

BELLE VUE
‘ACES’

1982 SEASON REVIEW

Belle Vue comes first in the alphabetical list of tracks in this yearbook. It is also the first British speedway team that comes to mind for many of the great British public. And in 1982 the Belle Vue Aces came first in the British League too, 10 years after they last won this particular trophy and seven years since this famous Manchester club won any national silverware. Such a result didn't look on the cards early on as the Aces had a modest League Cup campaign, losing at home to Cradley Heath and managing just one win in their six away meetings on their way to third place in the Northern Section.

From the start of May things improved. On the opening day of the month Belle Vue trounced Swindon 56-21. A couple of days later they lost narrowly at King's Lynn but had the result overturned as Colin Cook was deemed to be ineligible for the home side. They also won at Swindon and were on a roll. In fact it wasn't until the end of June when they went to Cradley Heath that the Aces tasted defeat in a league match, at the 10th attempt. That loss prompted something of a wobble though as they immediately went down at Wimbledon and lost at Leicester and at home to Ipswich a couple of weeks later. They also lost heavily at Sheffield before July had finished, albeit after home and away victories over Eastbourne. At the end of July Belle Vue were in a three-way tie at the top of the league but, significantly, they had lost five times to Cradley Heath's one defeat.

That loss at Sheffield proved to be the turning point. After that the Aces had 11 league fixtures remaining, and they won every single one of them. It wasn't always easy, like the two point home win against Sheffield or the one point victory at Halifax. The last two league meetings, at Coventry and Reading, were also very narrow successes but by then the title was theirs as Cradley Heath faltered once they were minus their figurehead. Cradley Heath remained a strong side, though, and beat Belle Vue in the Speedway Star Knockout Cup Final in the last week of the season.

What seemed to make the difference to Belle Vue was the return of legend **Peter Collins**, having been absent while recovering from a shoulder injury for almost all of 1981. Having PC back where he belonged at Hyde Road made the team complete and he raced to a shade under 400 points in British League, League Cup and Knockout Cup meetings. He also made it all the way to the World Final to show that he still had plenty of dash on the track.

The other two heat-leaders were fellow Belle Vue legend **Chris Morton** and New Zealander **Larry Ross**. Mort topped the averages with a figure in excess of 10 points again. He collected maximums a-plenty and was nominated first Golden Helmet challenger of the season. Ross matched Morton away from home but was less spectacular around Hyde Road despite being very hard to beat. His second season at Belle Vue was even better than his first and together with PC and Mort he formed a devastating heat-leader trio.

Whilst there was no fourth heat-leader in the Aces line-up, the remaining riders all gave solid support. Best of this bunch was **Louis Carr**, who improved his average by half a point and as the season wore on was scoring increasingly big. He even grabbed the limelight with a top-scoring, match-winning performance at Ipswich in early September when the destination of the league title was still in doubt. **Peter Carr** had a very competent debut season at this level and did one thing elder brother Louis didn't by scoring double figures, which he did in the big win over Hackney in June. As a number seven, he was still good for over 100 league points and an average comfortably above five.

Another rider showing plenty of promise and potential to progress was **Peter Ravn**, the young Danish rider making his debut in British speedway. He had some ups and downs but turned in plenty of big performances that undoubtedly helped keep the win column ticking over, particularly after he had recovered from a worrying loss of form mid-season. Moving in the opposite direction career-wise was elder statesman **Jim McMillan**. Jim found life much tougher at this level compared to the previous season and saw his average slide by over a point as a result. By the end of the year he was down at sixth in the rankings as Ravn's progress took him ahead of the Scot.

The 1982 Belle Vue Aces also demonstrated consistency in the regularity with which they took to the track. The most absent rider of the seven was Peter Ravn and he only missed six meetings out of the 48 league and cup fixtures the side raced. On the first of the rare occasions that another rider needed to be called up the chance went to seasoned campaigner **Bobby Beaton**, now enjoying a new lease of life in the National League at Newcastle. He had a couple of outings in May and a further one in July, each time showing he could still compete at the higher level.

