

WHITE CITY SPEEDWAY 1940

1940 WHITE CITY DETAILS

Meeting No 1	Wed	08.05.1940	Glasgow 40 Belle Vue 43 (Challenge)
			Scottish Silver Gauntlet Oliver Hart
Meeting No. 2	Wed	15.05.1940	Glasgow 59 West Ham 48 (Challenge)
Meeting No. 3	Wed	22.05.1940	Glasgow 29 Harringay 43 (Challenge)
			Scottish Silver Helmet Bill Longley
Meeting No. 4	Wed	29.05.1940	Glasgow 34 The South 37 (Challenge)
			Scottish Silver Torch George Pepper
Meeting No. 5	Wed	05.06.1940	Glasgow Open Championship
			First Eric Chitty
			Second Jack Parker
			Third Gruff Garland
Meeting No. 6	Wed	12.06.1940	Glasgow 51 Harringay 39 (Challenge)
			All Star Scratch Race Bill Longley
Meeting Proposed for...	19.06.1940		Scottish Championship Not staged

Wednesday 8 May 1940 ^ Updated 14.10.2021

Glasgow 40 Belle Vue 43 (Challenge)

Glasgow					Belle Vue						
Gruff Garland	0	3	2'	3	= 8+1	Frank Varey	3	2	3	3	= 11
Harold Jackson	2	3	1	f	= 6	Tommy Bateman	1	1'	0	3	= 5
George Pepper	3	3	3	3	= 12	Oliver Hart	0	0	2	0	= 2
Maurice Stobart	1	0			= 1	Alan Butler	2	2	3	2	= 9
Ron Johnson	f	0	1	0	= 1	Ernie Price	3	0	2	3	= 8
Will Lowther	2	2	2	1	= 7	Jack Gordon	1	1	1'	2'	= 5+1
Jack Hyland	1'	2			= 3+1	Jack White	0	2'			= 2+1
Laurie Packer	0	1			= 1	George Cochbone	1'	0			= 1+1
Ron Clarke	0	1'			= 1+1						

Ht 1: Frank Varey, Harold Jackson, Tommy Bateman, Gruff Garland (ns) 83.0
Ht 2: George Pepper, Alan Butler, Maurice Stobart, Oliver Hart, 84.2
Ht 3: Ernie Price, Will Lowther, Jack Gordon, Ron Johnson (f), 85.8
Ht 4: Gruff Garland, Alan Butler, Jack Hyland, Jack White 84.6
Ht 5: George Pepper, Frank Varey, Tommy Bateman, Maurice Stobart (inj), 82.0
Ht 6: Alan Butler, Will Lowther, Oliver Hart (nf), Ron Johnson (nf) 85.0
Ht 7: Harold Jackson, Gruff Garland, Jack Gordon, Ernie Price 85.0
Ht 8: George Pepper, Oliver Hart, George Cochbone, Laurie Packer 83.4
Ht 9: Frank Varey, Will Lowther, Ron Johnson, Tommy Bateman 83.8
Ht 10: Gruff Garland, Alan Butler, Harold Jackson, Oliver Hart, 83.4
Ht 11: George Pepper, Ernie Price, Jack Gordon, Ron Clarke 85.2
Ht 12: Frank Varey, Jack White, Laurie Packer, Ron Johnson 84.6
Ht 13: Ernie Price, Jack Hyland, Ron Clarke, George Cochbone 86.0
Ht 14: Tommy Bateman, Jack Gordon, Will Lowther, Harold Jackson (f), 88.8

Scottish Silver Gauntlet

Ht 1: Gruff Garland, **Ernie Price, George Cochbone, Leo Lungo** 86.4
Ht 2: Alan Butler, Jack Hyland, **Ron Clarke, Ron Johnson** 85.6
Ht 3: Oliver Hart, Laurie Packer, [**Harold Jackson, Oliver Hart** 87.6
Ht 4: George Pepper, Will Lowther, **Jack Gordon, Tommy Bateman** 85.6
Final: Oliver Hart, Gruff Garland, Alan Butler, George Pepper, 84.4

