

HALIFAX 1930

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Thursday, 1st May 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Attendance: 5,000

Local Riders Match Races

Ht: Geoff Kilburn bt Bert Clayton

Ht: Jack Dudding, Geoff Wilson (f)

Final: Geoff Kilburn bt Alec Tidswell 93.0

Handicap Event

Ht 1: Geoff Kilburn, Bert Clayton

Ht 2: L Tidswell, Frank Varey (ef)

Ht 3: Jack Atkinson, George Corney, Beaton

Ht 4: Jack Dudding, Bud Proctor (f), Bert Clayton (f)

Final: Geoff, Kilburn, Jack Dudding, L Tidswell, Jack Atkinson

Star Match Race

Ht 1: Frank Varey bt George Corney 84.4

Ht 2: Eric Langton bt Fred Ledger

Final: Frank Varey bt Eric Langton (ef) 86.0

Golden Sash

Final: Frank Varey, George Corney 87.6

Thursday, 8th May 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Junior Race

Ht 1: Joe Chance, G Crowther, [G Law, J Newsome] 100.6

Ht 2: Billy Halstead, George Chance, [Geoff Kilburn, J Mellor] 100.4

Final: Billy Halstead, George Chance, Joe Chance, G Crowther] 99.2

Match Race

Geoff Kilburn bt Bert Clayton 2-1

Ht 1: Kilburn, Clayton 91.2

Ht 2: Clayton, Kilburn

Ht 1: Kilburn, Clayton 89.2

Match Race

Arthur Jervis bt Jack Chapman 84.0

Handicap Event

Ht 1: Bob Harrison (1), Geoff Kilburn (4), [Arthur Moore (3), Ernie Ingham (3), G Law (6)] 93.0

Ht 2: Jack Dudding (4), George Chance (5), [Percy Dunn (1), Fred Ledger (3), Buster Breaks (3)] 95.8

Ht: Alec Tidswell (4), Arthur Jervis (scr), [Austin Humphries (3), Bert Clayton (3)] 94.2

Ht 4: Tommy Gamble (4), Billy Halstead (6), [Jack Chapman (scr), Jack Atkinson (scr), Geoff Wilson (4)] 95.8

SF: Jack Dudding, Bob Harrison, [Geoff Kilburn, George Chance] 96.4

SF: Arthur Jervis, Alec Tidswell, [Tommy Gamble, Billy Halstead] 95.4

Final: Bob Harrison, Arthur Jervis, Jack Dudding, Alec Tidswell 90.6

Golden Sash

Ht 1: Arthur Moore, [Percy Dunn, Jack Atkinson, Alec Tidswell]	85.0
Ht 2: Arthur Jervis, [Austin Humphries, Bert Clayton, Tommy Gamble]	85.0
Ht 3: Ernie Ingham, [Jack Chapman, Fred Ledger, Geoff Kilburn]	90.0
Ht 4: Bob Harrison, [Buster Breaks, Geoff Wilson, Billy Burrows]	89.4
Final: Arthur Jervis, Bob Harrison, [Arthur Moore, Ernie Ingham]	86.0

Max Grosskreutz also rode but fell and was injured during the meeting.

Thursday, 15th May 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Match Race

Bob Harrison bt Max Grosskreutz (ret) 92.2

Match Race

Geoff Kilburn bt Alec Tidswell 2-1

Ht 3: Kilburn bt Tidswell 90.2

Handicap Event

Ht 1: [Walter Hull (ef)]

Ht 2: Arthur Moore, [Roy Barrowclough, Harold Stevens]

Ht 3: Max Grosskreutz (f), Arthur Atkinson (f)

Ht 4: Tom Lindley

Final: Tom Lindley, Alec Tidswell 93.4

Golden Sash

Ht 1: Walter Hull 86.6

Ht 2:

Ht 3:

Ht 4:

