

Coronation Gold Cup 1937

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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.

Coronation Gold Cup - Best Pairs 1937

			Wimbledon	West Ham	Hackney	Belle Vue	New Cross	Wembley	Harringay	Total
1	Bluey Wilkinson	WEST HAM		9		6			12	27
	Arthur Atkinson			9		9			8	26
				18		15			20	53
2	Eric Langton	BELLE VUE		4		7	9	4		24
	Bill Kitchen			9		11	4	4		28
				13		18	13	8		52
3	Bob Harrison	BELLE VUE	3	2		12	1	5		23
	Joe Abbott		3	8		4	2	5		22
			6	10		16	3	10		45
4	George Newton	NEW CROSS	8	1	8		1			18
	Jack Milne		4	0	8		9			21
	Norman Evans						2			2
			12	1	16		12			41
5	Cordy Milne	HACKNEY WICK	4	4	6		3			17
	Morian Hansen		6	4	9		4			23
			10	8	15		7			40
6	Frank Charles	WEMBLEY	9	2	11			7		29
	Wally Lloyd		3	1	2			2		8
			12	3	13			9		37
7	Tommy Croombs	WEST HAM		3	1		1		8	12
	Eric Chitty			7	3		2		9	22
				10	4		3		17	34
8	Jack Parker	HARRINGAY	3	2	3			1	7	16
	Jack Ormston		6	0	5			3	4	18
			9	2	8			4	11	34
9	Eric Collins	WIMBLEDON	6	2				4		12
	Wilbur Lamoreaux		3	5				11		19
			9	7				15		31
10	Lionel Van Praag	WEMBLEY	3				8	9	7	27
	Eric Gregory		2				0	0	1	3
	Wally Kilmister						1			1
			5				9	9	8	31

11	Les	Wotton	HARRINGAY				1				1	2	4	8
	Alec	Statham					2			8	3	6	19	
	Clem	Mitchell										2	2	
							3			9	5	12	29	
12	Stan	Greatrex	NEW CROSS						1	5	11	6		23
	Ron	Johnson						2	0	1	0		3	
								3	5	12	6		26	
13	Geoff	Pymar	WIMBLEDON				3			7			DNR	10
	Claude	Rye					3						3	
	Miny	Waln							5			4	9	
							6		12			4	22	
14	Dicky	Case	HACKNEY WICK						2	2	2	2		8
	Stan	Dell						5	3	1	3		12	
								7	5	3	5		20	

Monday 10/05/1937

Coronation Gold Cup

WIMBLEDON

Best Pairs 1937

Heat Results

				Time
1	Collins	Lamoreaux	Wotton (Statham F)	74.0
2	Ormston	Parker	Abbott Harrison	75.0
3	Charles	Rye	Lloyd (Pymar F)	73.4
4	Ormston	Collins	Parker Lamoreaux	75.3
5	Charles	Lloyd	Statham Wotton	75.2
6	Van Praag	Gregory	Rye (Pymar E)	73.0
7	Newton	J Milne	Lamoreaux (Collins EIL)	76.0
8	Harrison	Abbott	Statham Wotton	75.6
9	Newton	Pymar	J Milne Rye	75.2
10	Hansen	C Milne	Collins (Lamoreaux F)	74.6
11	Charles	Newton	J Milne Lloyd	74.3
12	Hansen	C Milne	Pymar Rye	74.7

This was a complex comp to follow. The 14 pairs all met one another over 7 rounds except that pairs from the same club did not meet. As the chart shows home pairs rode 4 times whilst others took 1, 2 or 3 rides on the night.

								Total	
Eric	Collins	Wimbledon	3	2	EIL	1		6	
Wilbur	Lamoreaux		2	0	1	F		3	9
Les	Wotton	Harringay	1	0	0			1	
Alec	Statham		F	1	1			2	3
Jack	Parker	Harringay	2	1				3	
Jack	Ormston		3	3				6	9
Bob	Harrison	Belle Vue	0	3				3	
Joe	Abbott		1	2				3	6
Frank	Charles	Wembley	3	3	3			9	
Wally	Lloyd		1	2	0			3	12
Geoff	Pymar	Wimbledon	F	F	2	1		3	
Claude	Rye		2	1	0	0		3	6
Lionel	Van Praag	Wembley	3					3	
Eric	Gregory		2					2	5
George	Newton	New Cross	3	3	2			8	
Jack	Milne		2	1	1			4	12
Cordy	Milne	Hackney	2	2				4	
Morian	Hansen		3	3				6	10