Wednesday 15 May 1940

Glasgow 59 West Ham 48 (Challenge)

Glasgow			West Ham		
Harold Jackson	3 2' 2 3 2 2	= 14+1	Kid Curtis	1 3 1 0 3 f	= 8
Gruff Garland	2' 3 0 2' 1' 1'	= 9+4	George Saunders	0 2' 2' 1 1 2	= 8+2
George Pepper	3 2 3 3 2 3	= 16	Ron Clarke	1 1 1 1 0 1	= 5+1
Jack Gordon	2' 1' 0 2' 1' f	= 6+4	Eric Chitty	0 0 3 0 3 2	= 8
Will Lowther	2 1 2 2 2 0	= 9	Bill Longley	3 3 3 3 3 3	= 18
Ron Johnson	1' 0 0	= 1+1	Jack White	0 0 1 0 0 0	= 1
Leo Lungo	3	= 3			
Laurie Packer	1' 0	= 1			

Ht 1: Harold Jackson, Gruff Garland, Kid Curtis, George Saunders, 85.0
Ht 2: George Pepper, Jack Gordon, Ron Clarke, Eric Chitty, 83.6
Ht 3: Bill Longley, Will Lowther, Ron Johnson, Jack White, 85.2
Ht 4: Gruff Garland, Harold Jackson, Ron Clarke, Eric Chitty, 85.4
Ht 5: Bill Longley, George Pepper, Jack Gordon, Jack White, 84.0
Ht 6: Kid Curtis, George Saunders, Will Lowther, Ron Johnson, 87.0
Ht 7: Bill Longley, Harold Jackson, Jack White, Gruff Garland, 85.4
Ht 8: George Pepper, George Saunders, Kid Curtis, Jack Gordon, 87.4
Ht 9: Eric Chitty, Will Lowther, Ron Clarke, Ron Johnson, 84.0
Ht 10: Harold Jackson, Gruff Garland, George Saunders, Kid Curtis, 85.4
Ht 11: George Pepper, Jack Gordon, Ron Clarke, Eric Chitty, 86.8
Ht 12: Bill Longley, Will Lowther, Laurie Packer, Jack White, 86.8
Ht 13: Eric Chitty, Harold Jackson, Gruff Garland, Ron Clarke, 86.9
Ht 14: Bill Longley, George Pepper, Jack Gordon, Jack White, 85.6
Ht 15: Kid Curtis, Will Lowther, George Saunders, Laurie Packer, 88.8
Ht 16: Bill Longley, Harold Jackson, Gruff Garland, Jack White, 87.4
Ht 17: George Pepper, George Saunders, Kid Curtis (f), Jack Gordon (f), 90.0
Ht 18: Leo Lungo, Eric Chitty, Ron Clarke, Will Lowther, 91.0

No second-half

Wednesday 22 May 1940

Glasgow 29 Haringay 43 (Challenge)

Glasgow			Haringay		
Harold Jackson	2 2 0 0	= 4	Jack Parker	3 3 3 3	= 12
Gruff Garland	0 0 1 2	= 3	Ron Mason	1' 0 0 0	= 1
George Pepper	3 2 2 2	= 9	Bill Pitcher	2 3 3 0	= 8
Will Lowther	0 0 1' 1'	= 2+2	Alec Statham	1' 1 2' 3	= 7+2
Bill Longley	3 2 1 2	= 8	Norman Parker	2 3 3 3	= 11
Leo Lungo	1 0 0	= 1	Jack Hyland	0 1 2' 1	= 4+1
Bob Lovell	1'	= 1+1			

Ht 1: Jack Parker, Harold Jackson, Ron Mason, Gruff Garland, 85.8
Ht 2: George Pepper, Bill Pitcher, Alec Statham, Will Lowther, 86.4
Ht 3: Bill Longley, Norman Parker, Leo Lungo, Jack Hyland, 85.0
Ht 4: Bill Pitcher, Harold Jackson, Alec Statham, 86.0
Ht 5: Norman Parker, George Pepper, Jack Hyland, 84.4