Final: Walter Hull, Ernest Ingham 85.6

Junior Handicap Event

Final: Tommy Lindley, Bill Hallstead 90.4

Thursday, 22nd May 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Attendance: 3,000

Match Race

Geoff Taylor bt George Reynard 87.0

Handicap Event

Ht 1:

Ht 2: Geoff Wilson, George Reynard

Ht 3:

Ht 4: George Hazzard, Geoff Taylor

SF: Geoff Wilson, Norman Hartley

Final: Geoff Kilburn, Norman Hartley, Geoff Wilson 93.2

Flying Twelve

Ht 1:

Ht 2:

Ht 3: Geoff Kilburn & Norman Hartley (dead heat)

Final: Norman Hartley, George Hazzard 86.8

Junior Race

Final: Tearer Long, F T Kilburn, Harold Reynard 101.6

Thursday, 29th May 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax**Flying 12**

Ht 2: Walter Hull, [Ernie Ingham's bike set on fire]

Ht 3: Dusty Haigh, George Hazzard 86.6

Final: Wally Hull, Dusty Haigh, Buzz Hibberd 85.2

Senior Handicap

Walter Hull, Geoff Wilson, Geoff Kilburn 88.8 (record)

Junior Handicap

Bill O'Neill, F Ibbotson, F T Kilburn 100.2

Match Race

J Atkinson beat E Ingham 2 - 1

Thursday, 5th June 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Attendance: 7,000

Spring Hall Junior Handicap

Ht1: F T Kilburn, Hurricane Dowse, [T Greenwood, Tearer Long, J Mellor] 98.4

Ht 2: Bill O'Neill, F Ibbotson, Spud Hobson 103.6

Final: F T Kilburn, Bill O'Neill, Hurricane Dowse, F Ibbotson 98.6

Match Race

Bill Sticpewich bt Billy Lamont 85.4

Geoff Wilson bt Jack Dudding 88.0

George Hazzard bt Geoff Kilburn 87.2

Thrum Hall Handicap

Ht 1: Geoff Wilson (3 sec), Norman Hartley (scr), [G Kilburn (3), F Ibbotson (4)], Dick Fletcher (2 f) 94.0

Ht 2: Scott Michie (3), George Hazzard (2), [Billy Lamont (scr), Bert Clayton (3), F T Kilburn (5)] 93.8

Ht 3: Walter Hull (scr), Jack Atkinson (3), [Bill Sticpewich (scr), Bill O'Neill (4), Hurricane Dowse (5)] 88.8

Ht 4: Alec Tidswell (4), Austin Humphries (2), [Jack Dudding (3), Trevor Greenwood (4), G Corney] 96.4

SF1: Geoff Wilson (3), Norman Hartley (scr), [Scott Michie (3), George Hazzard (2)] 91.2

SF2: Jack Atkinson (3), Austin Humphries, [Walter Hull (scr), Alec Tidswell (4)] 90.6

Final: Geoff Wilson (3), Norman Hartley (scr), Austin Humphries, Jack Atkinson (3) 91.8

Golden Sash

Ht 1: Geoff Kilburn, Alec Tidswell, Norman Hartley (mf) 91.4

Ht 2: Billy Lamont, Geoff Wilson, Jack Atkinson, Bert Clayton 87.2

Ht 3: George Hazzard, Scott Michie, Bill O'Neill, Walter Hull (mf) 89.2

Ht 4: Austin Humphries, Bill Sticpewich 101.4

Final: Billy Lamont, George Hazzard, Geoff Kilburn, Austin Humphries 84.2

There was a second machine fire with Trevor Greenwood's bike being set ablaze.

