

ROCHDALE 1928

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Saturday, 18th August 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

Homes of British Speedway; The Motor Cycle 23.8.28; Yorkshire Post 20.8.28; Rochdale Observer 20.8.28.

Opening meeting. Attendance 7,000

Four Lap Rolling Start Track Record Established

Paddy Dean 94.35

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: Paddy Dean, Geoff Wilson 97.9
Ht 2: Eric Langton, Dan Buck 106.22
Ht 3: L Ashworth, Oliver Langton, 113.56
Ht 4: Ben Higginbottom, Tom Proctor 118.35
Ht 5: N Peacock*, Harold Leach ?
Ht 6: George Corney, Bert Ratcliffe 123.5
Final: N Peacock (+25 yds), Ben Higginbottom (25), George Corney (25) 113.5
*Believed to be Billy Peacock

Senior Scratch Race

Ht 1: Eric Langton, Skid Nock, 108.95
Ht 2: Oliver Langton, N M Morris 106.32
Ht 3: Eddie Walker, A Greenwood, 113.46
Ht 4: George Reynard, Norman Jones
Final: Eric Langton, Oliver Langton, George Reynard, Eddie Walker (f) 106.9

Junior Scratch Race

Ht 1: E Hemingway, H Robinson 118.1
Ht 2: Ben Higginbottom, Geoff Wilson 122.8
Ht 3: Arthur Wilcock, Dan Buck 114.75
Ht 4: L Uttley, F Brett 118.67
Ht 5: C Wilcock*, George Corney 117.9
Ht 6: N Peacock, Harold Leach, 147.7
Final: Ben Higginbottom, N Peacock, L Uttley 119.1

^Likely to be Cyril Wilcock

Also Rode: Jack Adams, Ivor Creek, Harry Lewis

Sidecars

Ht 1: J Milne 114.57
Ht 2: H Challinor, 99.93
Final: H Challinor, J Milne 108.7

Old Crocks Track Championship

N Kelly bt H Sheppard (ef)

Saturday, 25th August 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

Motor Cycling 29 8.28; Yorkshire Post 27 8.28 Rochdale Observer 27.8.1928

Track Record Attempt (rolling start)

Eric Langton 96.48 (unsuccessful)

Match Race

Eric Langton, Oliver Langton, Jimmy Stevens, S Dobson 119.96

Ladies Challenge

Miss Eva Asquith (+10 secs) bt Miss Fay Taylour (scr) 118.12

Battle of the Roses

Allan Earp bt Johnnie Crump 109.43

Scratch Race

Ht 1: Ben Higginbottom 120.39

Ht 2: Alec Hill 113.26

Ht 3: George Reynard 114.65

Ht 4: N Peacock 118.59

Ht 5: W Kay 118.87

Final: George Reynard, Alec Hill, Walter Hillas 111.60

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: N Peacock 114.87

Ht 2: Eric Langton 107.43

Ht 3: Allan Earp 108.56

Ht 4: Alec Tidswell 113.7

Ht 5: Walter Hillas 112.34

Ht 6: Alec Hill 113.13

Ht 7: F Dunbar 119.3

Ht 8: Frank Varey 118.5

SF1: N Peacock 113.0

SF2: AleAlec Tidswell 106.48

SF3: Walter Hillas 113.8

SF4: Jimmy Stevens 103.20

Final: N Peacock (14 secs), Walter Hillas (16), Alec Tidswell (16) 112.24

Saturday, 1st September 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

Motor Cycling 5.9.28; Yorkshire Post 3.9.28 Rochdale Observer 3.9.1928

Attendance 10,000 according to the Yorkshire Post, or 25,000 according to Motor Cycling.

Junior Scratch

Ht 1: Dan Buck 117.48

Ht 2: George Corney 116.32

Ht 3: E Harris 126.37

Ht 4: Harold Leach 127.26

Ht 5: Bert Ratcliffe 111.75

Final: Bert Ratcliffe, George Corney, Harold Leach 112.2

Senior Scratch

Ht 1: Skid Skinner, Irvine Jones 106.7

Ht 2: Jimmy Stevens 111.38

Ht 3: Clem Beckett, Alec Tidswell 107.92

Ht 4: Larry Coffey 118.72

Ht 5: Ginger Lees, E Anderson 114.77

Ht 6: Irvine Jones 111.45

Final: Irvine Jones, Skid Skinner, Ginger Lees, Jimmy Stevens 103.9

Challenge Races

Clem Beckett bt Ernest Greenall	106.0
Allan Earp bt Johnnie Crump	109.8

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: George Corney (14 secs start)	115.85
Ht 2: Jimmy Hindle (10)	118.83
Ht 3: Alec Tidswell (8), Billy Peacock	116.49
Ht 4: Alec Hill (10), Ben Higginbottom	115.38
Ht 5: Ginger Lees (1)	118.73
Ht 6: Cliff Watson (12), S O'Rourke	119.3
Ht 7: Cliff Mawson (14), Buster Breaks	119.95
Final: Alec Hill (10), George Corney (14), Ginger Lees	116.16

Track Record Attempt

Clem Beckett (unsuccessful)

Match Race

Harry Lewis	105.15
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Paddy Dean also rode.