Belle Vue also gave a few opportunities to teenage prospect **Andy Smith**, who didn't let them down, including when brought into the side for the home leg of the cup final against Cradley Heath, three days after scoring an impressive paid nine in a late season challenge fixture. The final rider to represent the league champions in a league fixture was **Rod Hunter**, already an established star in the National League but one for the future as far as the higher tier is concerned.

1982 CALENDAR

1	Saturday, 20 March	H	League Cup	Birmingham			<i>postponed</i>		
2	Saturday, 27 March	H	League Cup	Leicester			43-35		
3	Saturday, 3 April	H	League Cup	Coventry			49-29		
4	Thursday, 8 April	A	Challenge	Wimbledon			33-45		
5	Friday, 9 April	H	League Cup	Halifax			46-32		
6	Saturday, 10 April	A	League Cup	Coventry			34-44		
7	Monday, 12 April	A	League Cup	Halifax			33-45		
8	Tuesday, 13 April	A	League Cup	Leicester			39-39		
9	Saturday, 17 April	H	League Cup	Sheffield			44-34		
10	Wednesday, 21 April	A	League Cup	Cradley Heath			36-42		
11	Thursday, 22 April	A	League Cup	Sheffield			39-39		
12	Saturday, 24 April	H	League Cup	Cradley Heath			37-41		
13	Wednesday, 28 April	H	League Cup	Birmingham			45-33		
14	Saturday, 1 May	H	British League	Swindon	W		56-21		
15	Monday, 3 May	A	British League	King's Lynn	W		42-35	changed from 38-40	
16	Friday, 7 May	A	League Cup	Birmingham			40-38		
17	Saturday, 8 May	A	British League	Swindon	W		42-36		
18	Sunday, 9 May	H	International	England v USA			61-47	Fourth Test	2-2
19	Saturday, 15 May	H	Knockout Cup	Reading			57-18	first round, first leg	
20	Monday, 17 May	A	Knockout Cup	Reading			40-38	first round, second leg	97-56
21	Saturday, 22 May	A	Challenge	Halifax v Diamonds/Wikings v Young Dukes			17-29-14-36		
22	Monday, 24 May	H	British League	King's Lynn	W		50-28		
23	Wednesday, 26 May	A	British League	Poole	W		42-36		
24	Saturday, 29 May	H	British League	Poole	W		44-34		
25	Saturday, 5 June	H	Challenge	Sheffield			41-37		
26	Saturday, 12 June	H	British League	Birmingham	W		45-33		
27	Saturday, 19 June	H	British League	Hackney	W		53-25		
28	Monday, 21 June	A	British League	Birmingham			<i>postponed</i>		
29	Monday, 28 June	A	British League	Birmingham	W		40-38		
