

# EASTBOURNE 1935

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1935 saw the introduction of a starting gate at Arlington, for use mainly in clutch-start scratch races.

Riders using pseudonyms included:

George Newton (riding this year as Bill Sargent)

Stan Lemon (as Stan Johns)

Harry Lewis (as F Norris)

Jack Polley (as Jack Thomas)

## Hailsham Cup

*The scratch race trophy was again awarded twice during the season.*

*The first competition over 8 rounds (though rounds 2 and 5 were cancelled) between 07.04 and 30.06 was won by Rube Wilson 18 pts, while the second competition (8 rounds between 14.07 and 20.10) was won by Joe Brown 18 pts.*

## **Sunday, 7 April 1935, Eastbourne**

*E Chron* 13.4.35

Meeting no.1.

### **Hailsham Cup Round 1**

1: Charlie Blythe, Harvey Swanson 80.2

2: Stan Johns, Bert Lyons 81.8

3: Rube Wilson, Jack Hawkins 79.2

4: Charlie Dugard, Phil Phillips 84.2

SF1: Stan Johns, Charlie Blythe 80.8

SF2: Jack Hawkins, Rube Wilson

Final: Rube Wilson, Stan Johns, Jack Hawkins, Charlie Blythe 79.0

### **New Style Handicap**

1: Danny Lee 83.2

2: Bert Lyons, Lou Berger 92.2

3: Charlie Dugard, Phil Phillips 84.2

4: Harvey Swanson 92.4

SF1: Danny Lee, Bert Lyons 91.2

SF2: Phil Phillips, Charlie Dugard 84.2

Final: Phil Phillips, Charlie Dugard 84.6

## **Good Friday, 19 April 1935, Eastbourne**

Meeting no.2. Cancelled - rain.

## Easter Sunday, 21 April 1935, Eastbourne

*E Cour 26.4.35; E Chron 27.4.35*

Meeting no.3

### Hailsham Cup Round 3

1: Stan Johns, Lou Berger	81.2
2: Jack Riddle, Danny Lee	83.4
3: Rube Wilson, Joe Brown	80.2
4: Jack Hawkins, Charlie Blythe	84.4
SF1: Jack Riddle, Stan Johns	78.4
SF2: Rube Wilson, Joe Brown	80.2
Final: Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson, Joe Brown, Stan Johns	77.2

### Track Record Attempt: 4-lap Clutch Start

Jack Hawkins	75.2 (record)
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### Easter Handicap

1: Len Keefe, Charlie Blythe, Jack Riddle (f)	78.2
2: Jack Thomas, Peter Lees, Charlie Dugard (ret), Stan Johns (ret)	83.4
3: Jack Hawkins, Joe Brown	77.6
4: Rube Wilson, Lou Berger	79.2
SF1: Charlie Blythe, Len Keefe	84.4
SF2: Jack Hawkins, Joe Brown	78.2
Final: Jack Hawkins, Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe	80.0

### Match Race

Jack Hawkins beat Rube Wilson	75.0
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## Sun 05.05.35 : Eastbourne

*E Cour 10.5.35; E Chron 11.5.35*

Meeting no.4

### Hailsham Cup Round 4

1: Charlie Dugard, Rube Wilson	94.4
2: Peter Lees, Charlie Blythe & Joe Brown dead-heat for 2 <sup>nd</sup>	83.8
3: Stan Johns, Jack Nash	84.4
4: Jack Hawkins, Len Keefe	86.8
SF1: Rube Wilson, Joe Brown	80.2
SF2: Jack Hawkins, Stan Johns, Jack Nash f	83.4
Final: Jack Hawkins, Rube Wilson, Stan Johns, Joe Brown	80.0

### Track Record Attempt : 4-lap Clutch Start (record 75.2 Hawkins 21.4.35)

Jack Hawkins	77.2 (unsuccessful)
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### Jubilee Handicap