Saturday, 8th September 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

Motor Cycling 12.9.28 Rochdale Observer 10.9.28

Attendance 17,000.

Junior Race

Ht 1: F Brett, [W Luff, J O'Rourke, T Procter, H Holdsworth, Buster Breaks]	116.57
Ht 2: Billy Peacock, [H Robinson, J Thomas, F L Dunbar, F Royle, H Stacey]	119.89
Ht 3: L Uttley, [J Nash, Jack Mills, E Harris, Dan Buck, H Helsby]	123.38
Ht 4: John Scatcherd, [Fred Mills, N M Morris, F Procter, Harold Ratcliffe, Bob Harrison]	120.24
Ht 5: Joe Abbott, [T R Eastwood, C G Holt, G L Sanderson, J Bennett, Cyril Mack]	120.17
Final: F Brett, Joe Abbott, John Scatcherd	120.27

Senior Race

Ht 1: J Crump, Alec Tidswell, Larry Coffey, [Bert Ratcliffe, B C Williams, T Illingworth]	108.59
Ht 2: Ivor Creek, [George Corney, G Ingham, Allan Earp, Jack Leach, Austin Humphries]	109.8
Ht 3: Skid Skinner, [N Peacock, Ben Higginbottom, Alec Hill, J A Smith, S Hemingway]	104.3
Ht 4: Ginger Lees, [Jimmy Stevens, Frank Varey, Cliff Mawson, Harold Leach, J Atkinson]	109.0
Ht 5: A Ward, [Clem Beckett, A Greenwood, F Anderson, N Jones, W Hillan, C Bentley]	121.0
Final: Ivor Creek, Skid Skinner, Ginger Lees, [Arnold Moore, Johnnie Crump]	103.68

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: J Stevens (2), A Tidswell (4), C Bentley (6), F Anderson (), D Buck (8), B Higginbottom 8, H Leach (10)	111.75
Ht 2: Alec Hill (4), I Creek (scr), [N Peacock (4), A Greenwood (6), B C Williams (8), G Corney (8), R Parr (8)]	109.4
Ht 3: A.J Ward (8), [S Skinner (3), B Ratcliffe 6, J Crump 8, T Illingworth 8, B Ingham 8, L Uttley 8, J A Leach 10]	119.12
Ht 4: C Beckett (scr), [J A Smith (8), J Ashton (8), A Humphries (8), J Atkinson (8), S Hemingway (10), J Scatcherd (10)]	104.56
Ht 5: G Lees (1), [B Breaks (8), F Varey (4), W Hillas (8), G L Sanderson (8), T R Eastwood (8), K Harris (8)]	111.12
Ht 6: Allan Earp (8), [L Coffey (2), C Watson (6), Cliff Mawson (8), J Bennett (8), N Jones (8), N M Morris (8)]	111.18
Final: Jimmy Stevens, Alec Hill, Clem Beckett, Ginger Lees	108.03

Track Record Attempts

Ivor Creek 110.0 and 100.27 (unsuccessful)
Clem Beckett (unsuccessful)
Skid Skinner (fell)

Challenge Race

Johnnie Crump bt A Greenwood 104.57

Sidecars

Ht 1: Jack Challoner bt Jim Milne 119.32

Ht 2: L Manion bt Lord 114.81

Final: Jack Challoner bt L Manion 108.43

Saturday, 15th September 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

The Motor Cycle 20.9.28; Motor Cycling 19.9.28; Rochdale Observer 17.9.28; partly marked programme

Track Record Attempt

Clem Beckett 94.08 (record)

Ivor Creek (unsuccessful)

Paddy Dean (unsuccessful)

Junior Race

Ht 1: J Harrison, [Cliff Mawson, F Rudman, Joe Nash, Harold Leach, Wally Hicklin] 154.43

Ht 2: J O'Rourke, [J Bennett, G L Sanderson, W Luff, F Royle, E Garlick] 132.70

Ht 3: H Robinson, [F Proctor, B C Williams, Geoff Wilson, E Wilson, A T Atkinson] 156.70

