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TREVOR JONES

### "Crusaders" v. Eastbourne "Eagles"



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Length of Track 390 yards

4 Laps Track Record: Phil Crump 30.9.72 71.8

3 Laps Track Record: Phil Crump 30.9.72 56.2

1 Lap rolling start: Ross Gilbertson 18.4 sec. 6.5.72

**A.C.U. Referee**  
S. J. MELLISH  
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**Announcer**  
MALCOLM MITCHELL  
**Team Manager**  
RUSS OSBOURN  
**Machine Examiner**  
and **Pit Marshal**  
BOB BEENY  
**Starting Marshal**  
R. HUBBARD  
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**Medical Officers**  
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Dr. ROBINSON  
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## Johnnie's Jottings



Yo Ho!, Yo Ho!, Singing as we go,  
We beat the "Eagles" doncher know,  
We nicked the feathers for our leathers,  
The world to show, we are not so slow.

After that hymn of praise to the Goddess of Good Fortune comes the sermon. Be not boastful my brethren for the enemy is not yet vanquished, but cometh again this night reinforced and seeking vengeance vile. It best becometh us to rejoice at the fact that we resume the battle with a good six points to our advantage.

We know not what reinforcements from far places may have been mustered, what deep laid schemes for our undoing await us on the field. Our wounded were recovered from the battle in the forest where the iron taloned dreaded "Eagle" has frightened all travellers with the viciousness of his attack for many a long day. We are humble and forgiving even for the stamping upon our Mascot and the appeals to high authority for many imagined infringements against the rules of Heraldry.

Let us be grateful for permission to parade our valiant Knights of the crossed swords, the bearers of the proud "Crusader" flag, before the assembled multitude after hostilities ceased.

Ever and anon throughout the memorable battle came the rallying cry from Captain Ross "Up Guards and at 'em."

"Once again into the breach." cried the Knights and bearers of arms as they assaulted again and again.

That our plumed 'Knights' in their excitement behaved between each forward advance with delirious abandon laughing and embracing each other for their courage on the field and to the embarrassment of the enemy forces was pardonable on such a joyous occasion.

Here endeth the lesson. Let us pray for success in warding off the attack on the 'Castle' and may we distribute much plunder among our worthy heroes.

JOHNNIE HOSKINS

### We drew with Rayleigh

I had almost forgotten last Saturday when the Rockets threatened to blast us into inter-planetary space. Perhaps it would be better not to remember all those engine failures which happened frequently enough to break the heart of a working mule.

Maximum Gilbertson two points. Robbed of victory twice when away out in front because his engine failed, trying one mount after another, fighting against odds all the time he persevered for a mere two points.

Battling Barney Kennett full of fire and fearless as a mountain lion, topped the score with 8. David Piddock bubbling over with excitement, keen as a hound hot upon the scent was again at his best. Only once did he falter because his best mount coughed and spluttered to a standstill. 7 points. Dave collided with Bobby McNeil and hurt his elbow at Eastbourne, but should be ready to resume tonight.

**Hurricane Hubbard** always modest, declares that he rode like a hairy goat, but we do not believe it. He mustered a masterly 5 and his engine misbehaved.

**Les Rumsey** garnered 6 plus engine trouble. He was magnificent. His machine flew to pieces all over the "Eagles" nest and now has the Supporters' Club engine to tune for Saturday. We hear rumours of a Sponsor for him.

**Trevor Jones** with 7 received a standing ovation. He has now two machines including a new Jawa which was the envy of all the team at Eastbourne but was not used. He also receives £50 to help pay for the damage to his wrecked machine.

The total amount from a generous public amounted to £90. That means £40 in the riders maintenance fund. Folks you're marvellous.

**Bob Hughes** scored a hard fought 3. His engine gave warning of a blow out in his third ride and he dropped out at the next. In the scratch race the piston burned up and that was that. Up at 6 a.m. he went to **Ted Hubbard** for a piston, but had no compression at Eastbourne.

We keep the same team, barring accidents, for tonight. We feel, rightly or wrongly that the team which wins away should not be changed for the second leg of the mini League match at home. Also it is an established custom never to change a winning side.

