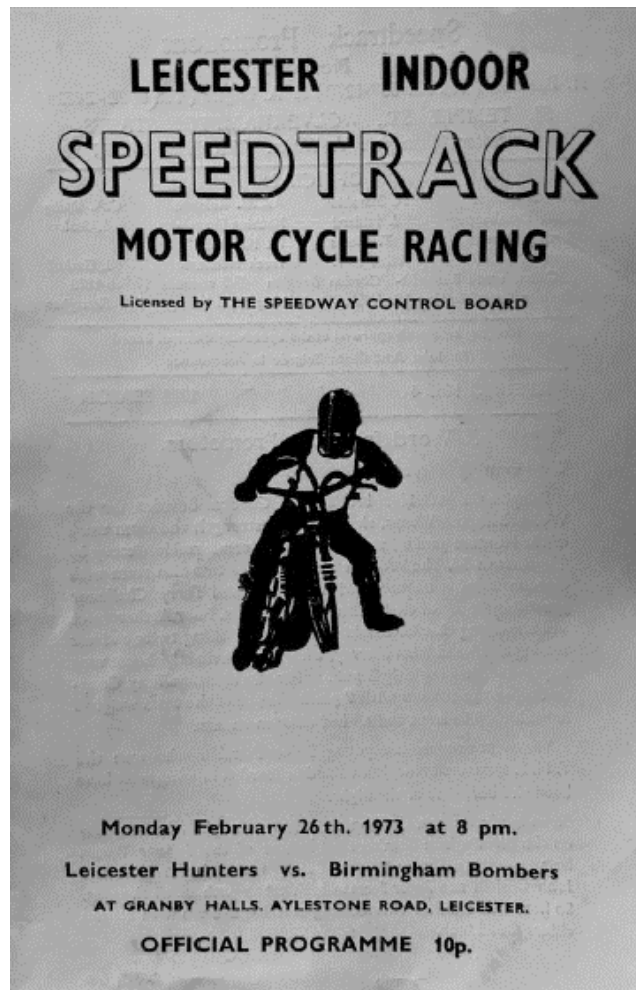


## LEICESTER INDOOR SPEEDTRACK 1973

File dated 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, updated 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022 (information from Alan Jones)  
Compiled by Keith Corns

Venue: Granby Halls, Aylestone Road, Leicester  
Promoters: Harry Bastable and Alan Eagles  
Manager: Vic White  
Track length: Just over 100 yards, races over 5 laps  
Track surface: concrete  
Machines: 175cc



### Meetings

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1973  
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## Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 1973

### Midland Riders' Individual Championship

Jim West	1	1	3	3	3	11	
Cyril Jones	0	1	1	0	2	4	
Keith White	2	0	1	0	3	6	
Geoff Bouchard	3	1	3	2	1	10	
James Bond	0	3	3	3	3	12	(3 <sup>rd</sup> )
Richard Dutton	2	0	2	0	0	4	
Adrian Moss	1	1	0	2	0	4	
Mike Nicholson	3	2	3	3	2	13	(2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Gordon Bowden	3	2	2	3	3	13	(1 <sup>st</sup> )
Tony Cooper	2	3	2	2	1	10	
Jeff Hughes	0	3	0	2	2	7	
Steve Bastable	1	0	2	1	1	5	
Tony Smith	1	0	1	1	2	5	
Steve Wilson	0	2	0	0	0	2	
Alan Harvey	3	2	0	1	0	6	
Tony Darby	2	3	0	0	1	6	

Ht 1: Bouchard, White, West, Jones	54.2
Ht 2: Nicholson, Dutton, Moss, Bond (ex 2m)	55.2
Ht 3: Bowden, Cooper, Bastable, Hughes	51.6
Ht 4: Harvey, Darby, Smith, Wilson (ef)	54.2
Ht 5: Bond, Bowden, West, Smith (f rmtd lapped)	51.4
Ht 6: Cooper, Wilson, Jones, Dutton	53.0
Ht 7: Hughes, Harvey (f pushed), Moss (f pushed), White (tapes, 5yds, ef)	54.0
Ht 8: Darby, Nicholson, Bouchard, Bastable	52.8
Ht 9: West, Dutton, Darby (ret), Hughes (ret)	53.4
Ht 10: Bond, Bastable, Jones, Harvey	50.4
Ht 11: Nicholson, Bowden, White, Wilson (ret)	51.8
Ht 12: Bouchard, Cooper, Smith, Moss	54.0
Ht 13: West, Moss, Bastable, Wilson (ret)	56.2
Ht 14: Nicholson, Hughes, Smith, Jones	55.2
Ht 15: Bond, Cooper, Darby (ret), White (ret)	51.2
Ht 16: Bowden, Bouchard (tapes, 5 yds), Harvey, Dutton	49.8
Ht 17: West, Nicholson, Cooper, Harvey (ret)	52.0
Ht 18: Bowden, Jones, Darby (tapes, 5 yds, f, pushed), Moss (f rmtd, lapped)	50.0
Ht 19: White, Smith, Bastable, Dutton (f)	53.4
Ht 20: Bond, Hughes, Bouchard, Wilson (ret)	51.0
1 <sup>st</sup> place run-off: Bowden, Nicholson	49.2 (record for new sized circuit)

