

1956 NATIONAL  
**GRASS TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WILLOUGHBY HEDGE, MERE, WILTS**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1956**

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An Inter-Centre Competition held under the General Competition Rules of the A.C.U. and the supplementary Regulations.

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TODAY'S ENTRANTS

350 c.c. CLASS

No.	Rider	Machine	Capacity	Colours	Centre
1	W. Bridgett	J.A.P.	350	White/Black	Midland
2	A. J. Cresswell	Royal Enfield	350	White/Black	Midland
3	E. D. Blackwell	Enfield/J.A.P.	350	White/Black	Midland
4	D. R. Summers	J.A.P.	350	White/Black	Midland
5	J. Gould	Excelsior/J.A.P.	350	Yellow/Black	Southern
6	L. H. Coffin	J.A.P.	350	Yellow/Black	Southern
7	W. Monckton	G. M. Special	350	Yellow/Black	Southern
8	D. Lane	L.C.S./J.A.P.	350	Yellow/Black	Southern
9	A. J. Hagon	Kirby Special	350	Red	Eastern
10	E. J. Green	Matchless/J.A.P.	350	Red	Eastern
11	A. Goodey	Royal Enfield/J.A.P.	344	Red	Eastern
12	F. J. Wells	J.A.P.	350	Red	Eastern
14	D. J. Goodacre	Triumph	350	White	East Midland
15	S. F. Minty	Burdett Special	350	White	East Midland
16	D. H. Nourish	W.H.B.	350	White	East Midland
17	J. W. Sewell	Triumph/J.A.P.	350	White	East Midland
18	A. E. Stuffs	Royal Enfield	350	Green	Sth. Midland
19	D. Drewett	Brine/J.A.P.	350	Green	Sth. Midland
20	E. L. Bayley	J.A.P.	350	Green	Sth. Midland
21	E. J. Ryman	B.S.A.	350	Green	Sth. Midland
22	A. C. Banks	J.A.P.	350	Blue	Sth. Eastern
23	A. C. Hood	J.A.P.	350	Blue	Sth. Eastern
24	A. P. Hendricksen	J.A.P.	350	Blue	Sth. Eastern
25				Blue	Sth. Eastern
26	F. Parkins	J.A.P.	350		Southern
27					
28					
29					

500 c.c. CLASS

No.	Rider	Machine	Capacity	Colours	Centre
30	W. Bridgett	J.A.P.	500	White/Black	Midland
31	A. J. Cresswell	Royal Enfield	500	White/Black	Midland
32	E. D. Blackwell	Enfield/J.A.P.	500	White/Black	Midland
33	D. R. Summers	J.A.P.	500	White/Black	Midland
34	J. Gould	Excelsior/J.A.P.	500	Yellow/Black	Southern
35	L. H. Coffin	J.A.P.	500	Yellow/Black	Southern
36	G. V. Gould	Excelsior/J.A.P.	500	Yellow/Black	Southern
37	R. Goulding	J.A.P.	500	Yellow/Black	Southern
38	A. J. Hagon	Kirby Special	500	Red	Eastern
39	E. J. Green	Rudge/J.A.P.	500	Red	Eastern
40	A. D. Goodey	Royal Enfield/J.A.P.	500	Red	Eastern
41	F. J. Wells	J.A.P.	500	Red	Eastern

No.	Rider	Machine	Capacity	Colours	Centre
42	D. H. Nourish	W.H.B.	500	White	East Midland
43	S. F. Minty	Burdett Special	500	White	East Midland
44	D. J. Goodacre	Triumph	500	White	East Midland
45	J. W. Sewell	Triumph/J.A.P.	500	White	East Midland
46	E. A. Stuffs	Royal Enfield	500	Green	Sth. Midland
47	D. Drewett	Brine/J.A.P.	500	Green	Sth. Midland
48	E. L. Bayley	J.A.P.	500	Green	Sth. Midland
49	E. J. Ryman	B.S.A.	500	Green	Sth. Midland
50	P. J. Sims	J.A.P.	500	Blue	Sth. Eastern
51	M. A. Tatum	J.A.P.	500	Blue	Sth. Eastern
52	A. P. Hendricksen	J.A.P.	500	Blue	Sth. Eastern
53					Sth. Eastern
54	W. Monckton	G. M. Special	500		Southern
55	F. Parkins	J.A.P.	500		Southern
56	G. Chandler	J.A.P.	498		Western
57	D. Lane	J.A.P.	500		Southern