30	Wednesday, 30 June	A	British League	Cradley Heath	L		32-46		
31	Thursday, 1 July	A	British League	Wimbledon	L		38-40		
32	Saturday, 3 July	H	British League	Cradley Heath	W		48-30		
33	Saturday, 10 July	H	Knockout Cup	Halifax			44-34	quarter final, first leg	
34	Sunday, 11 July	A	Knockout Cup	Halifax			37-41	quarter final, second leg	81-75
35	Tuesday, 13 July	A	British League	Leicester	L		37-41		
36	Saturday, 17 July	H	British League	Ipswich	L		37-41		
37	Saturday, 24 July	H	British League	Eastbourne	W		48-30		
38	Sunday, 25 July	A	British League	Eastbourne	W		43-35		
39	Thursday, 29 July	A	British League	Sheffield	L		28-50		
40	Saturday, 7 August	H	British League	Coventry	W		45-33		
41	Monday, 8 August	H	Challenge	True Brits v Rest of the World			39-39	Chris Morton Testimonial	
42	Saturday, 14 August	H	British League	Wimbledon	W		53-25		
43	Saturday, 21 August	H	British League	Sheffield	W		40-38		
44	Saturday, 28 August	H	Challenge	Ex-Hull Vikings			40-38		
45	Monday, 30 August	A	British League	Halifax	W		39-38		
46	Thursday, 2 September	A	British League	Ipswich	W		42-36		
47	Saturday, 4 September	H	British League	Leicester	W		53-25		
48	Thursday, 9 September	A	British League	Hackney	W		43-35		
49	Saturday, 11 September	H	British League	Reading	W		52-26		
50	Monday, 20 September	H	British League	Halifax	W		52-26		
51	Saturday, 25 September	A	British League	Coventry	W		40-38		
52	Saturday, 2 October	H	Knockout Cup	King's Lynn			49-29	semi-final, first leg	
53	Sunday, 3 October	A	Knockout Cup	King's Lynn			42-36	semi-final, second leg	91-65
54	Monday, 4 October	A	British League	Reading	W		40-38		
55	Saturday, 9 October	H	Challenge	Sheffield			54-24	Cock 'o the North Trophy, first leg	
56	Saturday, 16 October	H	Individual	British League Riders Championship			<i>Kenny Carter</i>		
57	Sunday, 17 October	A	Challenge	Halifax			34-43		
58	Monday, 18 October	A	Challenge	Newcastle 'A' v Newcastle 'B' v Sheffield			23-33-13-27		
59	Thursday, 21 October	A	Challenge	Sheffield			38-40	Cock 'o the North Trophy, second leg	92-64
60	Saturday, 23 October	A	Knockout Cup	Cradley Heath			32-46	final, first leg	
61	Wednesday, 27 October	H	Challenge	Joe Owen's Select			36-42		
62	Saturday, 30 October	H	Knockout Cup	Cradley Heath			43-35	final, second leg	75-81

