

World Championship 1936

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25/06/1936 Wembley

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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.

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First Round 1936

28 highest scorers progressed to the Championship Round.

		West Ham	Belle Vue	Harringay	Hackney	Wimbledon	Wembley	New Cross	Total
1	Joe Abbott							12	12
2	Frank Charles			12					12
3	Ron Johnson						12		12
4	Jack Parker	12							12
5	Bluey Wilkinson		12						12
6	Arthur Atkinson				11				11
7	Cordy Milne							11	11
8	Jack Milne	11							11
9	Jack Ormston				11				11
10	Wal Phillips						11		11
11	Fred Tate					11			11
12	Lionel Van Praag		11						11
13	Dick Case					10			10
14	Baltzar Hansen			10					10
15	Bob Harrison	10							10
16	Wally Kilmister			10					10
17	Rol Stobart		10						10
18	Morian Hansen					9			9
19	Vic Huxley							9	9
20	Eric Langton						9		9
21	Ginger Lees			9					9
22	Mick Murphy		9						9
23	George Newton					9			9
24	Norman Parker				9				9
25	Bill Pitcher						9		9
26	Bill Clibbett					8			8
27	Gus Kuhn							8	8
28	Jack Dixon *		7						7
* 9 riders scored 7 points. Dixon went through on a "best time" rule.									
Did Not Qualify									
	Eric Chitty	7							7
	Bill Kitchen						7		7
	Wally Lloyd					7			7
	Gordon Byers			7					7
	Gerhard Ahrens	7							7
	Stan Greatrex						7		7
	Geoff Pymar				7				7
	Les Wotton				7				7
	Eric Gregory			6					6
	Wal Morton						6		6
	Cliff Parkinson				6				6
	Eric Collins	5							5

Oliver	Langton				5	5
Dick	Smythe			5		5
Stan	Dell		4			4
Norman	Evans				4	4
Jack	Sharp	4				4
T	Sjoberg				4	4
Charlie	Spinks				4	4
Tiger	Stevenson					4
George	Wilks	4				4
Cecil	De La Porte	3				3
Tommy	Allott					2
Billy	Dallison	2				2
George	Greenwood		2			2
Putt	Mossman	2				2
Tommy H	Price				2	2
Les	Bowden				0	0
B	Carlsson					0
Kalle	Hansen		0			0
Billy	Lamont	0				0
Fernand	Meynier					0
Alfred	Rumrich		0			0
Juan	Vinals				0	0
Jose	Vinals				0	0

WEST HAM				World Championship		3 rider heats. Scoring 3,2,0.					
Tuesday 26/05/36		Qualifying Round		<u>Time</u>		<u>Total</u>					
1	Byers	Mossman	(Lamont XS)	84.0	Jack Parker	3	3	3	3	3	12
2	J Parker	J Milne	Dallison	82.4	Jack Milne	2	3	3	3	3	11
3	Harrison	Kitchen	E Collins	86.4	Bob Harrison	3	2	2	3	3	10
4	J Parker (TR)	Kitchen	(Byers E)	81.0	Gordon Byers	3	E	2	2	2	7
5	J Milne	Harrison	Mossman	84.8	Bill Kitchen	2	2	3	F	F	7
6	E Collins	Dallison	Lamont	85.8	Eric Collins	0	3	XS	2	2	5
7	J Milne	Byers	(Collins XS)	86.6	Billy Dallison	0	2	E	0	0	2
8	J Parker	Harrison	Lamont	84.2	Putt Mossman	2	0	F	0	0	2
9	Kitchen	(Mossman F)	(Dallison E)	84.0	Billy Lamont	XS	0	0	F	0	0
10	Harrison	Byers	Dallison (ET)	86.4							
11	J Milne	(Lamont F)	(Kitchen F)	87.0							
12	J Parker	E Collins	Mossman	85.0							

In the later events there were some horrific crashes. Jack Milne lost a thumb when he unavoidably ran over Phil Bishop Phil sustained rib injuries. Tiger Stevenson broke his collar bone.

