
Test Matches 1936

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28/05/1936 Wembey

20/07/1936 Wimbledon

18/08/1936 West Ham

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Key to Abbreviations

C = chain, DH = dead heat, E = engine or machine failure, EPH = pushed home,

ET = bike problems but finished, F = fell, FRM = remounted, FIL = fell when leading,

L = lapped, LD = laid bike down, N = replaced by reserve, NS = non starter, no reserve,

P = tyre problems, R = non finisher but reason not known, XS = excluded for starting offence,

XT = excluded time limit, XW = excluded, crossed white line, W = wheel problems.

Thursday 28/05/1936		First Test 1936						Score Chart												
ENGLAND 65		WEMBLEY						ENGLAND										Total		
AUSTRALIA 43																				
Heat Results				<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A	1	Frank	Charles ©	3	0	3	2	2	3	13		
1	Charles	Case	Grosskreutz	Abbott	75.0	3	3	3	3	2	Joe	Abbott	0	2	E	1	N	2	5	
2	Parker	Langton	Huxley	(Van Praag X)	77.0	5	1	8	4	3	Eric	Langton	2	1	3	2	1	3	12	
3	Newton	Wilkinson	Kitchen	(Johnson F)	77.6	4	2	12	6	4	Jack	Parker	3	3	1	3	2	0	12	
4	Parker	Grosskreutz	Langton	(Case F)	76.8	4	2	16	8	5	Bill	Kitchen	1	1	1	1	1	N	5	
5	Newton	Van Praag	Kitchen	Huxley	77.4	4	2	20	10	6	George	Newton	3	3	2	3	2	3	16	
6	Wilkinson	Abbott	Johnson	Charles	77.4	2	4	22	14	7	Gus	Kuhn (Res)						0	7	
7	Grosskreutz	Newton	Kitchen	(Case F)	77.2	3	3	25	17	8	Ginger	Lees (Res)							2	2
8	Charles	Van Praag	Huxley	(Abbott E)	78.2	3	3	28	20	AUSTRALIA										
9	Langton	Wilkinson	Parker	Johnson	77.6	4	2	32	22	1	Max	Grosskreutz ©	1	2	3	3	3	1	13	
10	Grosskreutz	Charles	Abbott	(Case F)	78.6	3	3	35	25	2	Dicky	Case	2	F	F	F	N	F	2	
11	Parker	Langton	Huxley	Van Praag	78.4	5	1	40	26	3	Vic	Huxley	1	0	1	1	3	1	7	
12	Newton	Wilkinson	Kitchen	(Johnson F)	78.8	4	2	44	28	4	Lionel	Van Praag	XS	2	2	0	0	R	4	
13	Grosskreutz	Parker	Langton	Sharp	77.8	3	3	47	31	5	Ron	Johnson	F	1	0	F	3	2	6	
14	Huxley	Newton	Kitchen	Van Praag	78.2	3	3	50	34	6	Bluey	Wilkinson	2	3	2	2	1	1	11	
15	Johnson	Charles	Wilkinson	Kuhn	77.6	2	4	52	38	7	Jack	Sharp (Res)						0	0	
16	Newton	Lees	Grosskreutz	(Case F)	81.6	5	1	57	39	8	Dicky	Smythe (Res)							DNR	
17	Charles	Abbott	Huxley	(Van Praag R)	78.6	5	1	62	40											43
18	Langton	Johnson	Wilkinson	Parker	78.8	3	3	65	43											
Wednesday 17/06/1936		Second Test 1936						Score Chart												
ENGLAND 49		NEW CROSS						ENGLAND										Total		
AUSTRALIA 56																				
Heat Results				<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A	1	Frank	Charles	3	3	3	3	3	3	18		
1	Charles	Johnson	Abbott	Van Praag	59.2	4	2	4	2	2	Joe	Abbott	1	0	0	2	1	2	6	
2	Parker	Grosskreutz	Wilkinson	Langton	60.8	3	3	7	5	3	Eric	Langton	0	0	R	N	N	0	8	
3	Case	Newton	Huxley	Greatrex	60.0	2	4	9	9	4	Jack	Parker	3	3	2	E	F/N	0	8	
4	Parker	Van Praag	Johnson	Langton	60.8	3	3	12	12	5	George	Newton	2	3	R	F	F	2	7	
5	Newton	Grosskreutz	Wilkinson	Greatrex	60.4	3	3	15	15	6	Stan	Greatrex	0	0	2	2	1	0	5	
6	Charles	Case	Huxley	Abbott	59.4	3	3	18	18	7	Ginger	Lees (Res)				1	2	1	4	
7	Van Praag	Greatrex	(Newton R)	(Johnson R)	62.4	2	3	20	21	8	Jack	Ormston (Res)							1	
8	Charles	Grosskreutz	Wilkinson	Abbott	60.0	3	3	23	24	AUSTRALIA										
9	Case	Parker	(Langton R)	(Huxley R)	61.6	2	3	25	27	1	Ron	Johnson	2	1	R	0	F/N	N	3	
10	Charles	Abbott	Van Praag	Johnson	60.2	5	1	30	28	2	Lionel	Van Praag	0	2	3	1	3	3	12	