**Graham Banks**, splendid fellow that he is was in the pits Saturday helping the team with their machines. His injured knee should by now be well rested and we hope to see him tonight. Whatever we do will be wrong. We can't please everybody. We try to be fair and favour no-one.

When the pent up passions of the crowd are loosed and the steam of indignation rises and crystallises into hard words which fall like hail on all and sundry it is better to sit and be patient till the storm blows over.

What wonderful people Speedway Supporters' with their fifty-fifty mixture of men and women, boys and girls really are. One moment critical and abusive, the next giving generously to help the team. Sometimes stern and forbidding, at others lenient and approving, the good people whom we serve can be very forgiving.

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**Mr. Silver** accompanied by a retinue of attendants greeted me effusively with both hands. When such eminent Managerial Chieftains honour us at our humble castle we lay the ceremonial carpet.

A lowly minded thought however prompted me to ask myself. "What has he got in his cute little mind?"

I sympathised with our illustrious visitor in the loss by accident of the services of Alan Emmett.

"Indeed yes, a truly tragic loss and we appreciate your sympathy. So kind of you," said **Mr. Silver**.

Such platitudinous piffle was so out of character when we meet that I proceeded to business.

"You will use the tactical substitute tonight of course?" I suggested.

"No my dear John. We have cleared with the supreme authority of our illustrious and expanding sport permission to race a new arrival by name **Peter Moore**." The signification of these friendly overtures was now apparent. I know the old international, a great rider twenty years ago, a terrific starter, a man who once in the lead was able to out-fox the masters of the cinder shifting art.

We were soon to see that old **Piccolo Pete** had lost none of his skill and cunning which of course confirms my long held belief that if a rider can escape serious concussion he can still be a Champion at the age of sixty.

I once said to that great English rider **Jack Parker** who was then in his fifties, "Jack, I believe you could still beat the best."



# CLUTCH STARTS — Four Laps — 1st - 3 points; 2nd - 2 points; 3rd - 1 point

## CANTERBURY "CRUSADERS" v EASTBOURNE "EAGLES"

Canterbury "Crusaders"	1	2	3	4	5	TOTAL
1. BOB HUGHES						
2. TED HUBBARD						
3. ROSS GILBERTSON (Capt.)						
4. BARNEY KENNETT						
5. DAVE PIDDOCK						
6. TREVOR JONES						
7. LES RUMSEY						
Team Manager: Russ Osbourn						
Colours:						
Gold Crossed Swords on Blue						
Eastbourne "Eagles"						
1. ROGER JOHNS						
2. TREVOR GEER						
3. JIMMY SQUIBB						
4. PAUL GACHET						
5. BOBBY McNEIL (Capt.)						
6. SIMON BRUCE						
7. DEREK COOK						
Team Manager: Arthur Nutley						
Colours:						
Blue and Gold						

HEAT	Helmet Colour	Rider or Substitute	Points Scored by Riders	Crusaders Team Points	Opponents Team Points	Progressive Total
						Crusaders Opponents
Time 1	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Bob Hughes..... 2 Ted Hubbard..... 1 Roger Johns..... 2 Trevor Geer.....	.....			
Time 2	Red Blue White Y and Bk	6 Trevor Jones..... 7 Les Rumsey..... 6 Simon Bruce..... 7 Derek Cook.....	.....			
Time 3	Red Blue White Y and Bk	5 Dave Piddock..... 4 Barney Kennett..... 5 Bobby McNeil..... 4 Paul Gachet.....	.....			
Time 4	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Ross Gilbertson..... 6 Trevor Jones..... 3 Jimmy Squibb..... 7 Derek Cook.....	.....			
Time 5	Red Blue White Y and Bk	5 Dave Piddock..... 4 Barney Kennett..... 1 Roger Johns..... 2 Trevor Geer.....	.....			
Time 6	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Bob Hughes..... 2 Ted Hubbard..... 3 Jimmy Squibb..... 6 Simon Bruce.....	.....			
Time 7	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Ross Gilbertson..... 6 Trevor Jones..... 5 Bobby McNeil..... 4 Paul Gachet.....	.....			
Time 8	Red Blue White Y and Bk	2 Ted Hubbard..... 7 Les Rumsey..... 2 Trevor Geer..... 7 Derek Cook.....	.....			

