

**SEASON 1936**  
**LEICESTER SUPER, MELTON ROAD, LEICESTER**

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Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 1936  
Dagenham 48 Leicester Super 16 (Challenge)  
Ripple Road, Dagenham

Heat	First	Second	Third	Fourth	A	B	A	B	Time
1	Duke	Blackman	Shelton	Plant	5	1	5	1	82.0
2	Baylais	Liddle	No 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Williams/Cambell (ret)	5	0	10	1	85.5
3	Wiseman	Markham	Challis (rep Mills)	Bell	5	1	15	2	85.0
4	Duke	No 2 <sup>nd</sup>	No 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Blackman/Williams/ Campbell (ret)	3	0	18	2	82.0
5	Liddle	Bell	No 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Baylais/Mills (ret)	3	2	21	4	84.8
6	Adams (rep Wiseman)	Campbell (rep Shelton)	No 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Markham/ Plant (ret)	3	2	24	6	87.0
7	Duke	Blackman	Bell	Mills	5	1	29	7	80.0
8	Liddle	Plant	Shelton	Baylais	3	3	32	10	86.0
9	Mills (rep Campbell)	Adams (rep Wiseman)	No 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Williams/ Mackechnie	2	3	34	13	85.0
10	Duke	Plant	Baylais	Mills	4	2	38	15	83.0
11	Liddle	Markham	Godwin (rep Campbell)	Bell	5	1	43	16	-
12	Blackman	Wiseman	No 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shelton/Williams	5	0	48	16	83.5

Dagenham	1	2	3	4	Total	Leicester Super	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Snowy Blackman ©	2	R	2	3	7	Archie Shelton ©	1	N	1	0		2
Roy Duke	3	3	3	3	12	Wilf Plant	0	R	2	2		4
George Liddle	2	3	3	3	11	Gus Williams	R	R	R	0		0
Jim Baylais	3	R	0	1	4	Don Campbell	R	R	2	N		2
Fred Wiseman	3	N	N	2	5	Len Bell	0	2	1	0		3
Alf Markham	2	R	2		4	Paddy Mills	N	R	3	0		3
Roy Adams	3	2			5	Geoff Godwin	1					1
Bert Mackechnie	R				0	Charlie Challis	1					1
					<b>48</b>							<b>16</b>

**TRACK RECORD ATTEMPT EVENT**

Roy Duke broke his own track record of 78.0 in a new time of 76.5

**THE INTENTIONALS SCRATCH RACE EVENT**

Heat 1: Paul le Roy 90.5 (other competitors in this race were) Eric Dunn, Charlie Challis and Carl Baltutis

Heat 2: Paddy Mills 92.0 (other competitors in this race were) Roy Adams, Alf Markham, Freddie Bullivant

Heat 3: Les Amon 90.0 (other competitors in this race were) Carl Baltutis, Charlie Challis, Freddie Bullivant

Heat 4: Alf Markham 85.0 (other competitors in this race were) Paul le Roy, Roy Adams, Eric Dunn

Final: Alf Markham, Les Amon 88.0

**CAPTAINS' MATCH RACE EVENT**

Snowy Blackman bt Archie Shelton 82.0

**LEICESTER V DAGENHAM 2 LAP DASH EVENT**

Roy Duke bt Paddy Mills 49.0

**DAGENHAM V LEICESTER 2 LAP DASH EVENT**

Roy Duke bt Geoff Godwin 31.3

Source: Barking Chronicle, Essex Times, Speedway News, Programme

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SEASON 1936**

**Leicester Super, Melton Road, Leicester**

**Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September  
Leicester Championship**

There were between 800-900 spectators who attended the meeting for a programme that consisted of a selected riders' championship. The meeting was reported as a loss financially but produced some good racing despite a bumpy track in parts.