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 1973

Leicester Hunters 40 Midland Select 31

**Leicester**

Mike Nicholson	2	1	0	1'	4	1
Jim West	0	3	1	0	4	
Tony Cooper	3	2'	2	1	8	1
Dave Smith	3	2	3	2	10	
Geoff Bouchard	2'	1'	0	0	3	2
Joe Hughes	2'	0	3		5	1
Keith White	3	3	0		6	

**Midland Select**

Steve Wilson	3	0	1'	3	2'	9	2
John Gaskell	1	3	2	1		7	
Terry Challenor	2	2	2	3	3	12	
Malcom Corradine	0	0	0	0		0	
Peter Jarman	0	1	0			1	
Mick Boddice	0	0				0	
Steve Bastable	1	1'	0			2	1

Ht 1: Wilson, Nicholson, Gaskell, West (ret)	51.2	2	4	2	4
Ht 2: White, Hughes, Bastable, Boddice	53.0	5	1	7	5
Ht 3: Smith, Bouchard, Jarman (f), Corradine (f)	53.2	5	0	12	5
Ht 4: Cooper, Challenor, Bastable, Hughes (ret)	54.0	3	3	15	8
Ht 5: Gaskell, Smith, Bouchard, Wilson (exc)	52.8	3	3	18	11
Ht 6: West, Challenor, Nicholson, Boddice (ret)	53.2	4	2	22	13
Ht 7: Hughes, Cooper, Jarman, Corradine (f rmted)	53.6	5	1	27	14
Ht 8: White, Gaskell, West, Bastable (ret)	51.2	4	2	31	16
Ht 9: Smith, Challenor, Wilson, Bouchard	51.0	3	3	34	19
Ht 10: Jarman (exc), West (exc lapped), Corradine (ret), Nicholson (exc*)	0	0	0	34	19
Ht 11: Wilson, Cooper, Gaskell, White (ret)	49.0**	2	4	36	23
Ht 12: Challenor, Smith, Nicholson, Corradine (tapes 5 yds)	51.0	3	3	39	26
Ht 13: Challenor, Wilson, Cooper, Bouchard	51.4	1	5	40	31

\*excluded for receiving outside assistance

\*\*record

**Newcomers Scurry**

Paul Harrison, John Bowley, Richard Dutton (f rmted), Ton Smith (f)	54.0
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**Granby Stakes**

Ht 1: White, Bouchard, Jarman, Boddice	50.0
Ht 2: Nicholson, Harrison (f rmted), Wilson (f rmted), Hughes (ef)	56.0
Ht 3: Challenor, Bowley, West, Cooper	55.4
Ht 4: Smith (tapes 5 yds), Corradine, Gaskell, Bastable (ret)	52.2
Final: Challenor, Smith, Nicholson, White	51.2

**Newcomers Return**

Harrison, Dutton, Hallam, Bowley (f rmted)	54.4
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Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 1973

Leicester Hunters 41 Sprite American Eagles 34

**Leicester**

Mike Nicholson	3	3	3	3	12
Jim West	2'	1	1	1	5 1
Tony Cooper	1'	0	2	2'	5 2
Joe Hughes	2	2	0	2'	6 1
Geoff Bouchard	0	1'	2	3	6 1
John Bowley	1	2	1		4
Keith White	0	3	0		3

**Sprite American Eagles**

Dave Smith	0	3	3	1	7
Dave Drinkwater	0	0	0	0	0
Terry Challenor	3	2	3	0	8
J Gaskell	1	2'	0	0	3 1
Gordon Bowden	3	3	2	1	9
Cyril Jones	3	0	2		5
Richard Dutton	2'	0	0		2 1

Ht 1: Nicholson, West, Smith (ret), Drinkwater (f rmtd lapped)	53.6	5	0	5	0
Ht 2: Jones, Dutton, Bowley (f rmtd), White (f exc)	52.4	1	5	6	5
Ht 3: Bowden, Hughes, Gaskell, Bouchard	51.4	2	4	8	9
Ht 4: Challenor, Bowley, Cooper, Jones (tapes, 10 yds)	52.6	3	3	11	12
Ht 5: Smith, Hughes, Bouchard, Drinkwater	51.4	3	3	14	15
Ht 6: Nicholson, Challenor, West, Dutton	50.2	4	2	18	17
Ht 7: Bowden, Gaskell, Bowley, Cooper	52.2	1	5	19	22
Ht 8: White, Jones, West, Drinkwater	51.2	4	2	23	24
Ht 9: Challenor, Bouchard, Hughes (f), Dutton (f exc)	50.6	2	3	25	27
Ht 10: Nicholson, Bowden, West, Gaskell	50.0	4	2	29	29
Ht 11: Smith, Cooper, White (ret), Drinkwater (f exc)	50.0	2	3	31	32
Ht 12: Nicholson, Hughes, Bowden, Challenor (tapes, 10 yds, f)	49.8	5	1	36	33
Ht 13: Bouchard, Cooper, Smith, Gaskell (f rmtd)	53.2	5	1	41	34

