

EASTBOURNE 1936

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Sources of information : EG = Eastbourne Gazette; E Cour = Eastbourne Courier; E Chron - Eastbourne Chronicle SCH = Sussex County Herald; TMC = The Motor Cycle; 75YES = 75 Years of Eastbourne Speedway (Jacobs & Burnett); HoBS = Homes of British Speedway (Bamford & Jarvis)

George Newton rode as Bill Bennett or G Miles

Hailsham Cup

The scratch event trophy for the first half of the season (7 rounds between 10.04 and 05.07) was won by Phil "Tiger" Hart, while for the second half of the season (6 rounds 19.07 to 11.10) the winner was Danny Lee.

Good Fri 10.04.36 : Eastbourne

E Cour 17.4.36; E Gazette 15.4.36; SCH 17.4.36

Meeting no.1 A shortage of riders meant a rearrangement of the usual programme.

Hailsham Cup Round 1	1†	Charlie Dugard, Basil Banstead	80.8
	2	Bill Bennett, Charlie Blythe	79.8
	Final	Bill Bennett, Charlie Dugard, Charlie Blythe	78.4
Easter Handicap	1	Jack Riddle, Harvey Swanson	82.2
	2	Bill Bennett, Charlie Dugard	80.2
	Final	Bill Bennett, Harvey Swanson, Charlie Blythe	77.6
Match Race		Jack Riddle beat Harvey Swanson	81.0
Track Record Attempts	1-Lap Clutch Start:	Charlie Blythe	23.5 (failed)
	1-Lap Flying Start:	Charlie Blythe	20.0 (record)
	4-Laps Clutch Start:	Bill Bennett	75.2 (equals record)
Match Race		Harvey Swanson beat Charlie Dugard	?
Second Scratch Race	1	Jack Riddle, Fred Cooper	85.2
	2	Bill Bennett, Harvey Swanson	79.6
	Final	Bill Bennett, Harvey Swanson, Jack Riddle	79.4

† SCH gives the result of this race as Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard

Easter Sun 12.04.36 : Eastbourne

E Cour 17.4.36; E Gazette 15.4.36; SCH 17.4.36

Meeting no.2

Hailsham Cup Round 2	1	Danny Lee, Len Keefe	78.4
	2	Joe Brown, Charlie Dugard	80.2
	3	Jack Riddle, Basil Banstead	80.4
	4	Bill Bennett, Harry Lewis	77.8
	SF1	Joe Brown, Danny Lee	77.8
	SF2	Bill Bennett, Harry Lewis	?
	Final	Bill Bennett, Joe Brown, Danny Lee	74.8 (record)
Easter Handicap	1	Danny Lee, Tiger Hart	76.2
	2	Bill Bennett, Harvey Swanson	76.4
	3	Joe Brown, Basil Banstead	80.4
	4	Len Keefe, Jack Riddle	78.2
	SF1	Harvey Swanson, Bill Bennett	74.8
	SF2	Basil Banstead, Len Keefe	78.6
	Final	Bill Bennett, Harvey Swanson, Len Keefe	75.0
Track Record Attempts	1-Lap Clutch Start:	Tiger Hart	21.2 (record)
	4-Lap Flying Start:	Bill Bennett	71.6 (record - was 72.8)
Match Race		Tiger Hart beat Harry Lewis	84.4

Sun 26.04.36 : Eastbourne : Championship of Sussex

E Cour 1.5.36; E Gazette 29.4.36; SCH 1.5.36

Meeting no.3 Att: 3,000

Bill Bennett 15, Danny Lee 13, Bob Lovell 13, Joe Brown 12, Harvey Swanson 9, Jack Riddle 8, Charlie Dugard 7, Fred Cooper 7, Bob Quick 7, Basil Banstead 6, Bill Desmond 6, C Chatfield 4