Thursday, 12th June 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax**Halifax 23½ Rochdale 12½ (Challenge)**

Attendance: 5,000

Halifax

George Hazzard	3 3 3	9
Geoff Wilson	1 2 2'	5 1
Geoff Kilburn	3 2' 3	8 1
Alec Tidswell	½ 1' 0	1½ 1
Bert Clayton		

Rochdale

Austin Humphries	2 2	4
Scott Michie	0 1	1
Buster Breaks	½ 0 1	1½
Jack Atkinson	2 0	2
Bill Sticpewich	3 1' 0	4 1

Ht 1: Hazzard, Humphries, Wilson, Michie	87.8	4	2	4	2
Ht 2: Kilburn, Atkinson, Breaks/Tidswell dead heat	86.8	3½	2½	7½	4½
Ht 3: Hazzard, Kilburn, Michie, Breaks	89.0	5	1	12½	5½
Ht 4: Sticpewich, Wilson, Tidswell, Atkinson	88.2	3	3	15½	8½
Ht 5: Hazzard, Humphries, Sticpewich, Tidswell	88.0	3	3	18½	11½
Ht 6: Kilburn, Wilson, Breaks, Sticpewich	86.4	5	1	23½	12½

Match Race

Clem Cort bt Clem Beckett 85.0

Handicap

Ht 1: Jack Atkinson (8), Geoff Wilson (8), [Wotton (8), George Hazzard (2), Geoff Kilburn (scr)]	90.6
Ht 2: Bert Clayton (3), Bill O'Neill (5), [Ernie Ingham (4), F T Kilburn (8)]	92.6
Ht 3: Clem Beckett (8), Buster Breaks (3), [Dick Fletcher (2), Austin Humphries (2), Harry Robinson (4)]	92.4
Ht 4: Eric Blain (1), Clem Cort (8), [Scott Michie (2), Jack Dudding (8), H W Leach (4)]	92.0
SF1: Geoff Wilson, Jack Atkinson, [Bert Clayton, Bill O'Neill]	90.8
SF2: Eric Blain, Clem Beckett, Clem Cort, Buster Breaks	92.6
Final: Eric Blain, Geoff Wilson, Clem Beckett, Jack Atkinson	90.4

Golden Sash

Ht 1: Eric Blain, Buster Breaks, [Bert Clayton, Scott Michie]	88.8
Ht 2: Ernie Ingham, George Hazzard, [Jack Dudding]	89.6
Ht 3: Dick Fletcher, Clem Cort, [Geoff Wilson, Austin Humphries]	86.4
Ht 4: Clem Beckett, Wotton, [Jack Atkinson, H W Leach]	87.0
Final: Clem Beckett, Eric Blain, Dick Fletcher, Ernie Ingham	86.0

Thursday, 19th June 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax**Halifax 21 Leeds 15 (Challenge)**

Ht 4: [Bert Clayton (f)]

Match Race

Frank Varey bt Walter Hull 82.0

Handicap Event

SF: Frank Varey, Geoff Kilburn	86.0 (standing start track record)
Final: Billy Halstead, Jack Dudding, Eric Blain, Frank Varey (ret)	91.0

Golden Sash

Ht 1:

Ht 2: Frank Varey, Dick Fletcher

Ht 3:

Ht 4:

Final: Frank Varey, Walter Hull, Eric Blain

82.2

Thursday, 26th June 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax**Handicap Event**

Ht: Alec Tidswell, Max Grosskreutz

Final: Jack Atkinson, Billy Halstead, Walter Hull (ef) 90.6

Halifax 12

Heat: Scott Michie 86.0

Final: Jack Dudding, Austin Humphries 88.4

Golden Helmet

Final: Eric Blain, Austin Humphries, Max Grosskreutz (f) 85.4

Match Race

Ernie Evans bt Len Woods 88.2

Saturday, 28th June 1930, Barnsley (Lundwood)**Barnsley 20 Halifax 16 (Challenge)****Barnsley**

Billy Halstead	3	3	3	9
Tommy Thompson	0	2'	2	4 1
Joe Chance	2	1'		
Tommy Lindley	1'	2		
Tommy Allott				