POSTPONED MEETINGS

Meeting 1: unfit track

1982 FACTFILE

BELLE VUE 1982

Larry Ross	Louis Carr	Chris Morton	Jim McMillan	Peter Collins	Peter Ravn	Peter Carr	Keith Bloxsome	Robert Maxfield	Bobby Beaton	Andy Smith	Rod Hunter	GUESTS
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BRITISH LEAGUE

1	1.5 Swindon	H	⁴ 12	⁴ 4 1	⁴ 12	³ 5 2	⁴ 10	⁴ 7 1	³ 6 1						56 21
2	3.5 King's Lynn	A	⁴ 10 1	³ 4	⁵ 9	³ 3	⁴ 10	⁴ 3 2	³ 3 1						42 35
3	8.5 Swindon	A	⁴ 10	³ 0	⁴ 11	⁵ 5	⁴ 9	⁴ 7 3	² 0						42 36
4	24.5 King's Lynn	H	⁴ 10 1	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 12	³ 5	⁴ 9 1	⁴ 6 2	³ 2 1						50 28
5	26.5 Poole	A	⁴ 9	⁴ 4	⁴ 11	² 1	⁴ 7 1		⁴ 5 1		⁴ 5 2				42 36
6	29.5 Poole	H	⁴ 11	² 0	⁴ 12	⁵ 5	⁴ 11 1		³ 3		⁴ 2 2				44 34
7	12.6 Birmingham	H	⁴ 10	⁴ 6 3	⁴ 9	⁴ 5	⁴ 10 1	² 0	⁴ 5						45 33
8	19.6 Hackney	H	⁴ 10	⁴ 7 2	⁴ 10 2	³ 3 2	⁴ 10 1	³ 3 1	⁴ 10 1						53 25
9	28.6 Birmingham	A	⁴ 10	⁴ 2 1	⁴ 9	³ 3 2	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 5 1	³ 3 1						40 38
10	30.6 CradleyHeath	A	⁵ 9 2	³ 3 1	⁵ 7	² 0	⁴ 5 2	³ 3	⁴ 5						32 46
11	1.7 Wimbledon	A	⁴ 8	³ 0	⁴ 10	⁵ 8 1	⁴ 11	³ 0	³ 1						38 40
12	3.7 CradleyHeath	H	⁴ 11	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 7 2	³ 6	⁴ 8		⁴ 8 1						48 30
13	13.7 Leicester	A	⁵ 10 1	⁵ 7 1	⁵ 9 1	² 2	⁵ 9 1	² 0	² 0						37 41
14	17.7 Ipswich	H		⁴ 5	⁵ 14	⁵ 3 1	⁵ 6 2		⁵ 8		² 1				37 41
15	24.7 Eastbourne	H	⁴ 10 1	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 11 1	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 10 1	³ 0	³ 3						48 30
16	25.7 Eastbourne	A	⁴ 7 1	⁴ 8 2	⁴ 10 1	³ 3	⁴ 9 2	⁴ 5	³ 1						43 35
17	29.7 Sheffield	A	⁵ 11 1		⁵ 9	⁴ 2	⁴ 3	⁴ 3	³ 2		² 0				28 50
18	7.8 Coventry	H	⁴ 7 1	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 9 1	⁴ 8 2	⁴ 7 1	³ 2 1	³ 4 1						45 33
19	14.8 Wimbledon	H	⁴ 11 1	⁴ 9 1	⁴ 12	³ 4	⁴ 11 1		⁴ 4 1		³ 2 1				53 25
20	21.8 Sheffield	H	⁴ 8	³ 0	⁴ 8 2	⁵ 7 1	⁴ 11	² 1	⁴ 5 1						40 38
21	30.8 Halifax	A	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 7 2	³ 3	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 4 1	³ 5						39 38
22	2.9 Ipswich	A	⁴ 6	⁴ 9 1	⁴ 8	³ 3 1	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 8 2	³ 0						42 36
23	4.9 Leicester	H	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 9 2	⁴ 12	³ 4 1	⁴ 8 2	⁴ 10 1	³ 2 1						53 25
24	10.9 Hackney	A	⁴ 8	⁴ 3 2	⁴ 10	³ 3 2	⁴ 10	⁴ 5 1			³ 4 1				43 35
25	11.9 Reading	H	⁴ 10 1	⁴ 7 2	⁴ 10 2	⁴ 7 2	⁴ 12		³ 3		³ 3 1				52 26
26	20.9 Halifax	H	⁴ 9 1	⁴ 8 2	⁴ 10	³ 4 3	⁴ 8 2	⁴ 6 2	³ 7 2						52 26
27	25.9 Coventry	A	⁴ 10	² 0	⁴ 11	⁵ 5	⁴ 5 1	⁴ 5	³ 4						40 38
28	4.10 Reading	A	⁴ 9	⁴ 6 2	⁴ 9	³ 4 2	³ 2 1	⁴ 6	⁴ 4 2						40 38