1: Jack Hawkins, Charlie Blythe	80.2
2: Stan Johns, Joe Brown	83.6
3: Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell	84.2
4: Jack Nash, Lou Berger	84.4
SF1: Charlie Blythe, Joe Brown, Jack Hawkins, Stan Johns	81.2
SF2: Jack Riddle, Lou Berger	82.2
Final: Charlie Blythe, Lou Berger, Joe Brown, Jack Riddle (f)	80.8

### Two-Lap Dash

Jack Hawkins beat Rube Wilson	40.4
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## Sun 19.05.35 : Eastbourne

Meeting no.5. Cancelled - rain

## Sun 02.06.35 : Eastbourne

*E Cour 7.6.35; E Chron 8.6.35*

Meeting no.6

### Hailsham Cup Round 6

1: Danny Lee, Jack White	85.4
2: Rube Wilson, Jack Nash	82.8
3: F Norris, Joe Brown	81.4
4: Lou Berger, Fred Cooper	84.8
SF1: Rube Wilson, Danny Lee	82.4
SF2: F Norris, Lou Berger	81.0
Final: F Norris, Rube Wilson, Danny Lee, Lou Berger	80.2

### Lewes Handicap

1: Danny Lee, Stan Johns (scr)	81.2
2: Jack Nash, Jack White	84.4
3: Rube Wilson, Len Keefe	81.6
4: Bob Lovell, F Norris	79.0
SF1: Danny Lee, Stan Johns	78.6
SF2: Bob Lovell, Rube Wilson	78.4
Final: Bob Lovell, Rube Wilson. No 3rd finisher	79.0

### Hard Luck Scratch

Charlie Dugard, Len Keefe	86.4
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## Sun 16.06.35 : Eastbourne

*E Cour 21.6.35; E Chron 22.6.35*

Meeting no.7

### Hailsham Cup Round 7

1: Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe, Freddie Quick (f)	79.8
2: Joe Brown, Bob Lovell	80.0
3: Danny Lee, Jack Nash	80.8
4: Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard	81.4
SF1: Rube Wilson, Joe Brown	77.4
SF2: Jack Riddle, Harry Lewis, Jack Nash	78.2
Final: Rube Wilson, Harry Lewis, Jack Riddle, Joe Brown	79.2

### London Handicap

1: Harry Lewis, Charlie Dugard	81.2
2: Rube Wilson, G Charles	78.4
3: Joe Brown (15 yd start), Len Keefe, Jack Riddle (scr)	77.8
4: Charlie Blythe, Stan Johns (scr), Jack Nash (15 yd)	81.8
SF1: G Charles, Rube Wilson	78.0
SF2: Len Keefe, Joe Brown	79.6
Final: Joe Brown, Rube Wilson, Len Keefe	78.2

### Hard Luck Scratch

Jack Nash beat Danny Lee	82.6
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## Sunday, 30 June, Eastbourne

*E Cour 5.7.35*

Meeting no.8

### Hailsham Cup Round 8

1: Jack Riddle, Len Keefe	85.4
2: Rube Wilson, Danny Lee	85.2
3: Harry Lewis, Bob Lovell	83.0
4: Charlie Blythe, Stan Johns	84.6
SF1: Rube Wilson, Danny Lee	80.0
SF2: Bob Lovell, Harry Lewis	82.2
Final: Danny Lee, Harry Lewis, Bob Lovell, Rube Wilson	80.2

This was the final round of the **HAILSHAM CUP** for the first half of the season. Points were awarded 4-3-2-1 for finishing position in the final of each of the 8 rounds. Note that rounds 2 and 5 were cancelled. Result:1 Rube Wilson 18 pts; 2 Harry Lewis (rode as F Norris in round 6) 10 pts; 3 Stan Johns, Jack Hawkins, Jack Riddle, Danny Lee 6 pts each; 7 Joe Brown 4 pts; 8 Bob Lovell 2 pts; Charlie Blythe, Lou Berger 1 pt each.