Ht 4: Billy Peacock, [E Anderson, L Uttley, J A Smith, T R Eastwood, E Harris] 119.58

Ht 5: S Hemingway, [F Holdsworth, Jack Mills, H Stacey, Hugh Hulme, N M Morris] 124.67

Ht 6: Tom Proctor, [J Breaks, Dan Buck, R Walkington, H Holdsworth, J Rushworth] 126.67

Final: J Harrison, Billy Peacock, S Hemingway, Tom Proctor, [J O'Rourke, H Robinson] 110.89

Senior Race

Ht 1: Paddy Dean, Johnnie Crump, [H Hulme, Joe Abbott, Dusty Haigh, N Peacock] 105.60

Ht 2: Clem Beckett Bert Ratcliffe, [Norman Hartley, E Harris, Wally Hicklin, F Rudman] 104.21

Ht 3: H Robinson, [Alex Tidswell, Arnold Moore, J Atkinson, A T Atkinson, T R Eastwood] 115.33

Ht 4: Ginger Lees, John Scatcherd, [R Walkington, C Bentley, George Corney, N Booth] 108.72

Ht 5: Ivor Creek, Tom Allott, [Frank Brett, Ernie Ingham, A Greenwood, N Hemingway] 102.18

Ht 6: Alec Hill, Austin Humphries, [Allan Earp, Ben Higginbottom, Norman Jones], A B Drew (f) 107.28

Final: Paddy Dean, Clem Beckett, Ivor Creek, Ginger Lees, Alec Hill, Billy Peacock 101.93

Fifth Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: Ginger Lees (2), [Alec Hill (4), Dusty Haigh (6), J Atkinson (6), Austin Humphries (8), Ben Higginbottom, (8) J Bennett (10)] 101.97

Ht 2: Billy Peacock (10), [A B Drew (4), Norman Hartley (4), N Peacock (6), J A Smith (8), N Hemingway (8), Norman Jones] 118.47

Ht 3: Clem Beckett (scr), [Arnold Moore (6), N Booth (6), Cliff Mawson (8), Ernie Ingham (8), Joe Abbott (8), F Brett (8)] 106.27

Ht 4: Ivor Creek (scr), [Allan Earp (6), Tom Allott (6), S Hemingway (8), Dan Buck (8), E Anderson (8), J Breaks (10)] 101.99

Ht 5: Paddy Dean (scr), [George Corney (8), A Greenwood (8), B C Williams (8), G L Sanderson (8), Bert Ratcliffe (8), W Luff (10)] 102.83

Ht 6: L Uttley (10)*, [Alex Tidswell (4), Johnnie Crump (6), C Bentley (6), John Scatcherd (8), N M Morris (10), Geoff Wilson (10)] 123.16

Final: Ginger Lees, Billy Peacock, Paddy Dean, L Uttley*, [Clem Beckett, Ivor Creek] 104.98

*Possibly F Uttley

Sidecars

Jack Challoner bt Tweedale 118.18

Saturday, 22nd September 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

The Motor Cycle 27.9.28; Motor Cycling 26.9.28; Rochdale Observer 24.9.28

Junior Scratch Race

Ht 1: N M Morris	120.17
Ht 2: Dan Buck	114.52
Ht 3: Wally Hicklin	132.2
Ht 4: Eva Asquith	119.47
Ht 5: H Robinson	132.6
Ht 6: Tom Proctor	127.21
Final: Dan Buck, H Robinson, Eva Asquith, Tom Proctor	112.16

Senior Race

Ht 1: Skid Skinner, Austin Humphries	105.12
Ht 2: Alec Hill, Fay Tylour	113.42
Ht 3: Ginger Lees	113.89
Ht 4: Bert Ratcliffe	121.41
Ht 5: Arnold Moore	116.57
Ht 6: Clem Beckett	112.81
Final: Clem Beckett, Skid Skinner, Ginger Lees, Alec Hill	100.67

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: Fay Tylour (8)	115.41
Ht 2: J Harrison (s)	126.81
Ht 3: G Ratcliffe (10), Ginger Lees	115.52
Ht 4: Dusty Haigh ((8)	117.42
Ht 5: Clem Beckett (scr), Tom Proctor	108.9
Ht 6: Ben Higginbottom (10)	118.29
Ht 7: Alec Hill (8)	118.51
Final: Alec Hill, Clem Beckett, Fay Tylour, G Ratcliffe	109.51

Match Race

Miss Eva Askquith (10) bt Miss Fay Tylour (scr)	115.61
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Track Record Attempt

Skid Skinner	94.35 (unsuccessful)
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Saturday, 29th September 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

The Motor Cycle 4.10.28 ; Motor Cycling 3.10.28; Yorkshire Post 1.10.28 Rochdale Observer 1.10.28
Attendance 15,000.