11	Grosskreutz	Wilkinson	Lees	(Parker E)	62.2	1	5	31	33	3	Max	Grosskreutz	2	2	2	3	3	N	12	
12	Case	Greatrex	(Newton F)	(Huxley F)	61.6	2	3	33	36	4	Bluey	Wilkinson	1	1	1	2	2	0	7	
RR13	Van Praag	Lees	Ormston	Sharp	62.6	3	3	36	39	5	Vic	Huxley	1	1	R	F	0	2	4	
14	Grosskreutz	Wilkinson	Greatrex	(Newton F)	61.0	1	5	37	44	6	Dick	Case	3	2	3	3	2	3	16	
15	Charles	Case	Abbott	Huxley	59.8	4	2	41	46	7	Jack	Sharp (Res)						F/N	0	
RR16	Van Praag	Newton	Murphy	Greatrex	62.2	2	4	43	50	8	Mick	Murphy (Res)						1	1	2
17	Charles	Abbott	Murphy	Wilkinson	60.8	5	1	48	51											56
18	Case	Huxley	Lees	Parker	62.6	1	5	49	56											
Heat 16 was controversially rerun. The first time Sharp replaced Johnson. Sharp fell coming out of the first bend. He was hurt but rider and bike were quickly helped off the track. The steward stopped the race almost at the end of the lap. There was no hazard remaining by then.																				
Newton was well ahead of Van Praag with Greatrex well back as he had to avoid Sharp. In the rerun Murphy replaced Sharp which was not against the rules at the time though thought unfair by most commentators and the subject of a campaign to change the rules.																				
Van Praag started the rerun brilliantly and won easily with Murphy third so a 4/2 for England was changed to a 4/2 for Australia by an unnecessary rerun.																				
Saturday 04/07/1936		Third Test 1936						Score Chart												
ENGLAND 70		BELLE VUE						ENGLAND										Total		
AUSTRALIA 38																				
Heat Results				<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A	1	Frank	Charles	1	3	3	3	3	3	16		
1	Abbott	Van Praag	Charles	Johnson	78.4	4	2	4	2	2	Joe	Abbott	3	2	2	2	2	2	13	
2	Parker	Huxley	Langton	Wilkinson	79.4	4	2	8	4	3	Eric	Langton	1	1	3	2	3	3	13	
3	Kitchen	Case	Phillips	Sharp	77.8	4	2	12	6	4	Jack	Parker	3	0	1	1	0	0	5	
4	Van Praag	Johnson	Langton	Parker	79.4	1	5	13	11	5	Bill	Kitchen	3	3	3	3	3	1	16	
5	Kitchen	Wilkinson	Phillips	Huxley	79.2	4	2	17	13	6	Wal	Phillips	1	1	1	2	2	0	7	
6	Charles	Abbott	Case	Sharp	77.6	5	1	22	14	7	Ginger	Lees (Res)							DNR	
7	Kitchen	Van Praag	Phillips	Johnson	79.6	4	2	26	16	8	Bob	Harrison (Res)							DNR	
8	Charles	Abbott	Huxley	Wilkinson	78.4	5	1	31	17	AUSTRALIA										
9	Langton	Case	Parker	Murphy	79.4	4	2	35	19	1	Lionel	Van Praag	2	3	2	0	1	3	11	
10	Charles	Abbott	Johnson	Van Praag	77.2	5	1	40	20	2	Ron	Johnson	0	2	0	1	2	2	7	
11	Wilkinson	Langton	Parker	Huxley	80.0	3	3	43	23	3	Vic	Huxley	2	0	1	0	0	1	4	
12	Kitchen	Phillips	Case	Lamont	79.8	5	1	48	24	4	Bluey	Wilkinson	0	2	0	3	1	0	6	
13	Langton	Johnson	Van Praag	Parker	80.0	3	3	51	27	5	Case	Case	2	1	2	1	1	1	8	
14	Kitchen	Phillips	Wilkinson	Huxley	79.8	5	1	56	28	6	Jack	Sharp	0	0	N	N	N	N	0	
15	Charles	Abbott	Case	Lamont	80.2	5	1	61	29	7	Mick	Murphy (Res)							0	
16	Van Praag	Johnson	Kitchen	Phillips	80.2	1	5	62	34	8	Billy	Lamont (Res)							0	
17	Charles	Abbott	Huxley	Wilkinson	79.8	5	1	67	35											2
18	Langton	Lamont	Case	Parker	81.8	3	3	70	38											38
Not much good racing here except for the hassle and hustle efforts of Lionel Van Praag. The English lads usually disappeared from the gate and were gone. The track was described as being even more slick than usual. This was thought to favour the lightning starters Charles, Abbott, Langton and Kitchen. Slick track spoils the racing then - in 1936!!!!																				