LEAGUE CUP

29	27.3 Leicester	H	⁴ 10	⁴ 5 1	⁴ 11 1	⁴ 3	⁴ 8	³ 1	³ 5 1						43 35
30	3.4 Coventry	H	⁴ 12	⁴ 3 1	⁴ 12	⁴ 4	⁴ 10	³ 4 1	³ 4						49 29
31	9.4 Halifax	H	⁴ 11	⁴ 5 1	⁴ 11	⁴ 3 2	⁴ 9	³ 5	³ 2 1						46 32
32	10.4 Coventry	A	⁵ 10 1	³ 1	⁵ 12	⁴ 3	³ 3	³ 4	³ 1 1						34 44
33	12.4 Halifax	A	⁵ 14	⁴ 4 1	⁴ 5 1	⁴ 4	⁵ 5 2	² 0	² 1						33 45
34	13.4 Leicester	A	⁴ 10	⁴ 3 1	⁴ 10 1	⁴ 2 1	⁴ 8	⁴ 5	² 1 1						39 39
35	17.4 Sheffield	H	⁴ 12	⁴ 3 1	⁴ 10	⁴ 4 2	⁴ 7 1	⁵ 8 1	¹ 0						44 34
36	21.4 CradleyHeath	A	⁵ 10 1	⁴ 4 1	⁴ 8	³ 3 1	⁴ 5 1	⁴ 5 2		² 1 1					36 42
37	22.4 Sheffield	A	⁴ 8	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 10	⁴ 5 1	⁴ 6	⁴ 2			² 0				39 39
38	24.4 CradleyHeath	H	⁴ 8	⁰ 0	⁴ 9	⁴ 3 1	⁴ 8 1	⁵ 8 1		⁴ 1 1					37 41
39	28.4 Birmingham	H	⁴ 8	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 10 1	³ 2 1	⁴ 10 2	⁵ 9	² 0						45 33
40	7.5 Birmingham	A	⁴ 10	³ 1	⁴ 10 1	² 1 1	⁴ 10	⁴ 3	⁵ 5						40 38

SPEEDWAY STAR K.O. CUP

41	15.5 Reading	H		⁵ 9 2	⁵ 14 1	³ 7 2	⁵ 13 1	⁵ 11 3	³ 3 1						57 18
42	17.5 Reading	A		⁴ 4 1		³ 5	⁵ 14	⁵ 8 1	³ 1 1	¹ 0				⁵ 8 1	40 38
43	10.7 Halifax	H	⁴ 10	⁴ 3 1	⁴ 10 1	³ 5	⁴ 10	² 0	⁵ 6 2						44 34
44	11.7 Halifax	A	⁴ 9	⁴ 5	⁴ 10	³ 4 1	⁴ 4 1	³ 0	⁴ 5 1						37 41
45	2.10 King's Lynn	H	⁴ 7	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 12	⁴ 7 1	⁴ 11 1	⁴ 5 3	² 1						49 29
46	3.10 King's Lynn	A	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 6	⁴ 12	³ 3	⁴ 7 1	⁴ 5 2	³ 1 1						42 36
47	23.10 CradleyHeath	A	⁵ 4 1	³ 2	⁵ 12	² 1	⁴ 6	⁵ 6 1	² 1 1						32 46
48	30.10 CradleyHeath	H	⁴ 6 1	⁴ 5	⁴ 10 1		⁴ 7 1	⁴ 7			² 2 1	⁴ 6			43 35

CHALLENGE

49	8.4 Wimbledon	A	⁵ 12	² 0	⁴ 4 1	⁴ 4 1	⁵ 9	⁴ 3 1	² 1 1						32 46
50	5.6 Sheffield	H		⁴ 2	⁵ 13 1	⁵ 10 1		⁵ 5 2	³ 4				⁵ 7		41 37
51	28.8 Ex-Hull	H	⁶ 15	⁴ 3 2	⁶ 14 3			³ 4	⁵ 4 1	² 0					40 38
51	9.10 Sheffield	H	⁴ 12	⁴ 8 2	⁴ 12	³ 4	⁴ 9	⁴ 5 3	³ 4 2						54 24
52	17.10 Halifax	A	⁴ 4 1	⁴ 4	⁴ 9			⁴ 7	² 1		⁴ 4 1	⁴ 5 2			34 43
52	21.10 Sheffield	A	⁴ 8	⁴ 8 1	⁴ 10		⁴ 7	⁴ 3 2	³ 1		³ 1				38 40
53	27.10 Joe Owen's Select	H	⁴ 10	⁴ 3 1	⁴ 8	³ 5	⁴ 6	⁴ 3	³ 1						36 42

NOTES:

