ht 2: Arthur Franklyn, Syd Newiss	108.70
Ht 3: Ginger Lees, Cyril Wilcock	104.45
Ht 4: Frank Charles	105.05
Ht 5: Joe Abbott, Ham Burrell	114.67
SF1: Ginger Lees, Tom Proctor	106.50
SF2: Frank Charles, Cyril Wilcock	110.51
Final: Ginger Lees, Frank Charles, Cyril Wilcock, Arthur Franklyn	104.37

### Golden Helmet

Ht 1: Arthur Wilcock, Winks Rice	116.17
Ht 2: Joe Abbott, Ginger Lees	106.37
Ht 3: Arthur Franklyn, Fred Proctor	110.83
Ht 4: Geoff Taylor, Crazy Hutchings	112.94
Ht 5: Cyril Wilcock, Frank Charles	105.85
Final: Arthur Franklyn, Cyril Wilcock, Joe Abbott, [Arthur Wilcock, Geoff Taylor]	104.96

## Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April 1929, Townerley Stadium, Burnley

Attendance 4,000.

### Stars Challenge

Ht 1: Ginger Lees bt <b>Dusty Haigh</b>	98.44
Ht 2: Frank Charles bt <b>George Corney</b>	98.42
Ht 3: Cyril Wilcock bt Joe Abbott	102.37
Final: Frank Charles, Cyril Wilcock, Ginger Lees	97.87

### Junior Race

Ht 1: Fred Wilcock, [ <b>J W Roberts, J Crossley, H Boyes, J O’Neill</b> ]	133.84
Ht 2: H Wilcock, L G Martin, [ <b>Bill Kitchen, Eric Airey</b> ]	134.68
Ht 3: E Francis, Lionel S Cordingley, [ <b>E Thistlethwaite, C Crosswaite</b> ]	127.13
Final: E Francis, Fred Wilcock, H Wilcock, [ <b>L G Martin, Lionel S Cordingley</b> ]	125.17

### Senior Scratch

Ht 1: Ginger Lees, Norman Dawson, [Fred Proctor, Winks Rice]	108.31
Ht 2: Tom Proctor, Arthur Wilcock, [Harry Whitfield, F V Chiswell]	118.70
Ht 3: Frank Charles, Dusty Haigh, [Tony Barrett, Len Myerscough]	104.55
Ht 4: Joe Abbott, Ham Burrell, [George L Reynard, Smoke Robinson, Crazy Hutchings]	110.05
Ht 5: Cyril Wilcock, Syd Newiss, [H J Chiswell, W E Egerton, Jack Lund]	107.14
SF1: Frank Charles, Ginger Lees, T Proctor, [Norman Dawson, Arthur Wilcock]	104.36
SF2: Joe Abbott, Syd Newiss, Cyril Wilcock, [Dusty Haigh, Ham Burrell]	115.57
Final: Frank Charles, Ginger Lees, Cyril Wilcock, Joe Abbott, [Tom Proctor, Syd Newiss]	102.04

### Golden Helmet

Ht 1: Frank Charles, Tom Proctor, [Smoke Robinson, Jack Lund, Norman Dawson]	103.28
Ht 2: Ginger Lees, Syd Newiss, [F V Chiswell, Dusty Haigh, Joe Abbott]	100.00
Ht 3: Claude Rye, Ham Burrell, [Harry Whitfield, Tony Barrett, W Proctor, Winks Rice]	123.07
Ht 4: Arthur Wilcock George Reynard, [Jack Wood, W E Egerton, Len Myerscough]	109.55
Ht 5: Cyril Wilcock, Fred Proctor, [H J Chiswell, George E Corney, Crazy Hutchings]	112.88
Final: Frank Charles, Ginger Lees, Arthur Wilcock, [Claude Rye, Cyril Wilcock]	102.40

### Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 1929, Lundwood, Barnsley

#### Barnsley 11 Burnley 17 (English Dirt Track League)

Attendance 3,000. This was the only English Dirt Track League (EDTL) match staged over 4 heats (4-2-1-0 scoring), all others were raced over 9 heats.