### Luton Handicap

1: Stan Johns, Lou Berger	82.8
2: Danny Lee, Ken Tidbury	81.8
3: Joe Brown, Rube Wilson	81.2
4: Peter Lees, G Charles	82.2
SF1: Lou Berger, Stan Johns	80.0
SF2: Peter Lees, Rube Wilson	80.4
Final: Peter Lees, Rube Wilson, Lou Berger	81.8

## Sunday, 14 July 1935, Eastbourne

*E Chron 20.7.35*

Meeting no.9

### Hailsham Cup Round 1

1: Rube Wilson, Bob Lovell	78.4
2: Harry Lewis, Len Keefe	80.2
3: Peter Lees, T Salt	84.2
4: Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe	84.8
SF1: Rube Wilson, Harry Lewis	83.2
SF2: Charlie Blythe, Joe Brown	85.2
Final: Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe, Harry Lewis (f,rm), Joe Brown (chain broke, pushed) 87.8	

### Seaforth Handicap

1: Harry Lewis, Charlie Dugard	84.6
2: Stan Johns (scr), Lou Berger (scr)	84.2
3: Joe Brown, Bill Sargent	79.6
4: Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe	81.4
SF1: Charlie Dugard, Harry Lewis	84.2
SF2: Joe Brown, Bill Sargent	80.0
Final: Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard, Bill Sargent	80.8

## Sunday, 28 July 1935, Eastbourne

*E Cour 2.8.35; E Chron 3.8.35* Meeting no.10.

First-ever evening meeting at Arlington, 6.30pm start. Att: 3,000.

**Hailsham Cup Round 2**

1: Harry Lewis, Bob Lovell	79.8
2: Rube Wilson, Charlie Dugard	81.4
3: Danny Lee, Len Keefe	82.8
4: Joe Brown, Jack Smythe	77.2
SF1: Harry Lewis, Rube Wilson	78.2
SF2: Joe Brown, Jack Smythe	78.2
Final: Joe Brown, Rube Wilson, Jack Smythe, Harry Lewis	77.8

**Douglas Machines Match Race**

Bryan Donkin beat Lou Berger	96.2
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**Wimbledon Handicap**

1: Charlie Blythe, Rube Wilson	78.2
2: Freddie Quick, Peter Lees	85.4
3: Harvey Swanson, Joe Brown	79.0
4: Jack Smythe, Lou Berger	77.6
SF1: Charlie Blythe, Rube Wilson	80.2
SF2: Jack Smythe (scr), Joe Brown (20 yd start)	77.0
Final: Jack Smythe, Rube Wilson, Lou Berger	76.2

**Midget Cars Match Race**

Errol I beat Errol II	107.6
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*"A collection for James Green, a sidecar passenger who broke his spine at the nearby Wilmington grass track recently, raised £24 16s 10d"*

**Sunday, 11 August 1935, Eastbourne**

*E Courier 16.8.35; E Chron 17.8.35 Meeting no.11. 2nd evening meeting.*

**Hailsham Cup Round 3**

1: Peter Lees, Charlie Blythe	81.6
2: Harry Lewis, Danny Lee	82.4
3: Jack Smythe, Freddie Quick	80.4
4: Jack Nash, Joe Brown	82.2
SF1: Harry Lewis, Danny Lee	80.6
SF2: Jack Smythe, Joe Brown	79.2
Final: Harry Lewis, Jack Smythe, Joe Brown, Danny Lee	76.6

**Hackney Handicap**

1: Hilary Swanson, Lou Berger	81.4
2: Bob Lovell, Charlie Dugard	85.8
3: Freddie Quick, Jack Smythe (f,rm), Danny Lee, Jack Nash (f)	81.0
4: Joe Brown, Len Keefe	82.4
SF1: Harvey Swanson & Bob Lovell dead-heat	82.4
SF2: Joe Brown, Jack Smythe	79.0
Final: Harvey Swanson (15 yd), Bob Lovell (10), Joe Brown (5), Jack Smythe (scr) 77.6	

**Fastest Riders' Match Race**

Jack Smythe beat Harry Lewis (f)	77.4
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**Midget Cars Match Race**

Errol I beat Errol II	104.4
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## Sunday, 25 August 1935, Eastbourne

*E Cour 30.8.35; E Chron 31.8.35*

Meeting no.12. 3rd & final evening meeting.