Monday		20/07/1936		Fourth Test 1936				Score Chart												
ENGLAND		58		WIMBLEDON				ENGLAND												
AUSTRALIA		47						ENGLAND												
Heat Results				Time	H	A	H	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total			
1	Charles	Collins	Lees	(Huxley FIL)	72.6	4	2	4	2	3	3	2	2	0	3	13				
2	Parker	Van Praag	Langton	Johnson	72.2	4	2	8	4	2	1	0	0	N	N	2				
3	Kitchen	Wilkinson	(Case E)	(Phillips FS)	72.0	3	2	11	6	3	1	0	1	1	1	7				
4	Langton	Huxley	Parker	Collins	72.0	4	2	15	8	5	3	F	3	2	XW	11				
5	Kitchen	Van Praag	Phillips	Johnson	73.0	4	2	19	10	6	Wal	Phillips	FS	1	3	2	1	2	9	
6	Charles	Wilkinson	Lees	Case	73.4	4	2	23	12	7	Claude	Rye (Res)			DNR					
7	Phillips	Huxley	Collins	(Kitchen F)	74.0	3	3	26	15	8	George	Newton (Res)				1	F		1	
8	Van Praag	Charles	Sharp	Lees	72.2	2	4	28	19	AUSTRALIA							58			
9	Langton	Case	Wilkinson	Parker	72.2	3	3	31	22	1	Vic	Huxley ©	FIL	2	2	3	2	3	12	
10	Huxley	Charles	Collins	Lees	72.0	2	4	33	26	2	Eric	Collins		2	0	1	1	FS	F	4
11	Van Praag	Langton	Parker	(Johnson F)	72.4	3	3	36	29	3	Lionel	Van Praag		2	2	3	3	3	2	15
12	Kitchen	Phillips	(Case FS)	(Wilkinson FS)	72.4	5	0	41	29	4	Ron	Johnson		0	0	N	F	N	N	0
13	Langton	Huxley	Parker	(Collins F)	72.0	4	2	45	31	5	Dick	Case		E	0	2	FS	3	FIL	5
14	Van Praag	Kitchen	Phillips	(Sharp FS)	72.8	3	3	48	34	6	Bluey	Wilkinson		2	2	1	FS	2	2	9
15	Case	Wilkinson	Newton	Charles	74.0	1	5	49	39	7	Jack	Sharp (Res)				1	FS	1	2	
16	Huxley	Phillips	(Kitchen XW)	(Collins FS)	73.0	2	3	51	42	8	Mick	Murphy (Res)					DNR			
17	Charles	Van Praag	Sharp	(Newton F)	72.4	3	3	54	45								47			
18	Langton	Wilkinson	Parker	(Case FIL)	74.0	4	2	58	47											