BELLE VUE				World Championship		3 rider heats. Scoring 3,2,0.					
Saturday 30/05/1936		Qualifying Round		<u>Time</u>		<u>Total</u>					
1	Wilkinson	Stobart	No third	79.6	Bluey Wilkinson	3	3	3	3	3	12
2	Van Praag	Ahrens	(De La Porte NS)	82.4	Lionel Van Praag	3	2	3	3	3	11
3	Murphy	Sharp	Rumrich	81.2	Rol Stobart	2	2	3	3	3	10
4	Wilkinson	Van Praag	(De La Porte NS)	81.6	Mick Murphy	3	2	2	2	2	9
5	Ahrens	Murphy (E)	(Wilks E)	84.6	Gerhard Ahrens	2	3	0	2	2	7
6	Van Praag	Stobart	(Rumrich E)	80.4	Jack Sharp	2	2				4
7	Wilkinson	Murphy	2 riders only	83.6	George Wilks		E	2	2	2	4
8	Stobart	Sharp	Ahrens	80.6	Cecil De La Porte	NS	NS	3	0	3	3
9	De La Porte	Wilks (EIL)	No third	90.0	Alfred Rumrich	0	E	NS	NS	NS	0
10	Stobart	Murphy	De La Porte	81.2							
11	Wilkinson	Ahrens	2 riders only	81.0							
12	Van Praag	Wilks	No third	82.4							

Attendance 20,000.

Thankfully Van Praag and Wilkinson had a classic 4 lap set-to in heat 4. Apart from that this was a terribly disappointing event.

HARRINGAY				World Championship		3 rider heats. Scoring 3,2,0.					
Saturday 06/06/1936		Qualifying Round		<u>Time</u>		<u>Total</u>					
1	Lees	Dell		73.4	Frank Charles	3	3	3	3	3	12
2	Charles	B Hansen (FRM)	(Greatrex F)	72.4	Baltzar Hansen	2	3	3	2	2	10
3	Kilmister	Gregory	K Hansen	76.0	Wally Kilmister	3	2	2	3	3	10
4	Charles	Greenwood	K Hansen	71.2	Ginger Lees	3	3	0	3	3	9
5	Lees	Greatrex	Gregory	74.4	Stan Greatrex	F	2	3	2	2	7
6	B Hansen	Kilmister	Dell	76.0	Eric Gregory	2	0	2	2	2	6
7	B Hansen	Gregory	Greenwood	76.0	Stan Dell	2	0	2	0	0	4
8	Greatrex	Dell		77.6	George Greenwood	2	0	0	0	0	2
9	Charles	Kilmister	Lees	74.6	Kalle Hansen	0	0				0
10	Charles	Gregory	Dell	75.0							
11	Kilmister	Greatrex	Greenwood	76.2							
12	Lees	B Hansen	K Hansen	74.2							

Baltzar Hansen's performance was incredible seeing that he had never been to the track before or used a starting gate. He was also on a borrowed bike.

HACKNEY				World Championship		3 rider heats. Scoring 3,2,0.					
Friday 19/06/1936		Qualifying Round		<u>Time</u>		<u>Total</u>					
1	N Parker	Ormston		73.0	Arthur Atkinson	3	3	2	3	3	11
2	Atkinson	Parkinson		73.8	Jack Ormston	2	3	3	3	3	11
3	Wotton	Pymar		76.0	Norman Parker	3	3	3	C	C	9
4	Atkinson	Wotton		74.8	Geoff Pymar	2	2		3	3	7
5	Ormston	Parkinson		74.8	Les Wotton	3	2		2	2	7
6	N Parker	Pymar		76.2	Cliff Parkinson	2	2	2			6
7	Smythe	(Juan Vinals F)	(Jose Vinals F)	91.0	Dick Smythe				3	2	5
8	N Parker	Parkinson		74.6	Juan Vinals	F	F	F	F	F	0
9	Ormston	Atkinson		75.0	Jose Vinals*						0
10	Atkinson	(N Parker C)		75.4							
11	Pymar	Smythe		77.0							
12	Ormston	Wotton		89.4							

The Vinals from Spain were not used to clutch starts and were clearly at a terrible disadvantage. Again the racing was boring. It was beginning to look as though the organisation of the new showpiece World Championship left a lot to be desired.