Ht 6: Jack Parker, Bill Longley, Bob Lovell, Ron Mason, 85.0
 Ht 7: Norman Parker, Jack Hyland, Gruff Garland, Harold Jackson, 85.2
 Ht 8: Jack Parker, George Pepper, Will Lowther, Ron Mason, 83.3
 Ht 9: Bill Pitcher, Alec Statham, Bill Longley, Leo Lungo, 86.7
 Ht 10: Norman Parker, Gruff Garland, Will Lowther, Ron Mason, 85.2
 Ht 11: Jack Parker, Bill Longley, Will Lowther, Bill Pitcher, 83.4
 Ht 12: Alec Statham, George Pepper, Jack Hyland, Leo Lungo, 86.6

All-Star Scratch Race

Ht 1: Jack Parker, Jack Hyland, [Gruff Garland, Bob Lovell, 85.0
 Ht 2: Bill Longley, Alec Statham, [Norman Parker, Harold Jackson, 84.4
 Ht 3: George Pepper, Bill Pitcher, [Will Lowther, Ron Mason, 86.9
 Final: Bill Longley, Jack Parker, Alec Statham, George Pepper, 83.0

Wednesday 29 May 1940

Glasgow 34 The South 37 (Challenge)

Glasgow				The South				
Harold Jackson	2	2'	3 0	= 7+1	Eric Chitty	3	3 2 0	= 8
Gruff Garland	1'	3	1 3	= 8+1	Jack Hyland	0	1 1' 2	= 4+1
Bill Longley	ef	3	3 ef	= 6	Bill Pitcher	3	0 3 2	= 8
George Greenwood	1	1	f	= 2	Ron Johnson	2'	0 1 1'	= 4+2
George Pepper	2	2	2 3	= 9	Norman Parker	3	2 2 3	= 10
Will Lowther	0	0	0 1	= 1	Ron Clarke	1	0 0 2'	= 3+1
Leo Lungo	1			= 1				

Ht 1: Eric Chitty, Harold Jackson, Gruff Garland, Jack Hyland, 83.6
 Ht 2: Bill Pitcher, Ron Johnson, George Greenwood, Bill Longley (ef), 85.0
 Ht 3: Norman Parker, George Pepper, Ron Clarke, Will Lowther, 83.8
 Ht 4: Gruff Garland, Harold Jackson, Bill Pitcher (nf), Ron Johnson (nf), 85.8
 Ht 5: Bill Longley, Norman Parker, George Greenwood, 85.1
 Ht 6: Eric Chitty, George Pepper, Jack Hyland, Will Lowther, 85.0
 Ht 7: Harold Jackson, Norman Parker, Gruff Garland, 84.0
 Ht 8: Bill Longley, Eric Chitty, Jack Hyland, George Greenwood (f), 84.1
 Ht 9: Bill Pitcher, George Pepper, Ron Johnson, Will Lowther, 85.1
 Ht 10: Norman Parker, Ron Clarke, Leo Lungo, Bill Longley (ef), 86.6
 Ht 11: Gruff Garland, Bill Pitcher, Ron Johnson, 85.2
 Ht 12: George Pepper, Jack Hyland, Will Lowther, 84.5

Scottish Silver Torch

Ht 1: Norman Parker, Ron Johnson, Leo Lungo, Harold Jackson, 86.1
 Ht 2: George Pepper, Gruff Garland, Jack Hyland, Ron Clarke, 84.5
 Ht 3: Bill Longley, Eric Chitty, Bill Pitcher, Will Lowther, 82.3
 Final: George Pepper, Norman Parker, Bill Longley, Eric Chitty (ns), 83.6

Wednesday 5 June 1940

Glasgow Open Championship

Tommy Bateman	2	0	0	0	= 2	Norman Parker	1	2	1	3	3	= 10	
Eric Chitty	3	2	2	2	3	= 12	George Pepper	3	0	f	0	1	= 4
Gruff Garland	nf	3	2	3	2	= 10	Bill Pitcher	2	1	1	0	1	= 5
Ron Mason	nf	0	1	0	0	= 1	Ernie Price	0	2	3	2	0	= 7
Ron Johnson	0	1	1	2	= 4	Bob Lovell	1	0				= 1	

