

MIDDLESBROUGH 1928

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Thursday, 23rd August 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

HoBS ; TMC 30.8.28; Yorks Post 24.8.28, Newcastle Journal 24.8.28

Attendance 15,000. Opening meeting.

£10 Middlesbrough Scratch

Ht 1: Fred Creasor, **C W Halliday**, [George Bower, Charlie Barrett, H Watson*] 95.0

Ht 2: William Coulthard

Ht 3: Roy Sanderson

Ht 4: Bert Fairweather

Ht 5: Ernie Smith

Ht 6: T W Blake

Final: Fred Creasor, William Coulthard 106.0

*Believed to be Harry Watson

£30 Stockton Handicap

Ht 1: Sig Schlam

Ht 2: George Bower

Ht 3: Fred Creasor

Ht 4: J R Smith

Ht 5: Billy Brown

Ht 6: R Fletcher

SF1: Walter Creasor, Billy Brown 100.6

SF2: Fred Creasor, R Fletcher 95.8

Final: Fred Creasor, R Fletcher, Walter Creasor, Billy Brown 96.4

£15 Scratch Race

Ht 1: Fred Creasor

Ht 2: Sig Schlam 90.0

Ht 3: Ernie Smith

Ht 4: Harry Whitfield

Final: Sig Schlam, Harry Whitfield, Ernie Smith 90.6

Programmed list of competitors included: Ron Johnson, Johnny Broughton, Fred Fearnley, David 'Onanoff' Johnson, N. Watson, Charles 'Tiger' Sanderson, Ron Carling, O. Rayner, S.C. Bradburn, Jack Egley, W. Spence, Albert Smith, Frank Thompson, Carl Danby, Alec Peel, J.W. Collinson, S. Luck, R. McNiff, Phil Blake, T.G. Elliott

Saturday, 25th August 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 27.8.28. Attendance 3,000.

£10 Scratch Race

Final: Fred Creasor, George Bower, Harry Whitfield 95.0

Match Races

Fred Creasor bt Harry Whitfield 93.0

Johnny Broughton bt Fred Fearnley	93.0
Alternative source shows Fearnley bt Broughton	
£30 Stockton Handicap	
Final: Fred Creasor (8), Johnny Broughton, Ernie Smith	92.0
£20 Scratch Race	
Sig Schlam, Ernie Smith, Fred Fearnley	89.0

Thursday, 30th August 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough
MCyc 5.9.28

Match Race

Eva Askquith bt Stan Fawcett (f)

Scratch Race

Final: Fred Fearnley 92.0

Local Scratch Race

Final: Albert Smith

Johnny Broughton also rode.

Tuesday, 4th September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 5.9.28, Newcastle Journal 5.9.28

Attendance 10,000

Middlesbrough Scratch Race

Ht 1: D Rayner, [Ernie Smith, C W Holliday, Norman Evans, R Carling]	
Ht 2: Phil Blake, [William Coulthard, Charlie Barrett, Jack Russell, J W Collinson]	97.0
Ht 3: Frank Harrison, Roy Sanderson, [J R Smith, H Good, Gordon Byers]	
Ht 4: George Bower, Gilbert Elliott, Eva Askquith, [R A Howe, W P Bower]	97.8
Ht 5: Albert Smith, R Fletcher, [David Johnson, William Eggleston, Leslie Whitecroft]	95.4
Final: Phil Blake, Albert Smith, [D Rayner, Frank Harrison, George Bower]	90.0

Stockton Handicap

Ht 1: Charlie Sanderson (5), Sig Schlam (scr), [Phil Blake (6), Albert Smith (6), R Carling (8)]	
Ht 2: Fred Creasor (4), Charlie Barrett (7), [Ron Johnson (scr), R Fletcher (7), Alec Peel (7)]	99.8
Ht 3: George Bower (8), Fay Taylour (3), [Fred Fearnley (2), Ernie Smith (5), Fred Thompson (7)]	99.0
Ht 4: J W Collinson (8), Johnnie Broughton (3), [David Johnson (7), Gilbert Elliott (8), N E Smith (8)]	99.0
SF1: Fred Creasor, Charlie Barrett, [Charlie Sanderson, Sig Schlam]	90.6
SF2: Fay Taylour, Johnnie Broughton, [George Bower, J W Collinson]	91.4
Final: Fay Taylour (3), Johnny Broughton (3), [Charlie Barratt, Fred Creasor]	90.4