SIDECAR CLASS

No.	Rider	Machine	Capacity	Colours	Centre
60	W. Evans	Norton S/c.	499		Midland
61	C. J. Vincent	B.S.A. S/c.	500		Midland
62	H. Hill	Norton/J.A.P. S/c.	497		Midland
63	M. I. ane	J.A.P. S/c.	550		Southern
64	A. Spencer	Norton S/c.	596		Southern
65	J. Browne	J.A.P. S/c.	550		Southern
66	D. R. Yorke	Rudge/J.A.P. S/c.	500		Eastern
67	E. Wallis	Ariel/J.A.P. S/c.	500		Eastern
68	H. R. Moore	Ariel/J.A.P.	500		Eastern
69	R. J. Baum	Norton S/c.	499		East Midland
70	R. E. Cheney	Norton/J.A.P. S/c.	497		East Midland
71	J. Warren	Norton/B.S.A. or J.A.P. S/c.	499		East Midland
72	F. French	Norton S/c.	600		Sth. Midland
73	E. A. Smeed	B.S.A./J.A.P. S/c.	500		Sth. Midland
74	G. Moorcock	Triumph S/c.	650		Sth. Midland
75	A. F. Brett	Norton	500		Sth. Eastern
76	J. Speer	J.A.P.	500		Sth. Eastern
77					
78	C. Evans	Ariel S/c.	500		Midland
79	K. Norcutt	Ariel S/c.	500		Southern
80	B. R. Sayer				
81	R. Cunliffe	Driver R. Gerring Norton/J.A.P. S/c. Ariel S/c.	500 497		Southern Yorkshire



### CLASSES

- Class 1—350 c.c. Solo Centre Team Race.
- Class 2—500 c.c. Solo Centre Team Race.
- Class 3—Sidecar Centre Team Race.
- Class 4—350 c.c. Individual Solo Championship Race.
- Class 5—500 c.c. Individual Solo Championship Race.
- Class 6—Sidecar Individual Championship Race.

Points for the Solo Centre Team Championship Races are awarded as follows. For the 350 c.c. and 500 c.c. Team Races the marking is 6 points for 1st, 5 for 2nd, 4 for 3rd, etc., down to 1 for 6th place. The points for the 350 c.c. and 500 c.c. Team Races are then added together and the Centre with the most points will be the winner.

Points for the Sidecar Team Championship Races are awarded on the same basis as the solo classes. In the final of this race there will be 18 points for 1st, 15 for 2nd, 12 for 3rd, 9 for 4th and 3 for 6th. Points will be added together and the centre with the most points is the winner.

### CENTRE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SCORE CHART

Centre	350 c.c. Solo	500 c.c. Solo	Total	Sidecars	Total
Midland	16	14			
Southern	14	17			
Eastern	11	9			
East Midland	14	14			
South Midland	9	8			
South Eastern	6	13			

### PROGRAMME

#### Class I—350 c.c. Centre Team Race

Heat 1			Heat 2		
1	W. Bridgett		2	A. J. Cresswell	
5	J. Gould		6	L. H. Coffin	
9	A. J. Hagon		10	E. J. Green	
14	D. J. Goodacre		15	S. F. Minty	
18	A. E. Stuffins		19	D. Drewett	
22	A. C. Banks		23	A. C. Hood	
1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....	1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....
4th.....	5th.....	6th.....	4th.....	5th.....	6th.....
Time.....			Time.....		

Heat 3			Heat 4		
3	E. D. Blackwell		4	D. R. Summers	
7	W. Monckton		8	D. Lane	
11	A. Goodey		12	F. J. Wells	
16	D. H. Nourish		17	J. W. Sewell	
20	E. L. Bayley		21	E. J. Ryman	
24	A. P. Hendricksen		25		
1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....	1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....
4th.....	5th.....	6th.....	4th.....	5th.....	6th.....
Time.....			Time.....		