Tuesday		18/08/1936		Fifth Test 1936				Score Chart												
ENGLAND		35		WEST HAM				ENGLAND												
AUSTRALIA		73						ENGLAND												
Heat Results				Time	H	A	H	A	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total			
RR 1	Wilkinson	Collins	Langton	(Parker FS)	83.0	1	5	1	5	1	Eric	Langton ©		1	E	3	0	N	N	4
2	Van Praag	Charles	Johnson	(Newton FS)	82.6	2	4	3	9	2	Jack	Parker		FS	N	N	N	N	N	0
3	Grosskreutz	Kitchen	Huxley	(Atkinson CIL)	82.8	2	4	5	13	3	Frank	Charles		2	0	3	FS	E	3	8
4	Case	Wilkinson	Newton	Charles	82.2	1	5	6	18	4	George	Newton		FS	1	E	1	1	1	4
5	Van Praag	Kitchen	Johnson	Atkinson	83.6	2	4	8	22	5	Bill	Kitchen		2	2	1	3	F	0	8
6	Grosskreutz	Huxley	Ormston	(Langton E)	83.2	1	5	9	27	6	Arthur	Atkinson		CIL	0	ES	1	3	2	6
7	Wilkinson	Case	Kitchen	(Atkinson ES)	82.4	1	5	10	32	7	Jack	Ormston (Res)		1	1	1	1	F	XS	3
8	Langton	Van Praag	Ormston	(Johnson FIL)	83.0	4	2	14	34	8	Tommy	Croombs (Res)						1	1	2
9	Charles	Grosskreutz	Huxley	(Newton E)	83.0	3	3	17	37	AUSTRALIA							35			
10	Case	Wilkinson	Ormston	Langton	81.2	1	5	18	42	1	Bluey	Wilkinson ©		3	2	3	2	3	3	16
11	Van Praag	Johnson	Newton (FPH)	(Charles FS)	82.2	1	5	19	47	2	Dick	Case		F/N	3	2	3	2	1	11
12	Kitchen	Huxley	Atkinson	Grosskreutz	81.6	4	2	23	49	3	Lionel	Van Praag		3	3	2	3	2	2	15
13	Wilkinson	Case	Newton	(Charles E)	82.6	1	5	24	54	4	Ron	Johnson		1	1	FIL	2	1	3	8
14	Atkinson	Van Praag	Johnson	(Kitchen F)	83.0	3	3	27	57	5	Max	Grosskreutz		3	3	2	0	2	0	10
15	Huxley	Grosskreutz	Croombs	(Ormston F)	84.0	1	5	28	62	6	Vic	Huxley		1	2	1	2	3	2	11
16	Wilkinson	Atkinson	Case	Kitchen	83.6	2	4	30	66	7	Charlie	Spinks (Res)						DNR		
17	Johnson	Van Praag	Croombs	(Ormston XS)	85.0	1	5	31	71	8	Eric	Collins (Res)		2						2
18	Charles	Huxley	Newton	Grosskreutz	82.4	4	2	35	73								73			

The first heat was rerun because all 4 riders fell. Jack Parker looped at the gate and the other 3 had a multiple collision at the first bend. Dick Case was not ready for the rerun and Eric Collins stepped in. Once again Jack Parker reared at the gate and just about held onto the huge wheelie for about 30 yards when he went down again. This time Jack broke his wrist. It was a disaster as it put him out of the World Final.