Teesside Scratch

Ht 1: Sig Schlam, [Fred Creasor, Alec Peel, D Rayner]	
Ht 2: Johnnie Broughton, Fred Thompson, [Ron Johnson, N E Smith]	94.0
Ht 3: Fay Taylour, J R Smith, [Fred Fearnley, Phil Blake]	97.4
Final: Johnny Broughton, J R Smith, [Sig Schlam, Fay Taylour]	95.0

Challenge Races

Fred Creasor bt Charlie Sanderson	90.0
Fay Taylour (scr) bt Miss Eva Asquith (7)	90.8

Thursday, 6th September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

TMC 13.9.28

Handicap Event

Final: Fay Taylour

Friday, 7th September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Newcastle Journal 8.9.28

Ten Guineas Scratch

Frank Thompson, Roy Sanderson

102.4

£30 Stockton Handicap

Bert Fairweather, Ernie Smith

95.2

Match Race

Sig Schlam bt Fred Fearnley

86.6 (record)

£20 Teesside Scratch

Sig Schlam, Ernie Smith

89.6

Friday, 14th September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

TMC 20.9.28; Yorks Post 15.9.28, Newcastle Journal 15.9.28

Attendance 12,000.

Riders included Ron Johnson and Charlie Datson. *"Ron Johnson (Aus) fell at speed on the straight and rolled over several times. His machine, a Douglas, righted itself and rounded the bend in pursuit of the other competitors. Touching the back wheel of Fred Creasor's Rudge, its' course was diverted, and by some means it cleared the fence and landed among the spectators. Johnson, on rising, rushed after his machine."*

Middlesbrough Scratch

Alec Hill, J W Collinson, David Johnson, Indian Allen

94.4

Challenge Match Race

A W Armstrong bt Phil Blake

90.4

Stockton Handicap

Ht 3: [Fred Creasor (f), Ron Johnson (f)]

Final: Charlie Barrett, Walter Creasor, Alec Hill & A W Armstrong dead-heat

90.0

Scratch Race

Sig Schlam, Charlie Barrett, Phil Blake, Charlie Sanderson

89.8

Riders included Charlie Datson and Fred Creasor

Tuesday, 18th September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 19.9.28, Newcastle Journal 19.8.28

Middlesbrough Scratch

Walter Creasor, Norman Evans, J W Collinson 94.4

£30 Stockton Handicap

Charles Sanderson, Charlie Barrett, J W Collinson 89.6 (local riders' record)

£20 Teesside Scratch

Johnny Broughton, Charlie Barrett, Indian Allen 89.4

Match Race

Charlie Barrett bt Johnny Broughton 91.0

Friday, 21st September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 22.9.28, Newcastle Journal 22.9.28

Attendance 8,000

Junior Scratch Race

Final: William Coulthard, Gordon Byers, E L Denny 99.0

Challenge Race

Fred Creasor bt Fay Taylour 86.0 (record)

September Handicap

Final: Walter Creasor, Alec Hill, Norman Evans, Sig Schlam 94.0

Senior Scratch Race

Final: Fred Creasor, Charlie Barrett, Alec Hill, Johnny Broughton 92.0

Tuesday, 25th September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 26.9.28, Newcastle Journal 26.9.28

Attendance 5,000

Sig Schlam lowered the track record to 85.0

Junior Scratch Race

Final: Norman Evans, J W Collinson, David Johnson 93.6

September Handicap

SF: Sig Schlam 85.0 (new record)

Final: Norman Evans (6), Walter Creasor (4), Johnny Broughton (3), Sig Schlam (f) 91.2

Senior Scratch Race

Final: Walter Creasor, Indian Allen, Phil Blake, Sig Schlam (f) 92.2

Challenge Match

Sig Schlam (exc), Fred Creasor (f)

Friday, 28th September 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough*Yorks Post 29.9.28**Attendance 8,000***Junior Scratch Race**

Final: Albert Smith, Frank Harrison, Stan Fawcett 92.8

September Handicap

Final: Harry Whitfield (4), Charles Sanderson (3), Bert Fairweather (6) 87.2

Senior Scratch Race

Final: Eric Langton, Oliver Langton, Charlie Barrett, Fred Creasor 84.6

Team Race

Lancashire 12 Yorkshire 10 (scoring 5-3-2-1)

Ht 1: Eric Langton (L), Johnny Broughton (L), Charles Sanderson (Y), Fred Creasor (Y) 87.8 3 8