Championship Round 1936

		QR	Harringay	West Ham	Wembley	New Cross	Belle Vue	Wimbledon	Hackney	Total	Possible	%	Bonus*
1	Eric Langton	9		15		13	15	14		66	72	91.7	13
2	Frank Charles	12	13		9		10		15	59	72	81.9	12
3	George Newton	9	11			14	13		12	59	72	81.9	12
4	Jack Parker	12	15	10		9			13	59	72	81.9	12
5	Lionel Van Praag	11	11		15	6		15		58	72	80.6	12
6	Morian Hansen	9			11	8		8	12	48	72	66.7	10
7	Bob Harrison	10				13	12	6	7	48	72	66.7	10
8	Vic Huxley	9		14	13		8	4		48	72	66.7	10
9	Bluey Wilkinson	12	7	12	10		7			48	72	66.7	10
10	Dick Case	10		11		9		9	8	47	72	65.3	9
11	Jack Ormston	11	9	4	12			11		47	72	65.3	9
12	Jack Milne	11				10	8	8	8	45	72	62.5	9
13	Cordy Milne	11	10		5			8	9	43	72	59.7	9
14	Ginger Lees	9	8		9		7	4		37	72	51.4	7
15	Wal Phillips	11				4	8	9	5	37	72	51.4	7
16	Joe Abbott	12		12	7		5		NS	36	72	50.0	7
Reserves for Final													
17	Ron Johnson	12	0		7	6	9			34	72	47.2	7
18	Bill Pitcher	9	8	9		2		4		32	72	44.4	6
Did not Qualify													
	Arthur Atkinson	11		6	3			5	6	31	72	43.1	6
	Norman Parker	9	5		6	8		NS		28	72	38.9	6
	Baltzar Hansen	10	5	3		5			4	27			
	Bill Clibbett	8	5	4	4				3	24			
	Wally Kilmister	10			0?	7		4	2	23			
	Jack Dixon	7	2	8	1		4			22			
	Mick Murphy	9		5	4		2		1	21			
	Rol Stobart	10	1	1		3	1			16			
	Gus Kuhn	8		2		NS	0	4		14			
	Fred Tate	11	NS	NS			NS		NS	11			
* Bonus points were calculated as the % achieved divided by 7.													
Reserves for Championship Round													
	Eric Chitty	7	6	3			3		5	24			
	Bill Kitchen						6	7	9	22			
	Wally Lloyd	7	2	1	4	3				17			
	Gordon Byers						2		0	2			

BELLE VUE
Saturday 08/08/1936

World Championship
Championship Round

Heat Results				Time						Total			
1	Harrison	J Milne	Stobrt (FRM) (Johnson F)	79.8	14	Eric	Langton	3	3	3	3	3	15
2	Huxley	Wilkinson	Chitty Kuhn	81.2	12	George	Newton	2	3	3	2	3	13
3	Phillips	Newton	Dixon Murphy	80.0	2	Bob	Harrison	3	3	3	1	2	12
4	Langton	Charles	Abbott Lees	78.2	15	Frank	Charles	2	3	2	3	0	10
5	Harrison	Lees	Wilkinson Murphy	80.0	1	Ron	Johnson	F	2	1	3	3	9
6	Langton	Johnson	Dixon Chitty	79.0	3	Jack	Milne	2	1	2	2	1	8
7	Charles	Phillips	J Milne Kuhn	78.6	8	Vic	Huxley	3	0	1	1	3	8
8	Newton	Abbott	Kitchen Huxley	78.4	11	Wal	Phillips	3	2	1	0	2	8
9	Harrison	Abbott	Phillips Chitty	80.0	5	Bluey	Wilkinson	2	1	0	3	1	7
10	Newton	Charles	Johnson Wilkinson	78.6	13	Ginger	Lees	0	2	1	2	2	7
11	Langton	Newton	Harrison Kuhn	79.6	16	Joe	Abbott	1	2	2	F/N	N	5
12	Kitchen	Dixon	Lees Byers	80.4	10	Jack	Dixon	1	1	2	F/N	N	4
13	Langton	J Milne	Huxley Murphy	80.0	6	Eric	Chitty	1	0	0	2	0	3
14	Johnson	Lees	Huxley Phillips	80.6	9	Mick	Murphy	0	0	0	1	1	2
RR 15	Wilkinson	J Milne	Kitchen Byers	81.4	4	Rol	Stobart	1	N	N	0	0	1
16	Charles	Chitty	Murphy Stobart	80.4	7	Gus	Kuhn	0	0	0	N	0	0
17	Huxley	Harrison	Kitchen Charles	80.6	17	Bill	Kitchen (Res)	1	3	1	1		6
18	Johnson	Byers	Murphy Kuhn	83.0	18	Gordon	Byers (Res)	0	0	2			2
19	Newton	Lees	J Milne Chitty	81.2		Eric	Chitty	1	2				3
20	Langton	Phillips	Wilkinson Stobart	80.8		Bill	Kitchen	1	3	1	1		6
						Gordon	Byers	0	2				2

Attendance 35,000.