#### Barnsley

Bob Allen	4	4	8
Tommy Thompson	0	1	1
Joe Mitchell	1	0	1
Austin Humphries	0	1	1

#### Burnley

Frank Charles	2	2	4
Cyril Wilcock	1	4	5
Arthur Wilcock	2	2	4
Joe Abbott	4	0	4
Jack Lund (res)	no rides		
Eric Airey (res)	no rides		

Ht 1: Allen, Charles, C Wilcock, Thompson	4	3	4	3
Ht 2: Abbott, A Wilcock, Mitchell, Humphries	1	6	5	9
Ht 3: Allen, A Wilcock, Thompson, Abbott	5	2	10	11
Ht 4: C Wilcock, Charles, Mitchell, Humphries	1	6	11	17

### Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April 1929, Townerley Stadium, Burnley

Attendance 3,000

#### Junior Scratch Race

Ht 1: Fred Wilcock, J Birtwistle	119.90
Ht 2: E Francis, H Boyes	118.85
Ht 3: L G Martin, Jack Arrowsmith	122.53
Final: L G Martin, Fred Wilcock, E Francis	117.74

**Golden Gauntlet**

Ht 1: Bud Procter, Jack Lund	114.60
Ht 2: Frank Charles, J Atkinson	117.85
Ht 3: Joe Abbott, B "Hurricane" Higginbottom	113.68
Ht 4: Ernie Ingham, H Robinson	122.90
Ht 5: Cyril Wilcock, Eric Langton	109.94
Final: Frank Charles, Joe Abbott, Bud Proctor	106.89

**Golden Helmet**

Ht 1: Cyril Wilcock, Ernie Ingham	109.50
Ht 2: Frank Charles, Skid Nock	112.21
Ht 3: Hector "Skid" Skinner, Bud Proctor	116.65
Ht 4: Arthur Franklyn, J Atkinson	114.42
Ht 5: Eric Langton, Joe Abbott	107.36
Final: Cyril Wilcock, Frank Charles, Eric Langton, Skid Skinner (tyre)	104.89

**Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 1929, White City, Manchester**  
**Manchester White City 49 Burnley 13 (English Dirt Track League)**

**Manchester White City**

Arthur Jervis	4	4	4	12
Les Wotton	1	1	2	4
Squib Burton	4	4	4	12
Wally Hull	2	2	2	6
Billy Dallison	4	4	4	12
Alec Jackson	0	1	2	3

**Burnley**

Ginger Lees	2	2	0	4
Jack Lund	0	0	1	1
Frank Charles	0	2	1	3
Cyril Wilcock	2	0	0	2
Joe Abbott	1	1	1	3

Ht 1: Jervis, Lees, Wotton, Lund	5	2	5	2
Ht 2: Burton, Hull, Charles (nf)	6	0	11	2
Ht 3: Dallison, Wilcock, Abbott, Jackson	4	3	15	5
Ht 4: Jervis, Charles, Wotton	5	2	20	7
Ht 5: Burton, Hull, Abbott, Wilcock	6	1	26	8
Ht 6: Dallison, Lees, Jackson, Lund	5	2	31	10
Ht 7: Jervis, Wotton, Abbott, Wilcock	6	1	37	11
Ht 8: Burton, Hull, Lund, Lees	6	1	43	12
Ht 9: Dallison, Jackson, Charles	6	1	49	13

**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1929, Stanley Stadium, Liverpool**  
**Liverpool 28 Burnley 35 (English Dirt Track League)**

**Liverpool**

Rex Kirby	2	4	1	7
Eddie Myerscough	1	0	0	1
Jack Dinsmore	1	2	2	5
Tom Middlehurst	0	1	4	5
Chris Hughes	1	0	4	5
George Milton	2	1	2	5