Bill Longley	2 3 3 2 3	= 13	Will Lowther (Reserve)	1 1	= 2
Jack Parker	3 3 3 3 2	= 14	Leo Lungo (Reserve)	2 1 1	= 4

Ht 1: Eric Chitty, Tommy Bateman, Gruff Garland (nf), Ron Mason (nf), 84.5
Ht 2: Jack Parker, Bill Longley, Norman Parker, Ron Johnson, 84.0
Ht 3: George Pepper, Bill Pitcher, Bob Lovell, Ernie Price, 84.3
Ht 4: Gruff Garland, Norman Parker, Ron Johnson, Tommy Bateman, 83.5
Ht 5: Bill Longley, Eric Chitty, Will Lowther, George Pepper, 83.0
Ht 6: Jack Parker, Ernie Price, Bill Pitcher, Ron Mason, 84.5
Ht 7: Bill Longley, Gruff Garland, Norman Parker, George Pepper (f), 83.8
Ht 8: Ernie Price, Leo Lungo, Ron Mason, Tommy Bateman, 87.0
Ht 9: Jack Parker, Eric Chitty, Bill Pitcher, Bob Lovell, 84.0
Ht 10: Norman Parker, Ernie Price, Will Lowther, George Pepper, 85.5
Ht 11: Jack Parker, Eric Chitty, Ron Johnson, Bill Pitcher, 85.3
Ht 12: Gruff Garland, Bill Longley, Leo Lungo, Ron Mason, 84.4
Ht 13: Eric Chitty, Jack Parker, George Pepper, Ernie Price, 85.6
Ht 14: Norman Parker, Ron Johnson, Bill Pitcher, Tommy Bateman, 87.0
Ht 15: Bill Longley, Gruff Garland, Leo Lungo, Ron Mason, 84.5
Final: Eric Chitty, Jack Parker, Gruff Garland, Bill Longley, 84.8

Consolation Race

Ron Johnson, Ernie Price, Bill Pitcher, George Pepper (Not raced)

Wednesday 12 June 1940

Glasgow 51 Haringay 39 (Challenge)

Glasgow		Haringay	
Eric Chitty	3 3 3 3 0 = 12	Jack Parker	2 2 2 2 2 = 10
Gruff Garland	1 1 1 0 3 = 6	Ron Mason	0 1' 0 0 0 = 1+1
Kid Curtis	0 2' 2 1 2 = 7+1	Bill Pitcher	2' 2 2 3 1' = 10+2
Will Lowther	1 3 3 1 1 = 9	Alec Statham	3 0 0 1' 3 = 7+1
Bill Longley	3 3 3 3 3 = 15	Norman Parker	2 0 2 2 2' = 8+1
Bob Lovell	0 0 1 1 0 = 2	Laurie Packer	1 1 0 0 1 = 3

Ht 1: Eric Chitty, Jack Parker, Gruff Garland, Ron Mason, 83.1
Ht 2: Alec Statham, Bill Pitcher, Will Lowther, Kid Curtis, 85.3
Ht 3: Bill Longley, Norman Parker, Laurie Packer, Bob Lovell, 83.8
Ht 4: Eric Chitty, Bill Pitcher, Gruff Garland, Alec Statham, 84.4
Ht 5: Will Lowther, Kid Curtis, Laurie Packer, Norman Parker, 87.5
Ht 6: Bill Longley, Jack Parker, Ron Mason, Bob Lovell, 84.1
Ht 7: Eric Chitty, Norman Parker, Gruff Garland, Laurie Packer, 84.5
Ht 8: Will Lowther, Jack Parker, Kid Curtis, Ron Mason, 86.5
Ht 9: Bill Longley, Bill Pitcher, Bob Lovell, Alec Statham, 86.5
Ht 10: Eric Chitty, Norman Parker, Will Lowther, Ron Mason, 85.4
Ht 11: Bill Longley, Jack Parker, Alec Statham, Gruff Garland, 84.2
Ht 12: Bill Pitcher, Kid Curtis, Bob Lovell, Laurie Packer, 87.1
Ht 13: Bill Longley, Jack Parker, Bill Pitcher, Eric Chitty, 85.1
Ht 14: Gruff Garland, Kid Curtis, Laurie Packer, Ron Mason, 87.6
Ht 15: Alec Statham, Norman Parker, Will Lowther, Bob Lovell, 86.1