Wilf Plant was the most successful of the three Leicester competitors, finishing second to the winner with a total of 10 points. Paddy Mills, another local rider, was placed fourth with seven. Tommy Stewart (London) who carried off the honours recorded four wins and was the only unbeaten rider. He also put up the best time when winning the Leicester Championship from Plant in 82.2 seconds.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

**Leicester Super, Melton Road, Leicester**  
**Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

It was reported in the Leicester Evening Mail on this day that following the meeting held at Melton Road Speedway last Sunday the authorities are investigating the legality of the position.

It was revealed that a 'big scheme' was on foot to run not only speedway racing but also boxing and all-in wrestling, on Sundays at the speedway.

A deputation from London visited the stadium two days later and the success of the speedway meeting on Sunday encouraged them in the idea that a mixed sports programme at the Melton Road venue each Sunday would be a success.

Already the company had options at sports grounds in Bristol and Coventry and they planned to make Leicester the biggest centre of the lot. It was thought that they were to spend a large sum of money on making the venture a success.

Much interest had been aroused by the previous Sunday's meeting and objectors point out that Sunday film shows and similar forms of entertainment are barred in the city while the Corporation also insist upon the municipal golf links and tennis courts being closed on Sundays.

In the meantime the whole position was being investigated by the local authorities. Alderman W E Wilford, Chairman of the Leicester Watch Committee said advice was being sought.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

**Leicester Super 33 v Cardiff 38 (Challenge Match)**  
**Leicester Super, Melton Road, Leicester**  
**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Scorers:

Leicester Super 33: Wilf Plant 11 points, Tom Haxton 7, Roy Zeal 6, Eric Edwards 5, Don Campbell 2 and Cyril Broome 2

Cardiff 38: Bob Charles 10 points, Tommy Stewart 9, Paddy Mills 8, Rocky Burnham 6 and Charlie Oake 5

Notes:

(i) A reported attendance of 5,000.

(ii) The principal event was the team match and in all 16 races were completed and speeds of between 40 and 43mph were recorded.

(iii) In the individual events it was reported that a thrilling race took place between Wilf Plant and Tommy Stewart with the latter winning by half a wheel. It was Plant's only defeat of the afternoon. Stewart recorded the best time of the day in 84.2 seconds.

(iv) In the team match, Cardiff clinched victory in the last heat by scoring 7 points to Leicester's five.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

**Leicester Super 49 v Bristol 19 (Challenge Match)**  
**Sunday, 12 October**  
**Leicester Super, Melton Road, Leicester**

Notes:

(i) Tommy Stewart and Paddy Mills, as a pairing, were successful in scoring 20 points between them for Leicester.

(ii) Leicester's captain, Wilf Plant was reported to have had an off day – machine trouble preventing him from appearing in all of his races. In his only two appearances he won one race and came second in another. Tommy Stewart won all six of his races.

(iii) There was no mention in the newspaper report as to who was riding for the visitors.

Source: Leicester Evening Mail

**Wilf Plant Select v Tommy Stewart Select**  
**Sunday, 19 October 1936**  
**Leicester Super, Melton Road, Leicester**

A report lifted from the newspaper.

Leicester's Sunday speedway season was brought to a close yesterday afternoon at the Melton Road track when a crowd of 6,000 were provided with some exciting races and several spectacular spills.

The big feature was a team match between sides selected by Wilf Plant and Tommy Stewart which resulted in a narrow win-two points- for Stewart's team. A match between the two highest points scorers of this event, Plant and Stewart provided the fastest race of this afternoon. Stewart winning in a splendid time of 76.43 seconds.

The most thrilling heat of the team race was the first event when Plant, with a terrific burst at the final bend, got home by less than a wheel from Stewart.

Two lap dashes proved as popular as ever. In one of these Frank de Reske put up a great fight with Stewart, but the latter failed to hold his machine in a tricky broadside as both riders came round the last bend level.

Bob Charles also overslid in his match with Plant, but the most spectacular crash of the afternoon was provided by Stewart whose machine reared up and turned a complete somersault as he came tearing down the track in his effort to lower the track record.

Notes:

- (i) Final meeting of the season
- (ii) A reported 6,000 crowd

Source: Leicester Evening Mail