1	Bennett, Lee, Swanson	76.4
2 †	Lovell, Riddle, Chatfield	79.8
3	Dugard, Cooper	80.2
4	Quick	84.6
5	Bennett, Dugard	75.4
6	Brown, Cooper	80.4
7	Lovell, Desmond, Quick	80.2
8	Lee, Banstead	79.2
9	Bennett	75.0
10	Brown, Riddle, Quick	77.2
11	Bennett, Lovell	74.8
12	Lovell, Lee, Cooper	76.4
13	Swanson, Dugard, Banstead	76.4
14	Brown, Desmond, Banstead	76.2
15	Riddle, Swanson, Cooper	77.8
16	Lee, Quick, Chatfield	78.6
17	Bennett, Banstead, Cooper	74.2*
18	Brown, Lovell	77.2
19	Swanson, Chatfield	77.4
20	Lee, Desmond, Riddle	77.2

* 4-lap clutch start record

† SCH gives the result of this race as Lovell, Riddle, Banstead

Sun 10.05.36 : Eastbourne

E Cour 15.5.36; E Gazette 13.5.36; SCH 15.5.36

Meeting no.4

Basil Banstead broke his collarbone in a fall. George Newton rode as G Miles, instead of as Bill Bennett

Hailsham Cup, Round 3	1	Harvey Swanson, Danny Lee	81.4
	2	G Miles, Charlie Dugard	78.2
	3	Joe Brown, Harry Lewis	82.8
	4	Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell	78.2
	SF1	G Miles, Danny Lee	79.2
	SF2	Bob Lovell, H Jeeves	82.8
	Final	G Miles, Bob Lovell, Harry Lewis	77.8
Special Scratch Race	1	Harry Lewis, Fred Cooper	83.8
	2	Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell	79.2
	Final	Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell, Harry Lewis	77.8
Arlington Handicap	1	Jack Riddle, B Banstead	
	2 †	Charlie Dugard, Harry Lewis	81.4
	3	Bob Lovell, Fred Cooper	79.2
	4	G Miles, Danny Lee	78.2
	SF1	Jack Riddle, Harry Lewis	99.2
	SF2	G Miles, Bob Lovell	73.8 (record)
	Final	Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell, G Miles	75.2

† SCH reports this result as P Brookes, Harry Lewis

Sun 24.05.36 : Eastbourne*E Cour 29.5.36; E Gazette 27.5.36; SCH 29.5.36*

Meeting no.5

Hailsham Cup, Round 4	1	Roy Virgo, Harry Lewis	83.8
	2	Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell	84.0
	3	Tiger Hart, Harvey Swanson	80.4
	SF1	Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell	78.8
	SF2	Tiger Hart, Lou Berger	77.8
	Final	Tiger Hart, Jack Riddle	76.8
Special Scratch Race	1	Harry Lewis, Roy Virgo	76.8
	2	Bob Lovell, Tiger Hart	77.8
	Final	Bob Lovell, Harry Lewis, Roy Virgo	81.8
Hailsham Handicap	1	Charlie Dugard, Jack Riddle	78.4
	2	Bob Lovell, Harry Lewis	78.4
	3	Tiger Hart, Harvey Swanson	79.4
	SF1	Harry Lewis, Jack Riddle	79.0
	SF2	Tiger Hart, Bob Quick	81.2
	Final	Tiger Hart, Harry Lewis, Jack Riddle	76.0

Sun 07.06.36 : Eastbourne*E Cour 12.6.36; E Gazette 10.6.36*Meeting no.6 (1st evening meeting of the season - 6.30pm start)

Hailsham Cup, Round 5	1	Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard	80.4
	2	Harry Lewis, Harvey Swanson	79.2
	3	Bob Lovell, Danny Lee	80.4
	SF1	Jack Riddle, Harry Lewis	79.0
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Basil Banstead	79.8
	Final	Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell	77.8
Special Scratch Race		Jack Riddle, Bob Lovell, Harry Lewis	79.2
Hastings Handicap	1	Jack Morrison, Fred Cooper	78.8
	2	Harry Lewis, Harvey Swanson	79.2
	3	Charlie Dugard, Danny Lee	80.6
	SF1	Fred Cooper, Harvey Swanson	77.8
	SF2	Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard	78.8
	Final	Jack Riddle, Charlie Dugard, Fred Cooper	77.2

Track Record Attempts:

1-Lap Flying Start (record 20.0 Charlie Blythe 10.4.36):	Jack Morrison	19.2 (record)
	Harvey Swanson	19.4
1-Lap Clutch Start (record 21.8 Tiger Hart 12.4.36):	Jack Morrison	21.2 (record)

Sun 21.06.36 : Eastbourne*E Cour 26.6.36; E Gazette 24.6.36; SCH 26.6.36*

Meeting no.7 (evening)

Meeting abandoned after 7 races due to thunder and lightning

Hailsham Cup, Round 6	1	Charlie Dugard, B Banstead	79.2
	2	Harry Lewis, Harvey Swanson	82.4
	3	Tiger Hart, Bob Lovell	79.2
	4	Jack Riddle, Jack Morrison	80.2
	SF1	Charlie Dugard, B Banstead	83.8
	SF2	Tiger Hart, Bob Lovell	81.4
	Final	Tiger Hart, Bob Lovell, B Banstead	81.6

Sun 05.07.36 : Eastbourne*E Cour 10.07.36*

Meeting no.8 (evening)

Hailsham Cup, Round 7	1	Jack Nash, Charlie Blythe, Bob Lovell	77.8
(Final round)	2	Jack Riddle, Basil Banstead	78.2
	3	Danny Lee, Len Keefe	78.4
	4	Tiger Hart, Harvey Swanson	76.4
	SF1	Jack Riddle, Jack Nash	79.8
	SF2	Tiger Hart, Danny Lee	78.8
	Final	Jack Riddle, Tiger Hart	76.2

Run-off for Hailsham Cup for first half of the season: Tiger Hart beat Jack Riddle 74.4

Special Scratch Race	1	Bill Desmond	83.2
	2	Danny Lee, Basil Banstead	78.2
	Final	Basil Banstead, Bill Desmond	78.8
Hyde Handicap	1	Jack Riddle, Jack Nash & Charlie Dugard dead-heat	76.2
	2	Basil Banstead, Tiger Hart	74.8
	3	Len Keefe, Harry Lewis	76.4
	4	Bill Desmond, Harvey Swanson	76.4
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Basil Banstead	77.2
	SF2	Harvey Swanson, Bill Desmond	78.4
	Final	Tiger Hart, Bill Desmond, Harvey Swanson	75.6

Sun 19.07.36 : Eastbourne*E Cour 24.7.36*

Meeting no.9 (evening) New riders at this meeting included H Brown, J Clementson, and J Adams

Hailsham Cup, Round 1	1	Jack Riddle, Charlie Blythe	78.8
	2	Harry Lewis, Danny Lee	80.0
	3	Tiger Hart, Bill Desmond	80.2
	4	Joe Brown, Bob Lovell	78.4
	SF1	Jack Riddle, Danny Lee	76.4
	SF2	Tiger Hart, Joe Brown	80.2
	Final	Danny Lee, Jack Riddle	79.4
Special Scratch Race	1	Bob Lovell, Charlie Blythe	79.8
	2	Fred Cooper, Len Keefe	79.8
	Final	Bob Lovell, Fred Cooper, Len Keefe	82.0
Uckfield Handicap	1	Tiger Hart, Joe Brown	77.2
	2	Jack Riddle, Len Keefe	77.6
	3	Bob Lovell, Charlie Blythe	76.2
	4	H Brown, J Adams	76.4
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Len Keefe	76.8
	SF2	H Brown, Charlie Blythe	74.4
	Final	Charlie Blythe, Tiger Hart, H Brown	73.8

Sun 02.08.36 : EastbourneMeeting no.10 (evening) *No results available*

Sun 16.08.36 : Eastbourne*E Cour 21.8.36*

Meeting no.11 (evening)