All-Star Scratch Race

Ht 1: Bill Pitcher, Jack Parker, [Gruff Garland, Kid Curtis, 86.2
Ht 2: Bill Longley, Norman Parker, [Eric Chitty, Alec Statham, 85.5

Final: Bill Longley, Bill Pitcher, Norman Parker, Jack Parker, 84.0

TRAVELLERS' TALES 1940

25.05.1940 Belle Vue 46 Glasgow 37 Challenge

Belle Vue, Manchester

Saturday 25 May 1940

Belle Vue intended to welcome back Joe Abbott into their ranks to face Glasgow. The programme advised that 'fans should not expect too much from him. Long working hours and repercussions from old injuries have found their mark in past months. Give him a hand and then watch for fireworks.'

As it was Bill Kitchen took Joe's place.

The programme also featured Ernie Price a brother of the northern Tommy Price (not the Wembley man). It seems that Ernie started out at the little known New Brighton track, before going to the equally obscure Liverpool Seaforth venue. He arrived at Belle Vue via Liverpool Stanley.

On the Glasgow side Kid Curtis was an absentee and his place was taken by well-known Scots-Aussie Ron Johnson.

The programme hinted that this was a league match and that Glasgow and Belle Vue were in a league, which was an amalgamation of tracks still running despite the wartime restrictions.

Belle Vue 46 Glasgow 37 (Challenge)

Belle Vue				Glasgow							
Eric Langton	3	3	3	3	= 12	Gruff Garland	1	1	1	3	= 6
Oliver Langton	2'	1	1	1	= 5+1	Harold Jackson	0	3	1	2	= 6
Ernie Price	2	1	1	0	= 4	Bill Longley	3	2	3	0	= 8
Oliver Hart	1'	3	3	2	= 9+1	Leo Lungo	0	0	0	1	= 1
Frank Varey	0	0	2'	2	= 4+1	George Pepper	2	2	2	2	= 8
Bill Kitchen	3	2	3	3	= 11	Will Lowther	1'	0	0	0	= 1+1
Alan Butler	0	1			= 1	Ron Johnson	2	2'	3	0	= 7+1
Jack White	0	0			= 0	Kid Curtis					DNR

Ht 1: Eric Langton, Oliver Langton, Gruff Garland, Harold Jackson, 78.8

Ht 2: Bill Longley, Ernie Price, Oliver Hart, Leo Lungo, 76.8

Ht 3: Bill Kitchen, George Pepper, Will Lowther, Frank Varey, 77.8

Ht 4: Oliver Hart, Ron Johnson, Gruff Garland, Alan Butler, 77.4

Ht 5: Eric Langton, Bill Longley, Oliver Langton, Leo Lungo, 77.8

Ht 6: Oliver Hart, George Pepper, Ernie Price, Will Lowther, 78.0

Ht 7: Harold Jackson, Bill Kitchen, Gruff Garland, Frank Varey, 78.6

Ht 8: Bill Longley, Ron Johnson, Ernie Price, Jack White, 77.8

Ht 9: Eric Langton, George Pepper, Oliver Hart, Will Lowther, 79.0

Ht 10: Gruff Garland, Oliver Hart, Harold Jackson, Ernie Price, 79.0

Ht 11: Bill Kitchen, Frank Varey, Bill Longley (nf), Leo Lungo (nf), 83.0

Ht 12: Eric Langton, George Pepper, Alan Butler, Ron Johnson, 80.0

Ht 13: Ron Johnson, Frank Varey, Leo Lungo, Jack White, 81.4

Ht 14: Bill Kitchen, Harold Jackson, Oliver Langton, Will Lowther, 79.8