

## STAR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 1933

In 1933 riders qualified for the final by coming first or second in their track's qualifying round. Nomination by a vote of the supporters was discontinued.

Qualifiers	Club	Winner	Second
	Belle Vue	Frank Varey	Eric Langton
	Clapton	Phil Bishop	Norman Parker
	Coventry	Dick Case	Stan Greatrex
	Crystal Palace	Tom Farndon	Ron Johnson
	Nottingham	Jack Chapman	Les Wotton
	Plymouth	Frank Goulden	Jack Sharp
	Sheffield	Eric Blain	Chun Moore
	Wembley	Harry Whitfield	Colin. Watson
	West Ham	Bluey Wilkinson	Tommy Croombs
	Wimbledon	Vic Huxley	Syd Jackson

Final **Wembley Stadium**  
Thursday 14/09/1933

Heats	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	<u>Time</u>
1	Wotton	Case	Huxley	Croombs	78.8
2	Farndon	Moore	Varey	(N Parker F)	79.2
3	Blain	Whitfield	Bishop	J Sharp	80.2
4	Wilkinson	E Langton	(Chapman R)	(Greatrex R)	80.4
5	Johnson	Jackson	Goulden	Watson	80.8

First 2 qualified + Bishop and Huxley as fastest 3rds.

Semi-Finals

1	Farndon	Wotton	Whitfield	(E Langton E)	79.0
2	Wilkinson	Jackson	(Blain F)	(Case R)	80.2
3	Johnson	Bishop	Moore	Huxley	80.4

Winners qualified.

<b>Final</b>	Farndon	Johnson	Wilkinson	79.6
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### **Star Champion 1933 Tom Farndon**

This was a classic with quality racing from the star studded line up. Bluey Wilkinson had a very eventful time. In the semi final he made a poor start, got pushed out wide on the first bend and was last. He blasted under Eric Blain at full throttle. The gap was very small and Blain came down, then Bluey picked off Dick Case.

He went on to catch Syd Jackson and they had a tooth and nail scrap. Bluey barged past on lap 3, making contact. Some thought that he should have been excluded for two highly robust moves. Others including the referee thought it was just hard but fair racing.

In the final he was at it again with Tom Farndon, not a man who gave in lightly. There were two laps of unbelievable racing then Bluey's front tyre came off and he had to fall back to third on the rim. Tom's victory was however very well deserved as he had ridden brilliantly all match.

His three wins were all within one second of the clutch start record (78.6 seconds). Tom Farndon had at this time reached the form which was to establish him over the following two years as arguably England's number 1 rider.