**Burnley**

Ginger Lees	4	4	1	9
Billy Howard	0	0	0	0
Frank Charles	4	4	4	12
Joe Abbott	2	2	2	6
Cyril Wilcock	4	2	0	6
Arthur Wilcock	0	1	1	2

Ht 1: Lees, Kirby, Myerscough, Howard	3	4	3	4
Ht 2: Charles, Abbott, Dinsmore, Middlehurst	1	6	4	10
Ht 3: C Wilcock, Milton, Hughes, A Wilcock	3	4	7	14
Ht 4: Lees, Dinsmore, Middlehurst, Howard	3	4	10	18
Ht 5: Charles, Abbott, Milton, Hughes	1	6	11	24
Ht 6: Kirby, C Wilcock, A Wilcock, Myerscough	4	3	15	27
Ht 7: Hughes, Milton, Lees, Howard	6	1	21	28
Ht 8: Charles, Abbott, Kirby, Myerscough	1	6	22	34
Ht 9: Middlehurst, Dinsmore, A Wilcock, C Wilcock	6	1	28	35

**Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 1929, Towneley Stadium, Burnley****Burnley 41 Salford 22 (English Dirt Track League)**

Attendance 10,000

**Burnley**

Ginger Lees	4	4	4	12
Arthur Wilcock	0	1	1	2
Frank Charles	4	2	2	8
Joe Abbott	2	4	4	10
Cyril Wilcock	4	1	4	9
Billy Howard	0	0	0	0
Ernie Ingham (res)				
Jack Lund (res)				

**Salford**

Cliff Watson	2	4	0	6
Syd Newiss	1	2	1	4
Joe Palastrand	0	0	1	1
Tommy Mason	1	2	2	5
Sam Higgins	2	0	2	4
Fred Williams	1	1	0	2

Ht 1: Lees, Watson, Newiss, A Wilcock	104.17	4	3	4	3
Ht 2: Charles, Abbott, Mason, Palastrand	99.47	6	1	10	4
Ht 3: C Wilcock, Higgins, Williams, Howard	104.42	4	3	14	7
Ht 4: Lees, Mason, A Wilcock, Palastrand	103.38	5	2	19	9
Ht 5: Abbott, Charles, Williams, Higgins	102.48	6	1	25	10
Ht 6: Watson, Newiss, C Wilcock, Howard	107.73	1	6	26	16
Ht 7: Lees, Higgins, A Wilcock, Williams	101.57	5	2	31	18
Ht 8: Abbott, Charles, Newiss, Watson	100.10	6	1	37	19
Ht 9: C Wilcock, Mason, Palastrand, Howard	107.94	4	3	41	22

**Run-off for last team place**

W Howard, J Lund, Ingham

### Challenge Races

Ginger Lees bt Frank Charles 2-1

Ht 1: Lees bt Charles	94.65
Ht 2: Charles bt Lees	97.60
Ht 3: Lees bt Charles	119.00

### Junior Scratch Race

Ht 1: Fred Wilcock, H Wilcock	115.98
Ht 2: E Francis, A Simister	118.00
Ht 3: H Eastwood, E Thistlethwaite	121.52
Final: Fred Wilcock, E Thistlethwaite, H Wilcock	114.70

### Burnley Handicap

Ht 1: Joe Abbott (2 secs), Frank Charles (scr)	108.39
Ht 2: Ernie Ingham (4), Ginger Lees (scr)	114.73
Ht 3: Cyril Wilcock (2), Fred Williams (2)	116.67
Ht 4: Fred Wilcock (10), Joe Palastrand (2)	114.84
Final: Joe Abbott, Fred Wilcock, Cyril Wilcock	111.59

### Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 1929, Sun Street, Stoke

#### Hanley 13 Burnley 49 (English Dirt Track League)

This match took place despite the fact that an announcement of the closure of the Burnley track was made the previous day.