The racing got hotter as the Championship Round progressed. The Charles/Phillips clash in heat 7 was classic speedway. It was a full 4 laps elbow to elbow struggle that could have gone either way. Charles got it by next to nothing and the crowd shouted their heads off. The meeting was marred by a bad crash in heat 15. Joe Abbott went down right in front of Jack Dixon. Both were carried off. Joe broke his left arm and Jack was lucky to escape with shock.

WIMBLEDON
Monday 10/08/1936

World Championship
Championship Round

Heat Results				Time						Total			
1	C Milne	Case	Pitcher Lees	75.0	8	Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	3	3	3	15
2	Van Praag	Atkinson	Kitchen Phillips	74.6	16	Eric	Langton	3	2	3	3	3	14
3	Ormston	J Milne	Harrison Huxley	78.4	11	Jack	Ormston	3	2	1	2	3	11
4	Langton	M Hansen	Kuhn Kilmister	75.0	2	Dick	Case	2	3	3	1	0	9
5	Kitchen	C Milne	Kilmister Harrison	76.4	7	Wal	Phillips	0	1	3	3	2	9
6	Case	Kuhn	Atkinson J Milne	76.6	15	Morian	Hansen	2	3	2	1	0	8
7	M Hansen	Ormston	Phillips Lees	75.6	1	Cordy	Milne	3	2	2	0	1	8
8	Van Praag	Langton	Pitcher Huxley	75.0	10	Jack	Milne	0	2	2	2	2	8
9	Langton	C Milne	Ormston Atkinson	75.6	5	Bill	Kitchen	1	3	1	0	2	7
10	Case	M Hansen	Kitchen Huxley	76.4	9	Bob	Harrison	1	0	1	3	1	6
11	Phillips	Kuhn	Huxley C Milne	74.0	6	Arthur	Atkinson	2	1	0	2	0	5
12	Phillips	J Milne	Pitcher Kilmister	74.6	12	Vic	Huxley	0	0	0	1	3	4
13	Van Praag	Lees	Harrison Kuhn	75.0	13	Wally	Kilmister	0	1	0	0	2	3
14	Van Praag	Ormston	Case Kilmister	73.8	14	Gus	Kuhn	1	2	2	0	0	5
15	Langton	J Milne	Lees Kitchen	73.8	3	Ginger	Lees	0	0	2	1	1	4
16	Harrison	Atkinson	M Hansen Pitcher	75.6	4	Bill	Pitcher	1	1	1	0	1	4
17	Van Praag	J Milne	C Milne Hansen	75.2									
18	Langton	Phillips	Harrison Case	74.6		Res Gordon	Byers					DNR	
19	Huxley	Kilmister	Lees Atkinson	76.0									
20	Ormston	Kitchen	Pitcher Kuhn	75.2									

Bill Kitchen stood in for Norman Parker who was out with a foot injury.