Ht 2: Harry Whitfield (Y), Oliver Langton (L), Charlie Barrett (Y), Alec Jackson (M) 88.0 10 12

Friday, 5th October 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough*Yorks Post 6.10.28, Newcastle Journal 6.10.28, Hartlepool Northern Daily Mail 6.10.28**Attendance 6,000***Junior Scratch Race**

Final: Phil Blake, David Johnson, Carl Danby 101.8

Team Race

Middlesbrough 16 Barnsley 5

Ht 1: Charlie Barrett

Cleveland Handicap

Final: Indian Allen, Norman Evans, Fred Creasor 93.8

Junior Championship (Sadler Cup)

Final: Albert Smith, Bert Fairweather 96.4

Golden Gauntlet

Final: Harry Whitfield, Charlie Barrett, Bob Allen, Frank Varey (f) 88.0

Friday, 12th October 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough*Yorks Post 13.10.28, Newcastle Journal 13.10.28, Hartlepool Northern Daily Mail 13.10.28**Attendance 8,000. Track length = 400 yards.***Junior Scratch Race**

Final: Ernie Smith, Bert Fairweather, M Ryan, Ron Carling, Billy Brown 92.6

Senior Local Championship

Charlie Barrett, Harry Whitfield, Charles Sanderson 84.4 (record)

Cleveland Handicap

Final: Phil Blake, Charles Sanderson, Norman Evans, Frank Varey 87.0

Golden Helmet Senior Scratch Race

Phil Blake, Charles Sanderson, Albert Smith, Frank Varey (f) 87.0

Also Rode: Ron Johnson

**Saturday, 13th October 1928, Salford Albion Stadium, Salford
Salford 15 Middlesbrough 7 (Inter Club Match)**

Heat Winners: Johnny Broughton (S), Frank Varey (S) 2, Charlie Barrett (M)

Ht 1:	4	2	4	2
Ht 2:	5	0	9	2
Ht 3:	4	2	13	4
Ht 4: Barrett	2	3	15	7

Friday, 19th October 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

*Yorks Post 20.10.28, Newcastle Journal 20.10.28, Hartlepool Northern Daily Mail 20.10.28
Attendance 8,000*

Junior Scratch Race

Bert Fairweather, Ron Carling, B Collinson 94.8

Challenge Race

Harry Whitfield bt Charlie Barrett 2-0

Ht 1: Whitfield bt Barrett 80.2 (record)

Ht 2: Whitfield bt Barrett (f)

Albion Handicap

Harry Whitfield, Indian Allen, Albert Smith 93.0

Junior Championship

Albert Smith, B Collinson, Frank Thompson, E Power 90.0

Golden Gauntlet

Harry Whitfield, Albert Smith, Walter Creasor 83.0

Friday, 26th October 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 27.10.28 (partly illegible), Newcastle Journal 27.10.28

Junior Scratch Race

Frank Thompson, Frank Harrison, David Johnson 92.0

Senior Championship

Final: Harry Whitfield, Walter Creasor, Charlie Barrett, Phil Blake 83.8 (record)

October Handicap

Final: Albert Smith, Charles Sanderson, Frank Varey, Cliff Watson 90.2

Golden Helmet

Final: Charlie Barrett, Frank Varey, Phil Blake, Albert Smith 90.8

Challenge Races

Harry Whitfield bt Frank Varey 2-0

Ht 1: Whitfield bt Varey

83.8

Ht 2: Whitfield bt Varey

84.0

Saturday, 27th October 1928, Fullerton Park Stadium, Leeds
Leeds 16 Middlesbrough 11 (Inter-Track Match)

Leeds: Geoff Taylor, Bob Allen, Alec Hill

Middlesbrough: Charlie Barrett, Charles Sanderson, Walter Creasor

Friday, 2nd November 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 3.11.28, Newcastle Journal 3.11.28, marked programme

Attendance 5,000

Middlesbrough Scratch Race

Ht 1: Frank Harrison, E Cheeney, [P King, E V Crenston]

Ht 2: Cecil Holliday, Jack Egley, [J H Nicholson, W P Brown, A B Cattile*]

Ht 3: George Bower, Alec Peel, [Roy Sanderson, P S Dunn, A Robinson]

Ht 4: Ron Carling, Dan Buck, [Bill Collinson, R Fletcher, R W Blincoe]