Hailsham Cup, Round 3	1	Jack Riddle, Joe Brown	78.4
	2	Harry Lewis, J Hayland	78.2
	3	Danny Lee, Harvey Swanson	85.4
	4	Bob Lovell, Basil Banstead	83.2
	SF1	Jack Riddle, J Hayland	79.0
	SF2	Danny Lee, Basil Banstead	83.2
	Final	Jack Riddle, Danny Lee, Basil Banstead	79.8
Special Scratch Race	1	Harry Lewis, Harvey Swanson	77.6
	2	Jack Nash, Harvey Swanson ?	77.8
	Final	Jack Nash, Charlie Dugard, Harry Lewis	78.8
Brighton Handicap	1	Bob Lovell, Harvey Swanson	77.2
	2	Harry Lewis, J Hayland	78.2
	3	Jack Tidbury, Jack Nash	74.2
	4	Fred Cooper, C White	77.6
	SF1	Bob Lovell, J Hayland	77.6
	SF2	Jack Nash, Fred Cooper	77.8
	Final	Jack Nash, Bob Lovell, Fred Cooper	77.0

Sun 30.08.36 : Eastbourne*E Cour 4.9.36; E Gazette 2.9.36*

Meeting no.12 Last of the evening meetings

Hailsham Cup, Round 4	1	Bob Lovell, Bob Quick	84.8
	2	Jack Nash, Basil Banstead	81.4
	3	Jack Riddle, C White	78.2
	4	Bill Desmond, Joe Brown	79.6
	SF1	Bob Lovell, Basil Banstead	80.2
	SF2	C White, Joe Brown	78.4
	Final	C White, Bob Lovell, Joe Brown	77.2
Hastings Handicap	1	Bob Lovell, Joe Brown	77.2
	2	Jack Tidbury, Jack Nash	77.8
	3	C Anderson, Harvey Swanson	78.6
	4	Charlie Dugard, Charlie Blythe	78.2
	SF1	Jack Tidbury, Bob Lovell	76.2
	SF2	Harvey Swanson, Charlie Dugard	81.6
	Final	Jack Tidbury, Charlie Dugard, Bob Lovell	78.8
Special Scratch Race		Fred Cooper, C Price	82.2

Sun 13.09.36 : Eastbourne*E Courier 18.9.36; E Gazette 16.9.36*

Meeting no.13

Hailsham Cup, Round 5	1	<i>Not run</i>	
	2	Tiger Hart, Basil Banstead	81.4
	3	Harry Lewis, Cyril Anderson	80.4
	4	Bob Lovell, Jack Tidbury	79.4
	SF1	Tiger Hart, Basil Banstead	79.4
	SF2	Bob Lovell, Jack Tidbury	77.4
	Final	Tiger Hart, Bob Lovell, Jack Tidbury	76.8
Special Match Race		Harry Lewis beat Basil Banstead	79.0
Sidley Handicap	1	Charlie Dugard, Tiger Hart	75.2
	2	Jack Tidbury, Harvey Swanson	76.4
	3	<i>Not run</i>	
	4	Cyril Anderson, Harry Lewis	75.0
	SF1	Jack Tidbury, Tiger Hart	74.4
	SF2	Cyril Anderson, Bob Lovell	78.2
	Final	Bob Lovell, Jack Tidbury, Tiger Hart & Cyril Anderson dead-heat	76.4

Sun 20.09.36 : Eastbourne : Eastbourne 32 All Americans 37 (Challenge)*E Cour 25.9.36; E Gazette 23.9.36*

Meeting no.14 Attendance 3,000+ . The meeting included stunts by the Putt Mossman group, with balloon shooting, motor-cycle ladder-climbing, blindfold jumping, and Cullum the Clown.

Eastbourne: Jack Riddle (capt) 9, Danny Lee 7, Jack Tidbury 5, Cyril Anderson 5, Charlie Dugard 3, Harry Lewis 3, Tiger Hart 0.

All Americans: Manuel Trujillo 12, Putt Mossman (capt) 10, Pee Wee Cullum 7, Ewald Schnitzer 7, Dick Lawton (NZ) 1, Dick Ince 0, Pete Colman 0.