1. Meeting number 2 finished King's Lynn 40 Belle Vue 38 but the result was changed after Colin Cook was adjudged ineligible. Individual scores before adjustment were Louis Carr 3, Peter Ravn 2+1, Peter Carr 2+1, Jim McMillan 2.
2. Meeting number 31, Chris Morton beat Kenny Carter 2-0 in Golden Helmet
3. Meeting number 34, Chris Morton lost to Kenny Carter 2-0 in Golden Helmet

GUEST APPEARANCES

Meeting 37: Robbie Foy (Sheffield) 2-0
 Meeting 42: John Davis (Poole) 5-8-1
 Meeting 50: Mitch Shirra (Reading) 5-7

INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

FOURTH TEST: ENGLAND v USA (Sunday, May 9)

England 61: Chris Morton 6-15, Peter Collins 6-14-1, Kenny Carter 6-11-1, Alan Grahame 5-8-2, Andy Grahame 5-5-1, Malcolm Simmons 2-3, Les Collins 3-3, Dave Jessup 3-2-2

USA 47: Dennis Sigalos 6-14, Bruce Penhall 6-13, Shawn Moran 6-13, Kelly Moran 6-5-1, Bobby Schwartz 4-1-1, Scott Autrey 4-1, Steve Gresham 2-0, Lance King 2-0

INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS

BRITISH LEAGUE RIDERS' CHAMPIONSHIP (Saturday, October 16)

Kenny Carter 15, Shawn Moran 14, Hans Nielsen 13, Erik Gundersen 10, Les Collins 9, Bobby Schwartz 9, Jan Andersson 8, Billy Sanders 7, Steve Bastable 7, Ole Olsen 6, Chris Morton 6, Finn Thomsen 5, Dennis Sigalos 4, Dave Jessup 3, Gordon Kennett 3, John Davis 0. Reserves: Andy Smith 1, Lee Edwards 0.

Roll of Honour

1965 Barry Briggs	1971 Ivan Mauger	1977 Ole Olsen
1966 Barry Briggs	1972 Ole Olsen	1978 Ole Olsen
1967 Barry Briggs	1973 Ivan Mauger	1979 John Louis
1968 Barry Briggs	1974 Peter Collins	1980 Les Collins
1969 Barry Briggs	1975 Peter Collins	1981 Kenny Carter
1970 Barry Briggs	1976 Ole Olsen	1982 Kenny Carter

CHALLENGE MEETINGS

CHRIS MORTON TESTIMONIAL (Sunday, August 8)

True Brits 39: Chris Morton 4-10, Peter Collins 4-8, John Davis 4-7-1, Steve Bastable 3-6-1, Dave Morton 4-3-2, Reg Wilson 3-3, Les Collins 4-2

Rest of the World 39: Peter Ravn 4-9, Shawn Moran 4-8-1, Louis Carr 4-7-2, Larry Ross 4-7, David Bargh 4-6-2, Jim McMillan 3-2, Phil Crump 3-0

BELLE VUE v EX-HULL (Saturday, August 28)

Ex-Hull 38: Preben Eriksen 5-13-1, Shawn Moran 5-11, Reg Wilson 5-7-3, Jim McMillan 5-7-1, David Bargh 4-0, Bobby Beaton 2-0

BELLE VUE v JOE OWEN SELECT (Wednesday, October 27)

Joe Owen Select 42: Rod Hunter 5-12-2, Joe Owen 5-10-1, Tom Owen 5-10, Andy Smith 5-7-2, Keith Bloxsome 3-2, Alan Emerson 3-1

LEAGUE RECORDS - 1982 SEASON

BRITISH LEAGUE PERFORMANCE

	M	W	D	L	For	Against	Pts	Ave Score
Home	14	13	0	1	676	415	26	48½-29½
Away	14	10	0	4	548	542	20	39-39
Overall	28	23	0	5	1224	957	46	44-34