### Hailsham Cup Round 4

1: Joe Brown, Peter Lees	75.2 (equals record)
2: Rube Wilson, Len Keefe	77.0
3: Harry Lewis, Lou Berger	77.4
4: Jack Smythe, Jack Riddle	75.8
SF1: Joe Brown, Rube Wilson, Peter Lees	75.2 (equals record)
SF2: Harry Lewis, Jack Riddle, Lou Berger, Jack Smythe	77.2
Final: Rube Wilson, Jack Riddle, Joe Brown (f,rm), Harry Lewis (f)	77.4

### Langney Handicap

1: Rube Wilson, Peter Lees	75.2
2: Harvey Swanson, Harry Lewis	77.0
3: Jack Smythe, Lou Berger, Basil Banstead f	77.4
4: Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe	77.2
SF1: Harry Lewis, Harvey Swanson (25 yd)	75.0
SF2: Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe (50), Jack Smythe	75.8
Final: Harvey Swanson, Harry Lewis, Charlie Blythe	75.8

### Fastest Riders' Match Race (rolling start)

Jack Smythe beat Joe Brown	74.8
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### Midget Cars Match Race

Errol I beat Errol II	92.8
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## Sunday, 8 September 1935, Eastbourne

*E Cour 13.9.35; E Chron 14.9.35*

Meeting no.13

### Hailsham Cup Round 5

1: Rube Wilson, Harvey Swanson	80.2
2: Bill Sargent, Jack Smythe	77.8
3: Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard	78.4
4: Lou Berger, Jack Riddle, Charlie Blythe	79.8
SF1: Bill Sargent, Jack Smythe	77.8
SF2: Joe Brown, Lou Berger	81.4
Final: Bill Sargent, Joe Brown, Lou Berger (f,rm), Jack Smythe (f)	79.4

### Track Record Attempts

<b>Clutch Start</b> (record 75.2 Hawkins 21.4.35, Brown 25.8.35) Bill Sargent	75.2 (equals record)
<b>Flying Start</b> (record 72.8 Ivor Hill as Bill Roberts 2.9.34) : Bill Sargent	73.8 (unsuccessful)

### Plymouth Handicap

1: Basil Banstead, Charlie Dugard	82.2
2: Joe Brown, Harvey Swanson	77.2
3: Bill Sargent, Jack Smythe	76.8
4: Len Keefe, Rube Wilson	77.8
SF1: Joe Brown, Basil Banstead, <b>Harvey Swanson (f)</b>	79.4
SF2: Rube Wilson, Bill Sargent	75.8
Final: Bill Sargent (scr), Joe Brown (5 yd), Rube Wilson	75.4

