

**George Speedway Report: Meeting on 21st September**

**from Speedway-SA's Cape Reporter, D.Austin.**

Speedway and Sidecar racing made a welcome return to the George Oval track with the visit of four WSRC riders from Johannesburg together with the Butler brothers sidecar team from Klerksdorp in the North West Province. Despite a bitterly cold Spring evening the local fans came out in encouraging numbers for an action packed night with the speedway and sidecars supplemented by flat-track, quad bike and hot rod racing.

The speedway class was an opportunity for the graduates from the George Speedway School to gauge their progress against the more experienced Gauteng riders and they were far from disgraced. Lending a touch of nostalgia to proceedings was a return to competitive racing by 60 year old Allied Speedway promoter Bobby Hack who first saw action back in the halcyon days of Rhodesian speedway in the early 1970's. With Hansie Kleynhans also a sexagenarian it proves that age is no impediment when it comes to speedway racing!

Although the SA Champion Neil Pettit was the dominant force of the speedway class, the most spectacular rider on view was young Lyle Kotze. It took a fine overtake by Pettit in the first race of the night to deny Lyle a victory and he was again denied in similar fashion in the final race of the programme. Earlier Kotze took an emphatic win over the current SA Championship series leader Gio Nunes to highlight his undoubted potential. Those supporters who remembered Lyle from the Speedway Revival Tour in 2012 cannot but have been impressed by his improvement since he last rode at the George Oval.

The local contingent battled manfully but their inexperience and bike malfunctions counted against them. The best of the Southern Cape riders was Bobby Hack with two excellent overtakes, firstly of Tyrone Hodges and then Riaan Otto. But the local riders showed total commitment and it is to be hoped that further potential speedway riders can be recruited from the vibrant George flat-track scene.

The fans favourites, the monster 1000cc Australian type sidecars, provided excitement aplenty and it was unfortunate that in three of their five heats mechanical gremlins prevented all rigs competing.

With Bobby Hack shortly to be visiting the Border Oval track for talks on introducing his Bike & Quad Oval shows to East London, the potential is there for an expansion of speedway in the south of the Republic. In the meantime, fans in George look forward eagerly to WSRC's next visit.

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# George Oval, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept. 2013



## SPEEDWAY AND SIDECAR SCORES AND FINAL PLACES

HEAT 1				HEAT 1			
NO		GATE	points	NO		Gate	points
3	LYLE KOTZE	RED	2	102	GIO NUNES	RED	3
48	NEIL PETTIT	BLUE	3	64	HANSIE KLIENHANS	BLUE	E.F.
17	DILLON BOWN	WHITE	E.F.	4	BOBBY HACK	WHITE	N.F.
11	TYRONE HOGES	YELLOW	1	7	RIAAAN OTTO	YELLOW	2

HEAT 1 SIDECARS			
NO			
51	GORDON & JOHAN	RED	3
45	EDWIN & ESTELLE	BLUE	1
65	DONOVAN & KOSIE	WHITE	2

**Notes ; Gate positions**  
 Red is inside lane ( pole position )  
 Blue is 2nd. lane  
 White is 3rd. lane  
 Yellow is 4th. Lane ( outside lane )

HEAT 2				HEAT 2			
1ST AND 3RD FROM FIRST HEATS				2ND AND 4TH FROM FIRST HEATS			
NO		GATE		NO		GATE	
	N. PETTIT	RED	3		L. KOTZE	RED	3
	T. HODGES	BLUE			D. BOWN	BLUE	N.S.
	G. NUNES	WHITE	2		R. OTTO	WHITE	1
	B. HACK	YELLOW	1		H. KLEYNHANS	YELLOW	2

HEAT 2 SIDECARS			
NO			
45	EDWIN & ESTELLE	RED	2
65	DONOVAN & KOSIE	BLUE	N.S.
51	GORDON & JOHAN	WHITE	3

**Notes ; Scoring system**  
 1st place is worth 3 points  
 2nd place is worth 2 points  
 3rd. place is worth 1 point  
 4th. place is worth 0 ( no points )

HEAT 3				HEAT 3			
1ST AND 2ND FROM SECOND HEATS				3RD AND 4TH FROM SECOND HEATS			
NO		GATE		NO		GATE	
	N. PETTIT (100m)	RED	3		L. KOTZE	RED	3
	-	BLUE			G. NUNES	BLUE	2
	H. KLEYNHANS	WHITE	E.F.		R. OTTO	WHITE	1
	-	YELLOW			T. HODGES	YELLOW	N.S.

HEAT 3 SIDECARS				FINALS SIDECARS H/4			
NO				NO			
65	DONOVAN & KOSIE	RED	1	65	DONOVAN & KOSIE	RED	E.F.
51	GORDON & JOHAN	BLUE	2	51	GORDON & JOHAN	BLUE	2
45	EDWIN & ESTELLE	WHITE	3	45	EDWIN & ESTELLE	WHITE	3

LOWEST SCORERS OVERALL				HIGHEST SCORERS OVERALL			
HEAT 3				HEAT 3			
NO		GATE		NO		GATE	
	R. OTTO	RED	1		G. NUNES	RED	1
	H. KLEYNHANS	BLUE	3		L. KOTZE	BLUE	2
	B. HACK	WHITE	2		N. PETTIT	WHITE	3
	-	YELLOW			-	YELLOW	

SIDECARS FINAL			
NO			
51	Gordon & Johan	R	e.f.
45	Edwin & Estelle	B	3
65	Donovan & Kosie	W	2

**Sidecar Speedway Scores**

Edwin & Estelle Butler	12
Gordon Butler & Johan Herbst	10
Donovan Butler & Kosie Harmse	5

**Solo Speedway Scores**

Neil Pettit	12
Lyle Kotze	10
Gio Nunes	8
H. Kleynhans	5
Riaan Otto	5
Bobby Hack	3
Tyrone Hodges	1
Dillon Bown	0