SUCCESSIVE LEAGUE WINS / DEFEATS

	Home	Away	Overall
Most Wins in Succession	7	5	11
Most Defeats in Succession	1	3	2

BIGGEST LEAGUE WINS / DEFEATS

Biggest home win: 56-21 v Swindon, May 1

Biggest away win: 43-35 v Eastbourne, July 25 and v Hackney, September 10

Biggest home defeat: 37-41 v Ipswich, July 17

Biggest away defeat: 28-50 v Sheffield, July 29

PROGRESSION OF LEAGUE POSITION



LEAGUE CUP PERFORMANCE

	M	W	D	L	For	Against	Pts	Ave Score
Home	6	5	0	1	264	204	10	44-34
Away	6	1	2	3	221	247	4	37-41
Overall	12	6	2	4	485	451	14	40½-37½

Belle Vue finished third in the League Cup Northern Section

TRACK RECORD

At start of season: 67.0 seconds, by Peter Collins (Belle Vue) on July 3, 1976

The fastest time during 1982 was 67.8 seconds by Peter Collins (Belle Vue) on August 14

The fastest time by a visiting rider was 68.0 seconds by Dennis Sigalos (Ipswich), Malcolm Simmons (Wimbledon) and Shawn Moran (Sheffield) on May 9, and by Michael Lee (King's Lynn) on October 2.

RECORDS SINCE FORMATION OF BRITISH LEAGUE

BRITISH LEAGUE PERFORMANCE



SUCCESSIVE LEAGUE WINS / DEFEATS

	Home	Away	Overall
Most Wins in Succession	49 (7)	7 (5)	15 (11)
Most Defeats in Succession	3 (0)	41 (0)	9 (0)

BIGGEST LEAGUE WINS / DEFEATS

Biggest home win: 61-17 v Oxford, May 22, 1971
 Biggest away win: 51-27 v Sheffield, July 31, 1980
 Biggest home defeat: 25-53 v Exeter, October 26, 1977
 Biggest away defeat: 9-60 v Hull, July 31, 1974 (*)

(*) in this meeting Belle Vue refused to race after heat 4 and Hull raced the remaining 9 heats uncontested. Other than this meeting, the biggest away defeat for Belle Vue was 19-59 at Newcastle on May 6, 1968.

KNOCKOUT CUP RECORDS

British League Knockout Cup Winner: 1972, 1973, 1975
 British League Knockout Cup Runner-Up: 1970, 1978, 1980, 1982
 British League Knockout Cup Semi-Finalist: 1966, 1968, 1976
 Inter-League Knockout Cup Winner: 1975
 Inter-League Knockout Cup Semi-Finalist: 1977

PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP RECORDS

British League Pairs Championship Joint Runner-Up: 1976
 British League Pairs Championship Finalist: 1977, 1978

LEAGUE CUP RECORDS

Best Performance: 3rd in regional qualifying group 1981 and 1982

RIDERS / AVERAGES

RIDERS APPEARING IN BRITISH LEAGUE, LEAGUE CUP OR KNOCKOUT CUP

Bobby Beaton	British League	1968-1972 Glasgow; 1973 Coatbridge; 1974-1981 Hull; 1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1982 Newcastle
Keith Bloxsome	British League	1978-1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1978 Boston; 1978-1979 Glasgow; 1980-1982 Newcastle
Louis Carr	British League	1980-1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1976-1980 Ellesmere Port
Peter Carr	British League	1981-1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1979-1981 Ellesmere Port
Peter Collins	British League	1971-1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1971 Rochdale
Rod Hunter	British League	1978-1981 Hull; 1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1978 Glasgow; 1978-1982 Newcastle
Jim McMillan	British League	1966-1972 Glasgow; 1973 Coatbridge; 1974-1975 Hull; 1976-1980 Wolverhampton; 1981-1982 Belle Vue
Robert Maxfield	British League	1977-1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1973 Bradford; 1976-1977 Coatbridge; 1977 Glasgow; 1977-1978 Newcastle; 1978 Workington; 1979 Scunthorpe; 1980-1981 Exeter; 1982 Ellesmere Port
Chris Morton	British League	1973-1982 Belle Vue
	National League	1973 Ellesmere Port
Peter Ravn	British League	1981-1982 Belle Vue
Larry Ross	British League	1975-1980 Wimbledon; 1981-1982 Belle Vue
Andy Smith	British League	1982 Belle Vue