#### Hanley

Len Blunt	1	1	2	4
N Jones	0	4	0	4
J O Cunliffe	0	0		0
Norman Beech	1	0	1	2
Jack Rowley	1	1	1	3
H P Reynish	0	0	0	0
H Evans (res)	0			0

#### Burnley

Ginger Lees	4	4	2	10
Arthur Wilcock	2	2	4	8
Frank Charles	4	2	2	8
Jack Lund	2	0		2
Joe Abbott	4	4	4	12
Ernie Ingham	2	2	1	5
Cyril Wilcock (res)	4			4

Ht 1: Lees, A Wilcock, Blunt, Jones	92.4	1	6	1	6
Ht 2: Charles, Lund, Beech, Cunliffe (f)	96.0	1	6	2	12
Ht 3: Abbott, Ingham, Rowley, Reynish	97.0	1	6	3	18
Ht 4: Jones, Charles, Blunt, Lund	96.0	5	2	8	20
Ht 5: Abbott, Ingham, Beech (nf), Cunliffe (f)	101.4	0	6	8	26
Ht 6: Lees, A Wilcock, Rowley, Reynish	99.0	1	6	9	32
Ht 7: Abbott, Blunt, Ingham, Jones	97.0	2	5	11	37
Ht 8: A Wilcock, Lees, Beech, Evans	100.4	1	6	12	43
Ht 9: C Wilcock, Charles, Rowley, Reynish	102.0	1	6	13	49

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 1929, Townerley Stadium, Burnley**  
**Burnley 13 Leicester Stadium 8 (English Dirt Track League)**

Abandoned after 3 heats due to dust, with no water was available because of a drought.

Attendance 2,000. The track re-opened, promoted by Rochdale promoter Percy Platt. Ginger Lees was now based on the continent, riding at Copenhagen and Hamburg.

**Burnley**

Frank Charles	4
Ernie Ingham	1
Joe Abbott	4
Jack Lund	1
Arthur Wilcock	1
Cyril Wilcock	
L G Martin (res)	
Fred Wilcock (res)	2

**Leicester Stadium**

Syd Jackson	0
Nobby Kendrick	2
Hal Herbert	0
Dilly Gittins	2
Jimmy Gent	0
Slider Shuttleworth	4
Billy Ellmore (res)	
Len Bown (res)	

Ht 1: Charles, Kendrick, Ingham, Jackson	107.84	5	2	5	2
Ht 2: Abbott, Gittins, Lund, Herbert	107.26	5	2	10	4
Ht 3: Shuttleworth, F Wilcock, A Wilcock, Gent	117.61	3	4	13	8
Abandoned					

**Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 1929, Townerley Stadium, Burnley**

**Golden Helmet**

Ht 1: Frank Charles, Ernie Ingham	102.39
Ht 2: Joe Abbott, W Thurslow	101.19
Ht 3: Skid Nock, Jack Lund	112.33
Ht 4: Ron Thompson, Fred Wilcock	108.62
Final: Joe Abbott, Skid Nock, Ron Thompson, Frank Charles	96.67

**Best of 3 Challenge**

Frank Charles bt Ron Thompson 2 races to 0	
Ht 1: Charles bt Thompson	102.41
Ht 2: Charles bt Thompson	103.39

**Junior Twelve Handicap**

Ht 1: Fred Wilcock (scr), H Boyes (1 sec)	122.10
Ht 2: Jack Arrowsmith (scr), A Simister (2)	123.10
Final: Fred Wilcock, Jack Arrowsmith	115.24

**Flying Nine**

Ht 1: B Higginbottom, Skid Nock	110.23
Ht 2: Frank Charles, Jack Lund	106.62
Ht 3: Joe Abbott, W Thurslow	119.03
Final: Frank Charles, Joe Abbott, B Higginbottom	100.39 (standing start record)

The track was closed after this meeting, never to re-open. Jack Arrowsmith was killed in a road traffic accident in September 1929.