Halifax

Geoff Wilson	2	1	1	4
George Hazzard	1'	3	3 2	9 1
Geoff Kilburn	3			3

Ht 1: Halstead, Wilson, Hazzard, Thompson 80.0 3 3 3 3

Ht 2: Kilburn, Chance, Hindley 81.6 3 3 6 6

Ht 3: Halstead, Thompson, Wilson 79.1 5 1 11 7

Ht 4: Hazzard, Lindley, Chance 81.6 3 3 14 10

Ht 5: Hazzard, Thompson, ? 80.0 3 3 17 13

Ht 6: Halstead, Hazzard, Wilson 80.8 3 3 20 16

Golden Wings Handicap

Final: Jim Quarmby, Billy Halstead, Tommy Allott 80.4

Golden Helmet

Final: Joe Chance, Jim Quarmby, Billy Halstead 77.0

Monday, 30th June 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Match Races

Sprouts Elder bt Squib Burton 2-0

Ht 1: Elder bt Burton 83.2

Ht 2: Elder bt Burton 84.4

Golden Sash

Ht 1: Sprouts Elder 86.0

Ht 2: Squib Burton 83.2

Ht 3: Eric Blain

Ht 4: Wally Hull

Final: Sprouts Elder, Walter Hull, Squib Burton 84.4

Halifax Flying 12

Final: Frank Smith, Scott Michie, Buster Breaks 87.2

Handicap Event

Final: Buster Breaks, Billy Halstead, Tom Lindley 91.0

Monday, 14th July 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Lap Record Attempt

Sprouts Elder 20.6 (unsuccessful)

Halifax 12 Scratch Race

Ht 1: Geoff Wilson, Bud Proctor, Tom Lindley 87.2

Ht 2: Scott Michie, Billy Halstead, Bert Kendall 89.4

Ht 3: Jack Atkinson, Harry Reynard, J A Leach 86.2

Ht 4: Alec Tidswell, Harry Robinson, H W Leach 89.4

Final: Jack Atkinson, Scott Michie, Geoff Wilson, Alec Tidswell 86.2

Star Match Race

Frank Varey bt Sprouts Elder 2-0

Ht 1: Varey bt Elder 82.0

Ht 2: Varey bt Elder (ret) 85.2

Match Race

Frank Smith bt George Reynard 85.8

Handicap Event

Ht 1: Scott Michie (3), Tom Lindley (3), [George Reynard (1), Bert Clayton (3), F T Kilburn (5)] 93.8

Ht 2: Alec Tidswell (3), Billy Halstead (3), [Frank Smith (1), Dick Fletcher (2), J A Leach (3)] 93.8

Ht 3: Jack Atkinson (3), H W Leach (3), [Walter Hull (scr), Bud Proctor (3), Joe Chance (4)] 92.2

Ht 4: Harry Robinson (4), [George Hazzard (2), Geoff Wilson (3), Bert Kendall (4), Harry Reynard (4)] 94.2

Final: Scott Michie (3), Jack Atkinson (3), Alec Tidswell (3), Harry Robinson (4) 89.0

Golden Sash

Ht 1: Walter Hull, Frank Smith, [Geoff Wilson, Alec Tidswell] 87.2

Ht 2: George Hazzard, [George Reynard, J A Leach, Bud Proctor] 89.6

Ht 3: Jack Atkinson, Dick Fletcher, Sprouts Elder, Tom Lindley 83.2

Ht 4: Frank Varey, Scott Michie, [Bert Clayton, Billy Halstead] 85.2

Final: Jack Atkinson, George Hazzard, Frank Varey, Walter Hull (mf) 87.0

Monday, 21st July 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax**Halifax v Crystal Palace (Challenge)**

Postponed due to rain.