BRITISH LEAGUE AVERAGES

	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA
Larry Ross	13	52	127	7	134	10.31	14	59	125	7	132	8.95	27	111	252	14	266	9.59
Louis Carr	14	53	83	17	100	7.55	13	47	52	11	63	5.36	27	100	135	28	163	6.52
Chris Morton	14	57	148	10	158	11.09	14	60	130	4	134	8.93	28	117	278	14	292	9.98
Jim McMillan	14	52	72	15	87	6.69	14	46	45	8	53	4.61	28	98	117	23	140	5.71
Peter Collins	14	57	131	13	144	10.11	14	56	102	11	113	8.07	28	113	233	24	257	9.10
Peter Ravn	9	29	35	8	43	5.93	13	47	52	10	62	5.28	22	76	87	18	105	5.53
Peter Carr	14	49	70	10	80	6.53	13	40	33	5	38	3.80	27	89	103	15	118	5.30
Bobby Beaton	2	7	4	2	6	3.43	1	4	5	2	7	7.00	3	11	9	4	13	4.73
Andy Smith	3	8	6	2	8	4.00	0	0	0	0	0		3	8	6	2	8	4.00
Rod Hunter	0	0	0	0	0		2	5	4	1	5	4.00	2	5	4	1	5	4.00

MAXIMUMS: Chris Morton 5 full, 3 paid; Peter Collins 1 full, 2 paid; Larry Ross 1 full, 1 paid

BRITISH LEAGUE, LEAGUE CUP AND KNOCKOUT CUP AVERAGES

	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA
Larry Ross	22	88	211	8	219	9.95	23	99	208	11	219	8.85	45	187	419	19	438	9.37
Louis Carr	24	90	128	26	154	6.84	23	84	90	16	106	5.05	47	174	218	42	260	5.98
Chris Morton	24	98	257	15	272	11.10	23	98	219	7	226	9.22	47	196	476	22	498	10.16
Jim McMillan	23	85	110	24	134	6.31	24	78	76	13	89	4.56	47	163	186	37	223	5.47
Peter Collins	24	98	224	20	244	9.96	24	97	170	16	186	7.67	48	195	394	36	430	8.82
Peter Ravn	19	68	93	17	110	6.47	23	85	90	16	106	4.99	42	153	183	33	216	5.65
Peter Carr	22	71	91	15	106	5.97	21	64	49	11	60	3.75	43	135	140	26	166	4.92
Keith Bloxsome	0	0	0	0	0		1	2	1	1	2	4.00	1	2	1	1	2	4.00
Robert Maxfield	1	4	1	1	2	2.00	1	1	0	0	0	0.00	2	5	1	1	2	1.60
Bobby Beaton	2	7	4	2	6	3.43	1	4	5	2	7	7.00	3	11	9	4	13	4.73
Andy Smith	4	10	8	3	11	4.40	0	0	0	0	0		4	10	8	3	11	4.40
Rod Hunter	1	4	6	0	6	6.00	2	5	4	1	5	4.00	3	9	10	1	11	4.89

MAXIMUMS: Chris Morton 8 full, 5 paid; Larry Ross 3 full, 1 paid; Peter Collins 1 full, 4 paid



Jim McMillan & Peter Carr (Belle Vue) lead Jan Verner (outside) & Andy Reid (Cradley Heath) in the British League match at Hyde Road on 3 July



Chris Morton leads Phil Collins, Peter Carr and Jan Verner