Tuesday 11/05/1937

Coronation Gold Cup

WEST HAM

Best Pairs 1937

Total

Heat Results

				Speed
1	Atkinson	Wilkinson	Hansen (C Milne F)	41.66
2	Abbott	Lamoreaux	Collins Harrison	41.19
3	Kitchen	Langton	Croombs Chitty	42.75
4	Atkinson	Wilkinson	Lamoreaux Collins	42.25
5	Kitchen	Parker	Langton Ormston	42.55
6	Hansen	C Milne	Chitty Croombs	42.45
7	Atkinson	Wilkinson	Newton (J Milne FS)	43.47
8	Abbott	C Milne	Harrison (Hansen C)	42.25
9	Chitty	Croombs	Collins (Lamoreaux F)	42.75
10	Wilkinson	Charles (P)	Lloyd (Atkinson F)	43.06
11	Kitchen	Lamoreaux	Langton (Collins F)	43.16
12	Chitty	Abbott	Harrison (Croombs F)	42.45

A night of problems at the gate with many riders fighting to control a rearing front wheel for some distance. Jack Milne was a victim in heat 7. In the same heat Newton had the lead over Wilkinson and Atkinson for 2 and a half laps, then Atkinson passed him. Newton fought to keep up and scraped the fence which enabled Bluey to get by as well.

Bluey	Wilkinson	West Ham	2	2	2	3	9	
Arthur	Atkinson		3	3	3	F	9	18
Cordy	Milne	Hackney	FS	2	2		4	
Morian	Hansen		1	3	C		4	8
Bob	Harrison	Belle Vue	0	1	1		2	
Joe	Abbott		3	3	2		8	10
Eric	Collins	Wimbledon	1	0	1	F	2	
Wilbur	Lamoreaux		2	1	F	2	5	7
Eric	Langton	Belle Vue	2	1	1		4	
Bill	Kitchen		3	3	3		9	13
Tommy	Croombs	West Ham	1	0	2	F	3	
Eric	Chitty		0	1	3	3	7	10
Jack	Parker	Harringay	2				2	
Jack	Ormston		0				0	2
George	Newton	New Cross	1				1	
Jack	Milne		FS				0	1
Frank	Charles	Wembley	2				2	
Wally	Lloyd		1				1	3

Friday 14/05/1937

HACKNEY WICK

Coronation Gold Cup

Best Pairs 1937

Heat Results

				<u>Time</u>	
1	Charles	Case	Dell	Lloyd	73.77
2	J Milne	(Newton F)	(Chitty F)	(Croombs R)	75.95
3	Hansen	C Milne	Ormston	J Parker	75.62
4	Newton	J Milne	Dell	(Case E)	74.26
5	Charles	Ormston	Parker	(Lloyd F)	74.15
6	C Milne	Johnson	Greatrex	(Hansen EIL)	75.20
7	Dell	Ormston	Parker	(Case F)	74.70
8	Charles	Lloyd	Croombs	Chitty	74.73
9	Hansen	Newton	J Milne	(C Milne E)	72.85
10	Chitty	(Dell F)	(Croombs F)	(Case X)	75.20
11	Newton	J Milne	Parker	Ormston	75.03
12	Hansen	Charles	C Milne	Lloyd	72.86

								<u>Total</u>	
Dicky	Case	Hackney	2	E	F	X		2	
Stan	Dell		1	1	3	F		5	7
Frank	Charles	Wembley	3	3	3	2		11	
Wally	Lloyd		0	F	2	0		2	13
George	Newton	New Cross	F	3	2	3		8	
Jack	Milne		3	2	1	2		8	16
Cordy	Milne	Hackney	2	3	E	1		6	
Morian	Hansen		3	E	3	3		9	15
Jack	Parker	Harringay	0	1	1	1		3	
Jack	Ormston		1	2	2	0		5	8
Stan	Greatrex	New Cross	1					1	
Ron	Johnson		2					2	3
Tommy	Croombs	West Ham	R	1	F			1	
Eric	Chitty		F	0	3			3	4

In heat 2 Croombs was out early on. Milne and Newton were doing a nice team riding job on Eric Chitty who was trying very hard to find a way through. Chitty was right on Newton's tail when George fell. It looked impossible for Chitty to miss him. However Eric dug his left boot in so hard the steel shoe came apart and slowed the bike enough to swerve around George. Chitty hit Newton's bike and he finished up in the fence. No one was hurt and the crowd cheered Eric to the rafters as he walked off. Eric got his reward in heat 10 when he was the only finisher. Dell and Croombs were having a no holds barred wheel to wheel scrap leaning so close on one another that Tommy's handlebars caught in Stan's belt!! It doesn't get any closer. The resulting accident was pretty heavy but fortunately no injuries.