HACKNEY WICK
Friday 14/08/1936

World Championship
Championship Round

Heat Results

				<u>Time</u>						<u>Total</u>					
1	Newton	Harrison	(Case R)	(B Hansen R)	72.0	12	Frank	Charles	3	3	3	3	3	15	
2	Parker	Kitchen	Atkinson	Murphy	72.4	8	Jack	Parker	3	2	3	2	3	13	
3	Charles	J Milne	Clibbett	Kilmister	71.6	13	Morian	Hansen	3	3	3	1	2	12	
4	M Hansen	C Milne	Chitty	Phillips	72.4	2	George	Newton	3	3	F	3	3	12	
5	M Hansen	Harrison	Kilmister	Atkinson	72.4	15	Cordy	Milne	2	3	1	2	1	9	
6	Newton	Kitchen	Clibbett	Phillips	72.2	3	Dick	Case	R	2	2	3	1	8	
7	C Milne	Case	Murphy	J Milne	74.0	11	Jack	Milne	2	0	3	0	3	8	
8	Charles	Parker	B Hansen	Chitty	70.6	1	Bob	Harrison	2	2	0	1	2	7	
9	J Milne	Kitchen	Chitty	Harrison	74.8	5	Arthur	Atkinson	1	0	2	2	1	6	
10	Charles	Atkinson	C Milne	(Newton F)	73.2	14	Wal	Phillips	0	0	2	1	2	5	
11	Charles	Phillips	Harrison	Murphy	73.6	4	Baltzar	Hansen	R	1	2	1	0	4	
12	M Hansen	B Hansen	Clibbett	(Murphy F)	74.6	10	Bill	Clibbett	1	1	1	0	0	3	
13	Parker	Case	Phillips	Kilmister	73.6	9	Wally	Kilmister	0	1	0	0	1	2	
14	Newton	Parker	M Hansen	J Milne	72.4	7	Mick	Murphy	0	1	0	F	N	1	
15	Case	Atkinson	Chitty	Clibbett	74.0	16	Fred	Tate				DNR			
16	Kitchen	C Milne	B Hansen	Kilmister	74.6	6	Joe	Abbott				DNR			
17	Parker	Harrison	C Milne	Clibbett	73.6	Reserves									
18	Newton	Chitty	Kilmister	Byers	75.4	Eric	Chitty	1	0	1	1	2	5		
19	Charles	M Hansen	Case	Kitchen	74.6	Bill	Kitchen	2	2	2	3	0	9		
20	J Milne	Phillips	Atkinson	B Hansen	n/k	Gordon	Byers					0	0		

Bill Kitchen took the place of Joe Abbott

WEMBLEY				World Championship											
Thursday 10/09/1936				Final 1936											
Heat Results				Time				Pnts	Bns	Total					
1	Charles	Case	Phillips	Newton	74	# Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	3	2	3	14	12	26
2	Wilkinson	Lees	Ormston	Atkinson	77	# Eric	Langton	3	3	3	2	2	13	13	26
3	Van Praag	C Milne	J Milne	Pitcher	76	8 Bluey	Wilkinson	3	3	3	3	3	15	10	25
4	Langton	Hansen	Huxley	Harrison	76.8	9 Cordy	Milne	2	2	1	3	3	11	9	20
5	Charles	C Milne	Ormston	Harrison	75.4	1 Frank	Charles	3	3	0	2	0	8	12	20
6	Langton	Atkinson	Pitcher	Case	77.4	2 Dick	Case	2	0	3	1	2	8	9	17
7	Van Praag	Huxley	Phillips	Lees	77.6	5 Jack	Ormston	1	1	2	3	1	8	9	17
8	Wilkinson	J Milne	Hansen	Newton	78.6	# Vic	Huxley	1	2	0	2	2	7	10	17
9	Van Praag	Hansen	Atkinson	Charles	76.6	4 George	Newton	0	0	3	1	0	4	12	16
10	Case	Ormston	J Milne	Huxley	78.6	# Jack	Milne	1	2	1	0	2	6	9	15
11	Langton	Charles	Lees	J Milne	76.8	# Morian	Hansen	2	1	2	F	0	5	10	15
12	Newton	Harrison	N Parker	Lees	77.8	# Bob	Harrison	0	0	2	0	3	5	10	15
13	Wilkinson	Langton	C Milne	Phillips	77.2	3 Wal	Phillips	1	1	0	2	1	5	7	12
14	Wilkinson	Van Praag	Case	Harrison	76.6	7 Ginger	Lees	2	0	1	0	1	4	7	11
15	Ormston	Phillips	(Hansen F)	(Pitcher X)	79.6	6 Arthur	Atkinson	0	2	1	0	0	3	6	9
16	C Milne	Huxley	Newton	Atkinson	78.4	# Bill	Pitcher	0	1	XT	X	1	2	7	9
17	Wilkinson	Huxley	Pitcher	Charles	78.6	Reserve									
18	C Milne	Case	Lees	Hansen	78.8	Norman	Parker				1		1	6	7
19	Harrison	J Milne	Phillips	Atkinson	79.8										
20	Van Praag	Langton	Ormston	Newton	78.2										
Run Off		Van Praag	Langton		No time										

The winner received the World Championship Trophy, a replica, an illuminated parchment and £500.
Second, a gold medal and £250, Third, a silver medal and £100, Fourth a bronze medal and £50.

There were some alterations to the original qualifiers when it came to the big night.
Jack Parker, Joe Abbott and first reserve Ron Johnson were all unfit through injuries.
Bill Pitcher and Arthur Atkinson came into the Final as next best qualifiers with Norman Parker as reserve.