**Granby Stakes** (heats 5 laps, final 6 laps)

Ht 1: Dutton, Bowley, Dave Hallam, Paul Harrison (f rmtd, f rmtd)	56.0
Ht 2: Gaskell, Jones, Bouchard (f rmtd), White (tapes, 10 yds, f exc)	53.2
Ht 3: Nicholson, Hughes, Bowley, Steve Bastable	48.8 (new record)
Ht 4: Challenor, Dutton, West, Cooper	49.0
Ht 5: Smith, Bowden, Jones, Drinkwater	49.2
Ht 6: Bastable, White, Dave Hallam, Harrison	49.8
Final: Smith, Gaskell, Bastable, Nicholson, Challenor (f f mtd), Dutton (f)	59.6

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 1973

Leicester Hunters 42 Wolverhampton Wasps 34

**Leicester**

Mike Nicholson	2' 3 0 1	6 1
Jim West	3 1 1 2	7
Tony Cooper	3 2 1' 3	9 1
John Gaskell	2 3 2 0	7
Geoff Bouchard	1' 2' 1' 1	5 3
John Bowley	2' 0 1'	3 2
Keith White	3 0 2	5

**Wolverhampton**

Arthur Price	0 0 0	0
Dave Harvey	1 1 0	2
Terry Challenor	2 2 3 3 2'	12 1
Alan Harvey	0 0 0 2	2
Gordon Bowden	3 3 3 3 3	15
John Lowe	1 0	1
Tony Darby	0 0 2	2

Ht 1: West, Nicholson, D Harvey, Price (f)	52.6	5	1	5	1
Ht 2: White, Bowley, Lowe, Darby (f)	49.8	5	1	10	2
Ht 3: Bowden, Gaskell, Bouchard, A Harvey	49.2	3	3	13	5
Ht 4: Cooper, Challenor, Bowley (ret), Darby (f exc)	51.4	3	2	16	7
Ht 5: Gaskell, Bouchard, D Harvey, Price (f)	51.2	5	1	21	8
Ht 6: Nicholson, Challenor, West, Lowe (f)	49.0	4	2	25	10
Ht 7: Bowden, Cooper, Bowley, A Harvey	47.0*	3	3	28	13
Ht 8: Bowden, Darby, West, White (ret)	48.4	1	5	29	18
Ht 9: Challenor, Gaskell, Bouchard, Lowe (f)	49.6	3	3	32	21
Ht 10: Bowden, West, Nicholson (f), A Harvey (ret)	50.0	2	3	34	24
Ht 11: Challenor, White, Cooper, D Harvey (ret)	49.4	3	3	37	27
Ht 12: Bowden, Challenor (tapes 10 yds), Nicholson, Gaskell	49.6	1	5	38	32
Ht 13: Cooper, A Harvey, Bouchard, Price (ret)	51.0	4	2	42	34

**Granby Stakes** (heats 5 laps, final 6 laps)

Ht 1: John Bowley, Dave Hallam, Rod Jones, Richard Dutton (f, rmtd)	50.2
Ht 2: Keith White, Geoff Bouchard, Dave Harvey, Arthur Price (ret)	50.4
Ht 3: Mike Nicholson, Steve Bastable, Tony Darby, Alan Harvey	51.0
Ht 4: Terry Challenor, Tony Cooper, Jim West, Richard Dutton	49.8
Ht 5: Gordon Bowden, John Gaskell, Richard Dutton, Dave Hallam (f,rem)	47.4
Ht 6: Steve Bastable, John Lowe, Dave Hallam, Rod Jones	50.6
Final: Bastable (gate), Bowden (10 yds), Nicholson (gate), Challenor (10 yds), White (5 yds), Bowley (5 yds) (ret)	

**Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 1973**

**Leicester Hunters 38 Birmingham Bombers 39**

**Leicester**

Mike Nicholson	1	3	0	1	5	
Jim West	3	2'	0	1	6	1
Tony Cooper	3	2	1	0	6	
John Bowley	0	1	2	3	6	
Geoff Bouchard	0	0	1'		1	1
Dave Hallam	2'	1	1'		4	2
Keith White	3	1	3	3	10	