#### Class 2—500 cc. Centre Team Race

Heat 1			Heat 2		
30	W. Bridgett		31	A. J. Cresswell	
34	J. Gould		35	L. H. Coffin	
38	A. J. Hagon		39	E. J. Green	
42	D. H. Nourish		43	S. F. Minty	
46	E. A. Stuffins		47	D. Drewett	
50	P. J. Sims		51	M. A. Tatum	
1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....	1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....
4th.....	5th.....	6th.....	4th.....	5th.....	6th.....
Time.....			Time.....		

Heat 3			Heat 4		
32	E. D. Blackwell		33	D. R. Summers	
36	G. V. Gould		37	R. Goulding	
40	A. D. Goodey		41	F. J. Wells	
44	D. J. Goodacre		45	J. W. Sewell	
48	E. L. Bayley		49	E. J. Ryman	
52	A. P. Hendricksen		53		
1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....	1st.....	2nd.....	3rd.....
4th.....	5th.....	6th.....	4th.....	5th.....	6th.....
Time.....			Time.....		



**Class 3—Sidecar Centre Team Race**

First Two in each Heat into Final

Heat 1			Heat 2			Heat 3		
60 W. Evans	61 C. J. Vincent	62 H. Hill	63 M. Lane	64 A. Spencer	65 J. Browne	66 D. R. Yorke	67 E. Wallis	68 H. R. Moore
69 R. J. Baum	70 R. E. Cheney	71 J. Warren	72 F. French	73 A. E. Smeed	74 G. Moorcock	75 A. F. Brett	76 J. Speer	77
1st 60	2nd 63	3rd 72	1st 61	2nd 70	3rd 64	1st 62	2nd 71	3rd 65
4th 66	5th 75	6th 69	4th	5th	6th	4th 68	5th 74	6th
Time 2.46			Time 2.56			Time 2.50		

**Class 4—350 c.c. Individual Solo Championship Race**

First Three in each Heat into Final

Heat 1			Heat 2			Heat 3		
1 W. Bridgett	2 A. J. Cresswell	3 E. D. Blackwell	4 D. R. Summers	5 J. Gould	6 L. H. Coffin	7 W. Monckton	8 D. Lane	9 A. J. Hagon
10 A. Goodey	11 E. J. Green	12 F. J. Wells	13 D. H. Nourish	14 D. J. Goodacre	15 S. F. Minty	16 J. W. Sewell	17 E. A. Smeed	18 A. E. Stuffins
19 E. J. Ryman	20 E. L. Bayley	21 D. Drewett	22 A. C. Banks	23 A. C. Hood	24 A. P. Hendricksen	25	26 F. Parkins	27
1st 9	2nd 16	3rd 18	1st 2	2nd 15	3rd 20	1st 6	2nd 14	3rd 3
Time 2.35			Time 2.29			Time 2.33		

**Class 3—Sidecar Centre Team Race**

**FINAL**

Nos.	.....			.....		
1st	60	63	62	4th	71	
5th	70	6th		Time	2.45	

**Class 5—500 c.c. Individual Solo Championship Race**

First Three in each Heat into Final

Heat 1			Heat 2			Heat 3		
31 A. J. Cresswell	32 E. D. Blackwell	33 W. Bridgett	34 D. R. Summers	35 G. V. Gould	36 R. Goulding	37 A. D. Goodey	38 A. J. Hagon	39 D. H. Nourish
40 A. Goodey	41 F. J. Wells	42 D. J. Goodacre	43 S. F. Minty	44 E. L. Bayley	45 E. A. Smeed	46 E. J. Ryman	47 D. Drewett	48 M. A. Tatum
49 R. J. Baum	50 P. J. Sims	51 D. Lane	52 A. P. Hendricksen	53				
54 W. Monckton	55 F. Parkins	56 G. Moorcock	57 D. Lane					
1st 31	2nd 35	3rd 63	1st 38	2nd 34	3rd 32	1st 51	2nd 36	3rd 53
Time 2.26			Time 2.25			Time 2.26		