Ht 5: Jack Ormston, A Atkinson, [D S Johnson, A B Cattile*, A S Dunn]

Final: Frank Harrison, Jack Ormston, George Bower, Cecil Holliday, Ron Carling 90.0

*Believed to be Arnie Cattell

Team Race

Middlesbrough 23 Manchester 11

Middlesbrough

Harry Whitfield	0	5	5
Walter Creasor	5	0	5
Charlie Barrett	5	0	5
Charles Sanderson	3	5	8

Manchester

Cliff Watson	0	0	0
Geoff Taylor	3	3	6
Frank Varey	2	0	2
Oliver Langton	0	3	3

Ht 1: Creasor, Taylor, Whitfield, (nf), Watson (nf) 5 3 5 3

Ht 2: Barrett, Sanderson, Varey, Langton (nf) 8 2 13 5

Ht 3: Whitfield, Taylor, Barrett (nf), Varey (nf) 5 3 18 8

Ht 4: Sanderson, Langton, Watson (nf), Creasor (nf) 5 3 23 11

Junior Championship

Re-run: Ron Carling (f), Frank Harrison (f), Frank Thompson (f, inj, ns), [Albert Smith]
(Declared void)

November Handicap

Ht 1: A Moore (2), D S Johnson, [Geoff Taylor (scr), Walter Creasor (2), Ernie Smith (5), Bill Collinson (5)]

Ht 2: Harry Whitfield (scr), Charles Sanderson (3), [Cliff Watson (3), Albert Smith (4), Frank Harrison (5)]

Ht 3: Norman Evans (4), Charlie Barrett (1), [Oliver Langton (scr), Indian Allen (4), Dan Buck (5)]

Ht 4: Phil Blake (2), Frank Varey (1), [Alec Hill (4), Walter Creasor, Bert Fairweather (5)]

SF1: Not raced [A Moore, D S Johnson, Harry Whitfield, Charles Sanderson]

SF2: Not raced [Noman Evans, Charlie Barrett, Phil Blake, Frank Varey]

Final: Not raced

Golden Gauntlet

Not staged due to rain, meeting abandoned.

Programmed:

Ht 1: [Geoff Taylor, Cliff Watson, Indian Allen, Frank Thompson]

Ht 2: [Charlie Barrett, Walter Creasor, Alec Hill, Norman Evans]

Ht 3: [Oliver Langton, Phil Blake, A Moore, Albert Smith]

Ht 4: [Frank Varey, Charles Sanderson, Bert Fairweather, Ernie Smith]

Final: [heat winners, Harry Whitfield (holder)]

Friday, 9th November 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Newcastle Journal 17.11.28

Teesside Scratch

David Johnson, G Bowen, Jack Ormston 93.4

Senior Championship

Harry Whitfield, Charlie Barrett, Charles Sanderson 86.2

Olympia Handicap

David Johnson, Billy Brown, Ernie Smith 93.0

Match Race

Harry Whitfield bt Clem Beckett 83.0

Golden Helmet

Harry Whitfield, Charles Sanderson, Phil Blake 85.4

Friday, 16th November 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 17.11.28 (partly illegible), Newcastle Journal 17.11.28

Attendance 2,000. This was to have been the closing meeting.

Au Revoir Scratch Race

Roy Sanderson, R Fletcher, Jack Egley 100.0

Farewell Handicap Senior

Norman Evans, Charles Sanderson, Albert Smith 91.0

Junior Championship

Jack Ormston, Albert Smith, Frank Harrison 97.0

Golden Gauntlets

Arthur Franklyn, Walter Creasor, Charles Sanderson 92.0

Match Races

Ht 1: Harry Hatfield bt Arthur Franklyn

Hatfield refused to take any further part after being disqualified for riding on the grass in the handicap race.

On Tuesday, 20th November 1928 there were newspapers reports (*Times 22.11.28, Yorks Post 21 & 28 & 29.11.28*) that Albert Austin Smith (17), a dirt-track rider of Middlesbrough, died when his motor-cycle crashed into a van. "Smith was several times winner of the Junior Championship, a title he lost as recently as last Friday".

Thursday, 22nd November 1928, Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough

Yorks Post 23.11.28, Newcastle Journal 23.11.28

Attendance 2,000

Team Race

Middlesbrough 9 Manchester 6

Senior Scratch Race

Harry Whitfield, Ginger Lees 85.0

Senior Handicap

Jack Ormston, William Coulthard, Harry Whitfield (f) 90.0