HEAT	Helmet Colour	Rider or Substitute	Points Scored by Riders	Crusaders Team Points	Opponents Team Points	Progressive Total
						Crusaders Opponents
Time 9	Red Blue White Y and Bk	5 Dave Piddock..... 4 Barney Kennett..... 3 Jimmy Squibb..... 6 Simon Bruce.....	.....			
Time 10	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Bob Hughes..... 2 Ted Hubbard..... 5 Bobby McNeil..... 4 Paul Gachet.....	.....			
Time 11	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Ross Gilbertson..... 7 Les Rumsey..... 1 Roger Johns..... 2 Trevor Geer.....	.....			
Time 12	Red Blue White Y and Bk	1 Bob Hughes..... 4 Barney Kennett..... 3 Jimmy Squibb..... 5 Bobby McNeil.....	.....			
Time 13	Red Blue White Y and Bk	3 Ross Gilbertson..... 5 Dave Piddock..... 1 Roger Johns..... 4 Paul Gachet.....	.....			

## INTERVAL

### RESERVES' RACE (3 Laps)

Red Blue White Y and Bk	Trevor Jones..... Simon Bruce..... Les Rumsey..... Derek Cook.....	Time .....
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### SPRING TROPHY (3 Laps)

Time 1	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Bob Hughes..... Bobby McNeil..... Gary Cottham..... Graham Banks.....	.....			
Time 2	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Ted Hubbard..... Les Rumsey..... Barney Kennett..... Jimmy Squibb.....	.....			
Time 3	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Ross Gilbertson..... Roger Johns..... Trevor Jones..... Graham Banks.....	.....			
Time 4	Red Blue White Y and Bk	Dave Piddock..... Trevor Geer..... Gary Cottham..... Paul Gochet.....	.....			

### JUNIOR RACE (3 Laps)

Red Blue White Y and Bk	Rocky Coutts .....	Time .....
	Terry Spain .....	.....

### SPRING TROPHY FINAL (3 Laps)

Red Blue White Y and Bk	.....
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Time..... 1st..... 2nd..... 3rd.....



"Yes, so do I, but I'm not game to go and prove it" he said.

What a cliff-hanger we had on Saturday as the scores swayed back and forth. Only tremendous team spirit and every rider helping the other saved the day. A draw against powerful Rayleigh gives us a lot of heart.

We shall see them again in the Final of the Mini League Cup on the 23rd. Another match like last Saturday is almost certain.

It could have been the parsnip wine a friend gave me for Sunday dinner, but I got the telephoned score from Eastbourne pits all wrong and told inquirers we had lost by 4 points. When I got the real score my mind couldn't take it in. **Malcolm Mitchell, Frank Norris** and **Dave Stevens** who were led up the garden path reckoned I had been drinking or suffered from softening of the top storey.

A Northern programme writer reckons that the strongest teams this season are Boston, Rayleigh and Workington. I shall not be so presumptuous. I do not possess a crystal ball, nor am I gifted with the power of divination or extra sensory perception. My Gipsy Fortune Teller has deserted me, but my guess is Canterbury "Crusaders" for the League and "Cup."

Next Saturday we are off on the League trail at last. Mighty Boston "Barracudas" will be the first hurdle here at home and that is not an easy opener by any means. They have **Arthur Price, Jim Ryman, Carl Glover, Russell Osborne, Tony Featherstone, Ray Bales** and **Jack Bywater** all of whom romp around the smooth Canterbury circuit.

Boston has the highest team average in the sport.

Found in my overcoat pocket Saturday night a pair of Ladies fur lined gloves. Owner please claim tonight.

**Rocky Coutts** lifting his front wheel down the straight, dashing daringly

into the corners like **Graham Miles** of old scares us all. He won third place in the scratch race and romped home in the Junior event. He was at Eastbourne with his bike in case we needed it.