Four Lap Flying Start Record Attempt

Sprouts Elder	91.18 (new record)
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Inter-Track Race

Rochdale 3 Barnsley 3

Senior Race

Ht 1: Sprouts Elder, S Clare, Arnold Moore	103.19
Ht 2: F Brett, S D Higginbottom	115.47
Ht 3: Clem Beckett, H Robinson	107.58
Ht 4: Allan Earp, Skid Skinner	109.94
Ht 5: Arthur Franklyn, Alec Hill	108.73
Ht 6: Ginger Lees, Alec Tidswell	111.54
SF1: Sprouts Elder, S D Higginbottom	102.67
SF2: Ginger Lees, Arthur Franklyn	108.76
Final: Sprouts Elder, Ginger Lees, Arthur Franklyn, S D Higginbottom	102.94

Match Race

Sprouts Elder, Arnold Moore, Clem Beckett (mf chain), Skid Skinner (f) 93.25

Handicap Race

Ht 1: G Allan* (4)
 Ht 2: Dan Buck (8) 114.87
 Ht 3: Dusty Haigh (8) 111.26
 Ht 4: Alec Hill (6) 109.71
 Ht 5: Arnold Moore (6) 115.14
 Ht 6: Skid Skinner (scr) 111.62
 Ht 7: F Leaser (8) 115.19
 Final: Dusty Haigh (8), Alec Hill (6), Dan Buck (8), Skid Skinner 105.81

Junior Race

Ht 1: Buster Breaks, E Garlick
 Ht 2: B C Williams, Cliff Mawson 115.0
 Ht 3: A Smith, T Leach** 119.31
 Final: Clifford Mawson, B C Williams, Buster Breaks 113.94

*Due to his low handicap and his success in the race this is believed to be Bob Allen, as part of the visiting riders from Barnsley.

**Possibly Jack Leach

Saturday, 6th October 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

The Motor Cycle 11.10.28; Yorkshire Post 8.10.28 Rochdale Observer 8.10.28

Attendance 14,000.

Senior Scratch

Ht 1: George Corney, Dan Buck 119.87
 Ht 2: Geoff Taylor, Wally Hicklin 107.34
 Ht 3: Gus Khun, Alec Hill 101.13
 Ht 4: Stewie St George, Dusty Haigh 102.69
 Ht 5: Skid Skinner, Ron Chadwick 108.11
 Ht 6: George Wigfield, John Scatcherd 108.84
 SF1: George Corney, Geoff Taylor, Alec Hill 104.43
 SF2: [Stewie St George]
 Final: Stewie St.George, Geoff Taylor, Alec Hill 104.4

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: Ben Higginbottom (10) 114.66
 Ht 2: Ron Chadwick (10) 111.48
 Ht 3: Dusty Haigh (6) 104.71
 Ht 4: Stewie St George (scr) 107.37
 Ht 5: H Walkington (10) 115.86
 Ht 6: Skid Nock (10) 110.57
 Ht 7: Geoff Wilson 155.0
 Final: Stewie St.George (scr), Skid Nock (10), Ron Chadwick (10) 101.5

Junior Scratch

Ht 1: Joe Nash 120.61
 Ht 2: Charlie Crosier 119.74
 Ht 3: Ernie Ingham, S O'Rourke 121.45
 Ht 4: Wally Hicklin 112.8
 Ht 5: Billy Peacock 112.8
 Ht 6: Jack Owen 108.63
 Final: Jack Owen, Charlie Crosier, Billy Peacock 106.8

Track Record Attempt

Ron Johnson 96.41 (unsuccessful)

Saturday, 13th October 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

Motor Cycling 17.10.28; Yorkshire Post 15.10.28, Rochdale Observer 15,10.28

Attendance 12,000.

