

## NORTHAMPTON (HANNINGTON) 1929

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Other meetings may have been held here in 1929

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### Good Friday 29.3.29 Northampton (Hannington) (grass / cinder)

*Northampton Daily Echo 30.3.29*

"With the roar of machines travelling at top speed... Northampton Speedway (Hannington) opened the season... with some 4000 people were provided with a fine programme. The hero of the day was G H Grace of Tring, who drove his 350cc Humber to victory in three out of the four races (events) in which he competed, engine trouble when in the lead putting him out of the other race."

#### Dirt track

250cc	L Smith (New Imperial), A L Chattell, G Kent (Also rode in heats A J Crick and E W Hall)	133.2
350cc Heats	(Also rode J Smith, H F Young, C Safford, A J Crick, F Duller)	
350cc Final	G H Grace (Humber), E W Ford, G S Hill (fell remounted), E W Hall	120.8
Golden Helmet	G H Grace, G S Hill (Also rode in final C Safford, K Rawlins, E W Ford [lapped], T Greenwood, R J Fleming) (Also rode in heats A J Crick, E V Davis, A F Young, C F Prole, P Leavis, E W Hall, F G Carter)	120.2

#### Grass track

250cc	G R Proudman (O.K.Supreme), L Smith, A Brewin (Also rode D Brown, A L Chattell, G Kent, W Griffin)	131.2
350cc		
Ht 2	G H Grace	
Final	E W Ford, T Greenwood, G S Hill, [R J Tuckley, A Brewin] G H Grace mf (Also rode in heats H F Young, P G Carter, S Safford, H Smith, R J Fleming, L Smith, J Wilkinson, P Leavis, H French, E W Hall, Huggins)	119.2
Championship		
Ht1	G H Grace, T Greenwood	
Final	G H Grace, E W Ford, H Greenwood, F Duller *Equalled his own track record (Also rode in heats H French, J S Hill, C Safford, C H Poole, Page)	116.2*

### Sa 18.5.29 Northampton (Hannington) (grass / cinder)

*Northampton Mercury 24.5.29, Northampton Daily Echo 21.5.29*

A rider named "G Tring" won 4 events, but that name was a nom-de-plume and the rider's real identity is not known. Some others also used false names at this unlicensed track.

*Updated 13.1.18: The rider's identity was 'revealed' in the Daily Echo as being G H Grace, with the clues being that the rider was from Tring, he rode a Humber machine and held the track record (111.4, set on 23.8.28, although this latter piece of information is contradicted by a report on 30.3.29 in which K Greenwood is accredited with a record time of 110.2).*

#### Dirt track

250cc	L Smith (New Imperial), N James (Ariel), P Kaye (New Imperial)	149.0
350cc	G Tring (Humber), J Ingram (Calthorpe), E W Hall (Excelsior)	124.0
Golden Helmet	A Sawford (Douglas), E W Hall, G Tring (fell)	134.0

#### Grass track

250cc	L Smith, P Kaye, E W Hall	126.6
350cc	G Tring, E W Ford (AJS), Friar Tuck (Velocette)	123.0
Championship	G Tring, E W Ford, E W Hall	122.0
Challenge Race	G Tring beat J H White (P&M)	121.0

Sidecars

F George, H Daniells, Went

137.0