**Class 6—Sidecar Individual Championship Race**

First Three in Heats 1 and 2 into First Semi-final

Heat 1			Heat 2		
60 W. Evans	61 C. J. Vincent	62 D. R. Summers	63 M. Lane	64 A. Spencer	65 J. Browne
66 H. R. Moore	67 E. Wallis	68 H. Hill	68 H. R. Moore	69 R. J. Baum	69 R. J. Baum
70 R. E. Cheney	70 R. E. Cheney	71 J. Warren	71 J. Warren	72 F. French	72 F. French
72 F. French	73 A. F. Brett	73 A. F. Brett	73 A. F. Brett	74 G. Moorcock	74 G. Moorcock
74 G. Moorcock	75 A. E. Smeed	75 A. E. Smeed	75 A. E. Smeed	76 J. Speer	76 J. Speer
76 J. Speer	77	77	77	78 C. Evans	78 C. Evans
1st 60	2nd 72	3rd 64	1st 63	2nd 61	3rd 81
Time 2.48			Time 2.50		

First Three in Heats 3 and 4 into Second Semi-final

Heat 3			Heat 4		
65 J. Browne	66 D. R. Yorke	67 E. Wallis	68 H. Hill	69 R. J. Baum	70 R. E. Cheney
71 J. Warren	72 F. French	73 A. F. Brett	74 G. Moorcock	75 A. E. Smeed	76 J. Speer
77	78 C. Evans	79 K. Norcutt	80 R. Gerring		
1st 62	2nd 70	3rd 78	1st 71	2nd 65	3rd 75
Time 2.50			Time 2.52		



# Autographs

## FIRST SEMI-FINAL

Nos.....  
1st.....66..... 2nd.....63..... 3rd.....61..... Time.....2.13.....

## SECOND SEMI-FINAL

Nos.....  
1st.....70..... 2nd.....65..... 3rd.....78..... Time.....2.52.....

## Class 4—350 c.c. Individual Solo Championship FINAL

Nos.....  
1st.....2..... 2nd.....15..... 3rd.....6..... 4th.....16..... Time.....2.27.....

## Class 6—Sidecar Individual Championship Race FINAL

Nos.....  
1st.....60..... 2nd.....63..... 3rd.....61..... 4th.....70..... Time.....2.33/4.....

## Class 5—500 c.c. Individual Championship FINAL

Nos.....  
1st.....38..... 2nd.....31..... 3rd.....34..... 4th.....36..... Time.....2.19.....

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## TROPHIES

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The A.C.U. National Grass Track Champion Centre Solo Trophy  
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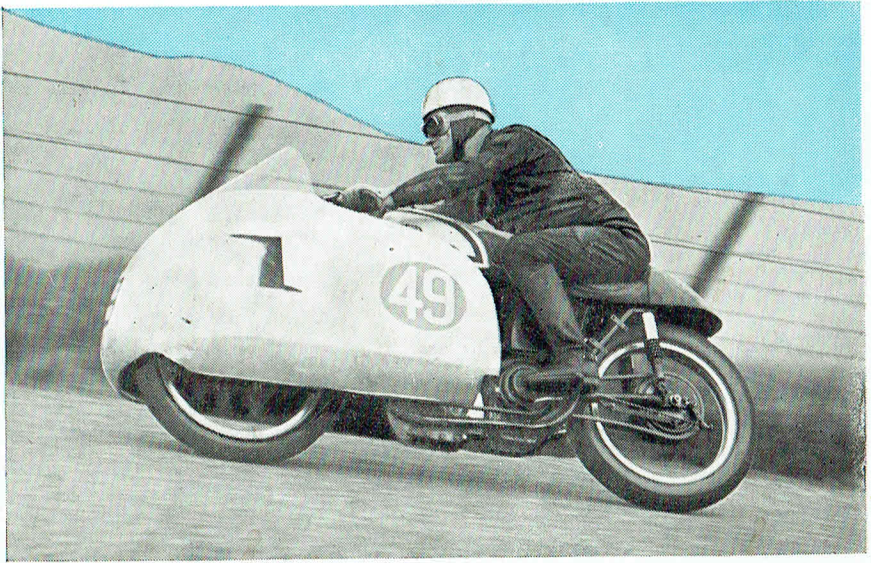
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