

New Craven Park (Hull)

The Hull Kingston Rovers rugby league team moved to their new stadium situated on Poorhouse Lane off the Preston Road in April 1989. The greyhound operation followed and started on 11th November 1989.

The management team of John Kennedy and Roy Thickett had overseen the move and set up racing for Monday, Thursday and Saturday nights. The new circuit had a circumference of 415 metres and race distances of 290, 462, 490, 655 & 705 metres were used. The run to the first bend was 90 metres with an outside hare in operation and kennels for 72 greyhounds.

Prentice Racing came in as promoters during the nineties and speedway arrived in 1995 but both eventually petered out. The final management team was Gary Ince and David Gray who would then move with the greyhound racing when it switched to the Boulevard in 2003.

Both the speedway and greyhound tracks have been grassed over today and the pitch has been squared off and more recently a new £8 million North stand was built with education buildings ending the chances of either sport returning to the venue.

Selected Track Records

Distance	Name	Time	Date	Notes
240m	Curaghator Lad	14.71	12.05.1998	
290m	Handsome Dan	17.57	23.11.1989	
462m	Gulleen Darkie	28.65	05.02.1990	
490m	Bally Fever	30.22	1989+	
	Macsea Tom	30.05	17.05.1990	
655m	Appleby Lantern	41.43	05.03.1990	
	Fearless Misty	41.24	2002+	
705m	Hot News	45.00	1989+	
	Dalcash Duke	44.98	12.07.1990	
875m	Supporting Blue	57.67	29.11.1990	
	Spenwood Gem	57.37	15.07.2001	
1070m	Ridgefield Dream	72.00	20.03.1997	

+ Date when record was held, not necessarily the year it was set.