Senior Race

Ht 1: Arnold Moore, Norman Hartley	108.52
Ht 2: George Wigfield, Norman Dawson	105.32
Ht 3: Sig Schlam, J Harrison	110.61
Ht 4: C A Drew, Ben Higginbottom	109.88
Ht 5: Geoff Taylor, Ron Chadwick	108.19
Ht 6: Ron Johnson, H Robinson	108.47
SF1: Sig Schlam, Norman Dawson, George Wigfield	105.51
SF2: Ron Johnson, Geoff Taylor, Ben Higginbottom	104.63
Final: S Schlam, G Taylor, R Johnson, N Dawson, G Wigfield, B Higginbottom	105.38

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: J Harrison (8)	111.64
Ht 2: Ron Chadwick (10)	108.32
Ht 3: Cliff Mawson (10)	113.89
Ht 4: Joe Abbott (10)	118.32
Ht 5: Arnold Moore (10)	108.32
Ht 6: Tommy Allott (10)	110.24
Ht 7: E G Marshall (1)	116.79
Final: Ron Chadwick (10), Arnold Moore (10), Cliff Mawson (10)	105.32

Junior Race

Ht 1: K Benson	113.29
Ht 2: G Marshall*	119.57
Ht 3: Norman Jones	116.17
Ht 4: E G Marshall	116.96
Ht 5: Buster Breaks	117.54
Ht 6: Wally Hicklin	118.72
Final: E G Marshall, Buster Breaks, K Benson	117.24

*Possibly Joe Marshall

Saturday, 20th October 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

Homes of British Speedway ; Manchester Guardian 22.10.28 ; Motor Cycling 31.10.28; Times 22.10.28; Yorkshire Post 20.10.28 & 22.10.28 & 25.10.28 (Inquiry). Rochdale Observer 22.10.28

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: Geoff Wilson (10)	111.72
Ht 2: Charlie Crosier (8)	?
Ht 3: E G Marshall (8)	114.82
Ht 4: Harold Leach (10)	114.25
Ht 5: Buster Breaks(10), Skid Skinner	113.42
Ht 6: Dusty Haigh (6), Clem Beckett	107.47
Final: Dusty Haigh (6), Harold Leach (10), Buster Breaks (10)	111.82

Triple Challenge Race

Ht 1: Clem Beckett, Skid Skinner, Charlie Datson	101.21
Ht 2:	100.19

Junior Race

Ht 1: Harry Bentley	117.54
Ht 2: K Wilson	118.74
Ht 3: H Robinson	117.82
Ht 4: Wally Hicklin	119.76
Ht 5: J S Smith*	118.43
Ht 6: J A Hack	119.93
Final: H Robinson, Wally Hicklin, Harry Bentley	117.53
*Probably J A Smith	

Challenge Race

Allan Earp bt Ben Higginbottom	107.35
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Senior Race

Ht 1: Ben Higginbottom, Buster Breaks	115.52
Ht 2: D Ratcliffe**, C Batson	113.64
Ht 3: Skid Skinner, Joe Abbott	105.92
Ht 4: Cyril Wilcock	108.52
Ht 5: Dusty Haigh, Norman Dawson	108.97
Ht 6: Arthur Wilcock, Cliff Mawson	111.12
SF1: Skid Skinner, Ben Higginbottom, D Ratcliffe	107.53
SF2: Dawson, Wilcock, Mawson	107.61
Final: Cancelled, following a crash in SF2 in which Cliff Mawson was fatally injured.	
**Possibly Bert Ratcliffe	

Saturday, 3rd November 1928, Milnrow Road, Rochdale

Motor Cycling 7.11.28 Rochdale Observer 5.11.28

Junior Scratch

Ht 1: Ernie Ingham	123.41
Ht 2: Skid Nock	119.34
Ht 3: George Hazzard	115.63
Ht 4: H Pollitt	124.47
Ht 5: N Peacock	123.51
Ht 6: Harry Bentley	124.9
Final:Ernie Ingham, Skid Nock, H Pollitt	114.61

Senior Scratch Race

Ht 1: Sprouts Elder, Norman Dawson	100.89
Ht 2: Spencer Stratton, Len Padley	107.59
Ht 3: Larry Coffey, George Hazzard	107.56
Ht 4: Clem Beckett, Geoff Taylor	103.87
Ht 5: Arthur Franklyn, Ted Cowley	102.11
Ht 6: Skid Skinner, Allan Earp	107.59
SF1: Sprouts Elder, Spencer Stratton, Geoff Taylor	102.64
SF2: Arthur Franklyn, Skid Skinner, Clem Beckett	?
Final: Skid Skinner, Sprouts Elder, Larry Coffey, Clem Beckett	100.42

Rochdale Handicap

Ht 1: F Brett (10)	119.19
Ht 2: Clem Beckett (2)	107.67
Ht 3: S Hall (7)	109.51
Ht 4: H Robinson (10)	118.94
Ht 5: Geoff Taylor (5)	107.37
Ht 6: Ron Chadwick (7)	108.58
Final: Ron Chadwick, Geoff Taylor, F Brett	111.34

Track Record Attempt
Skid Skinner (unsuccessful)

Flying Start Track Record Attempt
Sprouts Elder

91.18 (unsuccessful)