Saturday 15/05/1937

Coronation Gold Cup

BELLE VUE

Best Pairs 1937

Heat Results

				Time
1	Langton	Kitchen	Waln Pymar	79.6
2	Atkinson	Greatrex	Wlknsn (frm) (Johnson FS)	81.4
3	Harrison	Abbott	(Dell F) (Case LD)	80.6
4	Kitchen	Wilkinson	Atkinson Langton	78.2
5	Pymar	Dell	Case Waln	79.8
6	Harrison	Abbott	Greatrex (Johnson E)	79.4
7	Kitchen	Langton	Case Dell	79.2
8	Pymar	Waln	Greatrex (Johnson F)	80.8
9	Harrison	Atkinson	Wilkinson (Abbott F)	79.4
10	Kitchen	Langton	Greatrex Johnson	79.4
11	Atkinson	Wilkinson	Dell Case	80.2
12	Harrison	Waln	Pymar Abbott	80.4

								Total	
Eric	Langton	Belle Vue	3	0	2	2	7		
Bill	Kitchen		2	3	3	3	11	18	
Geoff	Pymar	Wimbledon	0	3	3	1	7		
Miny	Waln		1	0	2	2	5	12	
Bluey	Wilkinson	West Ham	1	2	1	2	6		
Arthur	Atkinson		3	1	2	3	9	15	
Stan	Greatrex	New Cross	2	1	1	1	5		
Ron	Johnson		FS	E	F	0	0	5	
Bob	Harrison	Belle Vue	3	3	3	3	12		
Joe	Abbott		2	2	F	0	4	16	
Dicky	Case	Hackney	LD	1	1	0	2		
Stan	Dell		F	2	0	1	3	5	

After heat 4 when he finished last Eric Langton used brother Oliver's bike and was not troubled by the opposition again.

Ron Johnson reared over at the start of heat 2 and took Bluey Wilkinson with him. Bluey jumped back on but was hopelessly far behind and toured around for a point.

Bob Harrison delivered another faultless maximum and was enjoying what was probably his best year in the sport.

Wednesday 19/05/1937

Coronation Gold Cup

NEW CROSS

Best Pairs 1937

Heat Results

				Time	
1	J Milne	Statham	Newton	Wotton	63.6
2	Van Praag	Hansen	C Milne	Gregory	61.1
3	Greatrex	Case	Dell	(Johnson E)	60.0
4	J Milne	Van Praag	Kilmister	(Newton F)	61.1
5	Langton	Kitchen	Statham	Wotton	61.7
6	Greatrex	Chitty	Croombs	Johnson	60.8
7	Langton	N Evans	(J Milne F)	(Kitchen F)	61.8
8	Statham	Hansen	C Milne	Wotton	61.2
9	Van Praag	Greatrex	Johnson	Gregory	60.3
10	J Milne	Abbott	Harrison	N Evans	61.0
11	Langton	Kitchen	C Milne	Hansen	62.2
12	Greatrex	Statham	Wotton	(Johnson X)	62.2

George Newton was very unwell and after a fall in heat 4 withdrew from the meeting.