Monday, 28th July 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax**Halifax 15 Crystal Palace 21 (Challenge)****Halifax**Frank Smith 3
Scott Michie 3**Crystal Palace**Roger Frogley 2 3 3 8
Harry Shepherd
Joe Francis
George Hazzard 3
Geoff Kilburn

Ht 1: Smith, Frogley

Handicap Event

Final: Walter Hull, Scott Michie, Geoff Wilson 91.0

Golden Sash

Ht 1: Austin Humphries 83.8

Ht 2:

Ht 3: Roger Frogley & Geoff Kilburn (dead heat)

Final: Austin Humphries, Geoff Kilburn, [Roger Frogley] 84.2

Thursday, 7th August 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax

Attendance; 2,500

Match Race Series

Ht 1: Arthur Jervis bt Frank Charles 61.1

Ht 2: Max Grosskreutz bt Wally Hull 65.3

Ht 3: Dicky Wise bt Atkinson 65.3

Final: Arthur Jervis, Max Grosskreutz, Dicky Wise, 82.1

Scratch Event

Ht 1: Bert Clayton (f)

Ht 2:

Ht 3:

Ht 4:

Final: George Hazzard, Harry Watson, Scott Michie 62.2 (3 laps)

Handicap Event

Final: Harry Watson, Jack Atkinson, Walter Hull (ef) 92.0

Golden Gauntlet

Final: Frank Charles, Drew McQueen, George Hazzard 83.7

Flying 12

Final: George Hazzard, Harry Watson, Billy Halstead 62.2

Thursday, 21st August 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax
Yorkshire 27 Lancashire 24 (Challenge)

Attendance: 5,000

Yorkshire

Frank Varey
George Corney
Eric Langton
Jack Atkinson
Dusty Haigh 3
Frank Smith
Harry Watson

Lancashire

Frank Charles
George Hazzard
Arthur Jervis
Dick Fletcher
Clem Beckett
Wally Hull
Buster Breaks

Ht 1:

Ht 2: Michie 84.0

Ht 3: Haigh, Hull

Ht 4:

Ht 5:

Ht 6: 16 17

Ht 7:

Ht 8: Langton

Ht 9: Haigh, Hazzard

Scratch Event

Final: Scott Michie, Buster Breaks, Watson 63.55 mph

Golden Helmet

Final: Frank Varey, Frank Charles, Harry Watson 67.5

Star Match Race

Scott Michie bt Haigh 66.6

Thursday, 4th September 1930, Thrum Hall, Halifax
England Select 31 Australia Select 23 (Challenge)

Attendance: 5,000

England Select

Eric Langton	2	3	2'	7	1
Clem Cort	1'	1	3	5	1
Dusty Haigh	3	3		6	
Scott Michie	2	2'		4	1
Gordon Byers	3	2	1'	6	1
Harry Watson	1	2		3	

Australia Select

Billy Lamont	3	3	2	8
Ernie Evans	1	1'	2	1
Jack Chapman	3			3
Dicky Wise	1	2	3	6
Buzz Hibberd	2	1		3
Bruce McCullum	1			1

Ht 1: Lamont, Langton, Cort	62.5	3	3	3	3
Ht 2 : Chapman, Michie, Wise	64.1	2	4	5	7
Ht 3: Byers, Hibberd, Watson	66.3	4	2	9	9
Ht 4: Langton, Wise, Cort	62.1	4	2	13	11
Ht 5: Haigh, Michie, McCullum	63.9	5	1	18	12
Ht 6: Lamont, Byers, Evans	66.3	2	4	20	16
Ht 7: Cort, Langton, Hibberd	67.1	5	1	25	17
Ht 8: Haigh, Lamont, Evans	62.8	3	3	28	20
Ht 9: Wise, Watson, Byers	64.4	3	3	31	23

Match Race

Eric Langton bt Jack Chapman	63.1
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Halifax Flying Nine

Ht: Clem Cort

Ht: Austin Humphries

Ht: Harry Watson

Final: Clem Cort, Austin Humphries, Harry Watson 66.4

Golden Sash

Final: Jack Chapman, Dusty Haigh, Austin Humphries, Dicky Wise 63.0