**Fastest Riders' Match Race** (rolling start)

Bill Sargent beat Joe Brown 75.2

**Midget Cars Match Race**

Errol I beat Errol II 93.6

**Sunday, 22 September 1935, Eastbourne***E Cour 27.9.35; E Chron 28.9.35*

Meeting no.14

**Hailsham Cup Round 6**

1: Rube Wilson, Harvey Swanson 81.2

2: Harry Lewis, Len Keefe 84.4

3: Bill Sargent, T Chatfield 82.6

4: Charlie Blythe, Jack Riddle, Lou Berger (f) 83.2

SF1: Rube Wilson, Harry Lewis 82.2

SF2: Bill Sargent, Charlie Blythe 82.4

Final: Harry Lewis, Bill Sargent, Rube Wilson, Charlie Blythe 76.8

**Portsmouth Handicap**

1: Charlie Dugard, Jack Riddle 82.2

2: Harvey Swanson, Bill Sargent 75.8

3: Charlie Blythe, Harry Lewis 81.4

4: Rube Wilson, Len Keefe 80.6

SF1: Bill Sargent, Harvey Swanson 77.4

SF2: Harry Lewis, Rube Wilson 78.6

Final: Bill Sargent (scr), Rube Wilson, Harvey Swanson 76.2

**Two-Lap Dash**

Bill Sargent beat Joe Brown 36.4

**Sunday, 6 October 1935, Eastbourne**

Meeting no.15. Postponed until 13.10.35 due to rain

**Sunday, 13 October 1935, Eastbourne***E Cour 18.10.35; E Chron 19.10.35*

Meeting no.15

**Hailsham Cup Round 7**

1: Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard 83.2

2: Jack Riddle, Len Keefe 82.2

3: Charlie Blythe, Lou Berger, Harry Lewis (f) 83.2

4: Bill Sargent, Harvey Swanson 82.2

SF1: Joe Brown, Len Keefe 82.2

SF2: Bill Sargent, Lou Berger, Harvey Swanson (f), Charlie Blythe (f) 85.4

Final: Bill Sargent, Joe Brown, Len Keefe, Lou Berger 80.2

**Autumn Handicap**

1: T Chatfield, Len Keefe 93.8

2: Bill Sargent, Jack Riddle 78.2

3: Harvey Swanson, Lou Berger, Harry Lewis (f,rm) 82.2

4: Joe Brown, Charlie Blythe, Charlie Dugard (f)	85.8
SF1: Bill Sargent, Jack Riddle, T Chatfield f	79.2
SF2: Harvey Swanson, Joe Brown	80.8
Final: Jack Riddle, Joe Brown	82.8

#### Match Race

Charlie Blythe beat Harvey Swanson	84.0
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### Sunday, 20 October 1935, Eastbourne

*E Cour 25.10.35; E Chron 26.10.35*

Meeting no.16 (last of season). Special appearance of Australian Test star Bluey Wilkinson.

#### Hailsham Cup Round 8

1: Charlie Blythe, Rube Wilson (f,rm), Len Keefe	86.2
2: Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard	86.4
3: George Newton, Lou Berger	84.0
4: Jack Riddle, Danny Lee, Harry Lewis	83.8
SF1: Rube Wilson, Joe Brown	79.8
SF2: George Newton, Jack Riddle	81.4
Final: George Newton, Joe Brown, Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson	80.4

This was the final round of the **HAILSHAM CUP** for the second half of the season. Points were awarded 4-3-2-1 for finishing position in the final of each of the 8 rounds. Result: Joe Brown 18 pts; 2 George Newton (rode as Bill Sargent in rounds 5, 6, 7) 15 pts; 3 Rube Wilson 14 pts; 4 Harry Lewis 12 pts; 5 Jack Smythe 6 pts; 6 Jack Riddle 5 pts; 7 Charlie Blythe 4 pts; 8 Lou Berger 3 pts; 9 Len Keefe 2 pts; Danny Lee 1 pt.

#### Farewell Handicap

1: Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard	81.8
2: George Newton, Len Keefe	81.6
3: Harry Lewis, Danny Lee	82.6
4: Lou Berger, Jack Riddle, Rube Wilson f	83.2
SF1: George Newton, Charlie Dugard	80.8
SF2: Jack Riddle, Danny Lee	81.2
Final: George Newton, Charlie Dugard, Jack Riddle (f,rm), Danny Lee (f)	80.8

#### Track Record Attempt

<b>4-lap Clutch Start</b> (record 75.2 Hawkins, Brown, Newton) Bluey Wilkinson	77.2 (unsuccessful)
<b>4-lap Flying Start</b> (record 72.8 Ivor Hill as Bill Roberts) Bluey Wilkinson	75.4 (unsuccessful)

#### Match Race

Bluey Wilkinson beat George Newton	77.0 by a length
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