1	Mossman, Riddle	76.4	2-3	2-3
2	Schnitzer, Lee, Lewis	78.8	3-3	5-6
3	Trujillo, Tidbury, Anderson	75.2	3-3	8-9
4	Riddle, Dugard, Schnitzer	76.8	5-1	13-10
5	Trujillo, Lewis, Lee	77.2	3-3	16-13
6	Cullum, Mossman, Tidbury, Hart	76.8	1-5	17-18
7	Trujillo, Riddle, Dugard	76.8	3-3	20-21
8	Cullum, Mossman, Lee	77.4	1-5	21-26
9	Schnitzer, Tidbury, Ince f, Hart f	79.4	2-3	23-29
10	Mossman, Riddle, Cullum	76.2	2-4	25-33
11	Lee, Anderson	79.4	5-0	30-33
12	Trujillo, Anderson, Lawton	77.0	2-4	32-37

Track Record Attempts:

1-lap Flying Start (record 19.2 Jack Morrison 7.6.36):	Dick Lawton 20.2
1-lap Clutch Start (record 21.2 Jack Morrison 7.6.36):	Pete Colman 20.2 (record)
4-lap Clutch Start (record 73.8 G Miles 10.5.36):	Putt Mossman 78.2
Establishment of 2-lap Flying Start record:	Ewald Schnitzer 38.4
Establishment of 2-lap Clutch Start record:	Manuel Trujillo 37.2

Sun 27.09.36 : Eastbourne : Eastbourne 10 All Americans 13 (Challenge - abandoned)

E Cour 2.10.36; E Gazette 30.09.36

Meeting no.15

Return visit of the Putt Mossman troupe, but the meeting was abandoned due to rain.

Eastbourne: Charlie Dugard 4, Danny Lee 3, Tiger Hart 3, Jack Riddle © 0, Harry Lewis 0, Cyril Anderson (res),

All Americans: Jack Hobson 4, Pee Wee Cullum 3, Putt Mossman © 2, Manuel Trujillo 2, Jack Tidbury 1, Ewald Schnitzer 1, Bob Diehl 0, Dick Lawton 0.

1	Pee Wee Cullum (A), Putt Mossman (A), Charlie Dugard (E)	83.8	1-5	1-5
2	Danny Lee (E), Jack Hobson (A), Ewald Schnitzer (A)	86.2	3-3	4-8
3	Tiger Hart (E), Manuel Trujillo (A), Jack Tidbury (A)	84.2	3-3	7-11
4	Charlie Dugard (E), Jack Hobson (A)	88.4	3-2	10-13

Match abandoned

Columbia Handicap	1	Fred Cooper, Charlie Dugard	83.8
	2	Jack Riddle	102.8
	3	Danny Lee	104.4
	4	Cyril Anderson, Putt Mossman	83.2
	SF1	Charlie Dugard, Fred Cooper	89.4
	SF2	Putt Mossman, Cyril Anderson	86.4
	Final	Charlie Dugard, Fred Cooper, Cyril Anderson	86.8

Sun 11.10.36 : Eastbourne

E Cour 16.10.36; E Gazette 14.10.36

Meeting no.16 (last of season) Att: 3,000

Hailsham Cup, Round 6 *Cancelled due to lack of riders*

Result of Hailsham Cup for second half of the season: Danny Lee 11 pts, Jack Riddle 10, Bob Lovell 6

Challenge Match:

Bill Bennett's Team 18+3

Tiger Hart's Team 18+2

1	Hart, Dugard, Lee	78.4
2	Anderson, Cooper, Bennett	?
3	Anderson, Blythe, Dugard	77.6
4	Hart, Lee, Anderson	78.6
5	Bennett, Blythe, Dugard	?
6	Bennett, Dugard, Anderson	75.2

Run-off Tidbury beat Lee 77.4

Farewell Handicap	1	Cyril Anderson, Tiger Hart	74.0
	2	Jack Tidbury, Charlie Dugard	74.4
	SF1	Danny Lee, Jack Tidbury	
	SF2	Tiger Hart	38.8
	Final	Danny Lee	

Track Record Attempts 4-lap Clutch Start (record 73.8 G Miles 10.5.36): Bill Bennett 73.6 (record)

4-lap Flying Start (record 71.6 Bill Bennett 12.4.36): Bill Bennett 70.4 (record)

Riders' total points for the 1936 season:

Jack Riddle 50, Tiger Hart 38, Bob Lovell 37, Charlie Dugard 30, Bill Bennett 29, Danny Lee 27, Harry Lewis 23, Harvey Swanson 20, Jack Tidbury 14, Joe Brown 12, Charlie Page 11, Fred Cooper 11.