**Gary Cottham** also took his bike in case we wanted an extra horse. Thanks lads.

Hysterical lassies after **Barney's** rollicking display.

"Oh **Barney** we could kiss you."  
"I'm busy. Try Johnnie instead." he is reputed to have told them.

Puzzled boy reading programme.  
"What's 'prudent' mean Johnnie?"  
"Well, if a big boy is tormenting you and you'd like to bust him one on the nose it would be PRUDENT to walk away."

"Garn that's cowardice" said his mate.

"Maybe one word is same as t'other but prudence is better than foolishment and a black eye."

"I get you Johnnie. Now would it be prudent to ask you for a free pass next Saturday?"

**Brian Foote** telephoned indignantly. "Whoever sold you that junk heap and said it was my last year's machine had no right to do so." We believe you **Brian**.

#### SUPPORTERS CLUB NOTES

Here are details about our A.G.M. Thanks to your generosity last season we gave to our lads last year the grand total of £916 plus a track spare which surely is something to be proud of. Let's make it a £1,000 this year.

**J. Hoskins** was elected President.

**M. Mitchell** Vice-President

**R. Funnell** Chairman.

**M. Beer** Secretary.

**P. Whitcombe** Treasurer.

**D. Kirby** Vice-Treasurer.

**C. Percy** Entertainments Section.

I will give rest of committee next week with other details.

6353 1st; 6198 2nd; 1012 3rd; 1162 Johnnie's Wine.

#### HOME FIXTURES

##### Opponents

**March**  
Sat. 17 Best Pairs Alan Emmett, Les Rumsey  
Sat. 24 Peterborough rained off  
Sat. 31 Rayleigh 39 - 39

**April**  
Sat. 7 Eastbourne (ML)  
Sat. 14 Boston (BL)  
Sat. 21 Birmingham (J. H. Cup)  
Mon. 23 Rayleigh (ML)  
Sat. 28

**May**  
Sat. 5 Teesside (BL)  
Sat. 12  
Sat. 19 Eastbourne (KO Cup)  
Sat. 26 Peterborough (BL)  
Mon. 28 Berwick (BL)

**June**  
Sat. 2 Ellesmere Port (BL)  
Sat. 9 Reserved KO Cup  
Sat. 16 British Junior Championship  
Sat. 23 Sunderland (BL)  
Sat. 30 England v Poland

**July**  
Sat. 7 Chesterton (BL)  
Sat. 14 Scunthorpe (BL)  
Sat. 21 Barrow (BL)  
Sat. 28 Workington (BL)

**August**  
Sat. 4 "Invicta Ludorum" Trophy  
Sat. 11 Crewe (BL)  
Sat. 18 Long Eaton (BL)  
Sat. 25 Birmingham (BL)  
Sat. 27 Kent Championship

**September**  
Sat. 1 Hull (BL)  
Sat. 8 England v Australia  
Sat. 15 No meeting, Wembley Final  
Sat. 22 Bradford (BL)  
Sat. 29 Rayleigh (BL)

**October**  
Sat. 6 No meeting, Wimbledon Final  
Sat. 13 Eastbourne (BL)  
Sat. 20 Martyn Piddock Memorial Trophy  
Sat. 27 Final meeting Fireworks

#### AWAY FIXTURES

##### Opponents

**April**  
Sun. 1 Eastbourne (ML) 36 - 42  
Mon. 16 Birmingham (J. H. Cup)  
Mon. 23 Rayleigh (ML)

**May**  
Sun. 13 Eastbourne (KO Cup)  
Tues. 15 Ellesmere Pt. (BL)  
Wed. 16 Bradford (BL)  
Mon. 28 Rayleigh 11a.m. (Ch)

**June**  
Thur. 7 Reserve KO Cup  
Mon. 11 Scunthorpe (BL)  
Fri. 15 Workington (BL)  
Sat. 16 Berwick (BL)

**July**  
Thur. 5 Chesterton (BL)  
Fri. 6 Sunderland (BL)  
Thur. 19 Long Eaton (BL)  
Mon. 30 Crewe (BL)

Speedway coverage by **Dave Stevens** has now been extended to all papers in the **Kent Messenger Group**.

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