**Birmingham**

James Bond	0	3	2	2	7		
Adrian Moss	2	2'	3	0	7	1	
Malcolm Corradine	0	0	0		0		
John Gaskell	3	3	2'	1'	9	2	
Peter Jarman	2'	0	0		2	1	
Richard Dutton	0	1	3		4		
Steve Bastable	1	2	2'	3	2	10	1

Ht 1: West, Moss, Nicholson, Bond (f)	49.0	4	2	4	2
Ht 2: White, Hallam, Bastable, Dutton (f)	55.0	5	1	9	3
Ht 3: Gaskell, Jarman, Bouchard (ef), Bowley (exc)	58.6	0	5	9	8
Ht 4: Cooper, Bastable, Hallam, Corradine	57.8	4	2	13	10
Ht 5: Bond, Moss, Bowley, Bouchard	55.0	1	5	14	15
Ht 6: Nicholson, West, Dutton, Corradine (f)	55.2	5	1	19	16
Ht 7: Gaskell, Cooper, Hallam, Jarman	54.0	3	3	22	19
Ht 8: Moss, Bastable, White, West (f)	56.0	1	5	23	24
Ht 9: Dutton, Bowley, Bouchard, Corradine	57.0	3	3	26	27
Ht 10: Bastable, Gaskell, West, Nicholson (f)	54.2	1	5	27	32
Ht 11: White, Bond, Cooper, Moss	53.8	4	2	31	34
Ht 12: Bowley, Bastable, Nicholson, Jarman	52.0	4	2	35	36
Ht 13: White, Bond, Gaskell, Cooper	52.6	3	3	38	39

Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> March 1973

Leicester 20 Birmingham 32 Wolverhampton 25 Midland Pirates 17 (Four Team Tournament)

**Leicester**

Mike Nicholson	3	1	0	2	6
Tony Cooper	3	0	0	2	5
Geoff Bouchard	0	2	1	1	4
Jim West	0	1	3	1	5

**Birmingham**

James Bond	1	3	3	2	9
John Gaskell	2	2	2	3	9
Steve Bastable	3	2	2	3	10
Richard Dutton	2	0	1	1	4

**Wolverhampton**

Geoff Bowden	2	3	3	2	10
Keith White	3	3	0		6
Tony Darby	2	1	0	3	6
John Lowe	1	0	2	0	3
Shane Hearty	0				0

**Midland Pirates**

Chris Harrison	0	1	1	0	2
Dave Shaw	1	0	0	0	1
Dave Smith	0	3	2	3	8
Cyril Jones	3	2	1	0	6

	L	B	W	MP	
Ht 1: Nicholson, Bowden, Bond, Harrison (f rmtd, lapped exc)	54.4	3	1	2	0
Ht 2: Cooper, Gaskell, Shaw, Hearty (f)	55.0	6	3	2	1
Ht 3: Bastable, Darby, Bouchard (f), Smith (ret)	54.0	6	6	4	1
Ht 4: Jones, Dutton, Lowe, West (f rmtd)	52.8	6	8	5	4
Ht 5: Bond, Jones, Darby, Cooper (ret)	51.2	6	11	6	6
Ht 6: Smith, Gaskell, Nicholson, Lowe	50.2	7	13	6	9
Ht 7: Bowden, Bastable, West, Shaw	51.4	8	15	9	9
Ht 8: White, Bouchard, Harrison, Dutton (f)	53.0	10	15	12	10
Ht 9: Bond, Lowe, Bouchard (tapes, 5 yds), Shaw	52.2	11	18	14	10
Ht 10: West, Gaskell, Harrison, Darby	54.0	14	20	14	11
Ht 11: White, Bastable, Jones, Nicholson (ret)	52.8	14	22	17	12
Ht 12: Bowden, Smith (tapes, 5 yds), Dutton, Cooper	49.6	14	23	20	14
Ht 13: Smith, Bond, West, White	48.8	15	25	20	17
Ht 14: Gaskell, Bowden, Bouchard, Jones	51.2	16	28	22	17
Ht 15: Bastable, Cooper, Lowe (f exc), Harrison (ret)	50.8	18	31	22	17
Ht 16: Darby, Nicholson, Dutton, Shaw	52.4	20	32	25	17

**Granby Stakes (5 laps, final handicap, 6 laps)**

Ht 1: Dave Hallam, John Bowley, Shane Hearty, Rod Jones 53.2

Ht 2: Mike Nicholson, Gordon Bowden, John Gaskell, Keith White 49.0

Ht 3: Dave Smith, Steve Bastable, Cyril Jones, Jimmy Bond 48.2

Final: Dave Hallam (gate), Gordon Bowden (10 yds), Steve Bastable (5 yds), Dave Smith (10 yds) (f,rem), John Bowley (gate) (f,rem), Mike Nicholson (5 yds) (ret)