								Total	
George	Newton	New Cross	1	F	N	N		1	
Jack	Milne		3	3	F	3		9	
Norman	Evans				2	0		2	12
Les	Wotton	Harringay	0	0	0	1		1	
Alec	Statham		2	1	3	2		8	9
Cordy	Milne	Hackney	1	1	1			3	
Morian	Hansen		2	2	0			4	7
Lionel	Van Praag	Wembley	3	2	3			8	
Eric	Gregory		0	N	0			0	
Wally	Kilmister			1				1	9
Stan	Greatrex	New Cross	3	3	2	3		11	
Ron	Johnson		E	0	1	X		1	12
Dicky	Case	Hackney	2					2	
Stan	Dell		1					1	3
Eric	Langton	Belle Vue	3	3	3			9	
Bill	Kitchen		2	F	2			4	13
Tommy	Croombs	West Ham	1					1	
Eric	Chitty		2					2	3
Bob	Harrison	Belle Vue	1					1	
Joe	Abbott		2					2	3

Thursday 20/05/1937

WEMBLEY

Coronation Gold Cup

Best Pairs 1937

Heat Results

				Time
1	Van Praag	Case	Dell Gregory	78.2
2	Ormston	Greatrex	Parker Johnson	77.6
3	Charles	Lamoreaux	Collins Lloyd	75.8
4	Van Praag	Kitchen	Langton Gregory	77.0
5	Lamoreaux	Dell	Collins (Case E)	78.2
6	Harrison	Abbott	Charles Lloyd	79.0
7	Lamoreaux	Van Praag	Collins Gregory	77.2
8	Statham	Wotton	(Case LD) (Dell F)	85.0
9	Langton	Kitchen	Lloyd Charles (ET)	78.8
10	Lamoreaux	Greatrex	Collins (Johnson E)	78.4
11	Abbott	Harrison	Van Praag Gregory	79.0
12	Charles	Greatrex	Lloyd Johnson	78.6

			Total				
Lionel	Van Praag	Wembley	3	3	2	1	9
Eric	Gregory		0	0	0	0	0
Dicky	Case	Hackney	2	E	F		2
Stan	Dell		1	2	F		3
Jack	Parker	Harringay	1				1
Jack	Ormston		3				3
Stan	Greatrex	New Cross	2	2	2		6
Ron	Johnson		0	E	0		0
Frank	Charles	Wembley	3	1	0	3	7
Wally	Lloyd		0	0	1	1	2
Eric	Collins	Wimbledon	1	1	1	1	4
Wilbur	Lamoreaux		2	3	3	3	11
Eric	Langton	Belle Vue	1	3			4
Bill	Kitchen		2	2			4
Bob	Harrison	Belle Vue	3	2			5
Joe	Abbott		2	3			5
Les	Wotton	Harringay	2				2
Alec	Statham		3				3

Saturday 22/05/1937

Coronation Gold Cup

HARRINGAY

Best Pairs 1937

Heat Results

				<u>Time</u>
1	Chitty	Croombs	Ormston (Parker F)	72.0
2	Wilkinson	Atkinson	Waln (Rye NS)	75.8
3	Van Praag	Wotton	Statham (Gregory F)	75.6
4	Wilkinson	Atkinson	Parker (Ormston ES)	75.2
5	Chitty	Van Praag	Croombs Gregory (FRM)	75.8
6	Statham	Wotton	Waln (Rye NS)	76.2
7	Parker	Van Praag	Ormston (Gregory F)	76.2
8	Chitty	Croombs	Waln (Rye NS)	75.4
9	Wilkinson	Atkinson	Statham Wotton	77.8
10	Parker	Ormston	Waln (Rye NS)	75.8
11	Wilkinson	Atkinson	Gregory (Van Praag E)	76.0
12	Croombs	Mitchell	Statham (Chitty XW)	79.0

						<u>Total</u>	
Tommy	Croombs	2	1	2	3	8	
Eric	Chitty	3	3	3	XW	9	17
Jack	Parker	F	1	3	3	7	
Jack	Ormston	1	ES	1	2	4	11
Bluey	Wilkinson	3	3	3	3	12	
Arthur	Atkinson	2	2	2	2	8	20
Claude	Rye	DNR					
Geoff	Pymar	DNR					
Miny	Waln	1	1	1	1	4	4
Lionel	Van Praag	3	2	2	E	7	
Eric	Gregory	F	0	F	1	1	8
Les	Wotton	2	2	0	N	4	
Alec	Statham	1	3	1	1	6	
Clem	Mitchell					2	12

Claude Rye was ill and Geoff Pymar injured so Miny Waln was the only rider for Wimbledon.

The Gold Cup looked destined to be won by Eric Langton and Bill Kitchen who had completed their fixtures with 52 points. Only Wilkinson and Atkinson could beat them by going through this event unbeaten.

It looked a tall order but the Hammers pair had a charmed life as the opposition fell apart. In heat 2 Waln was the only opponent and was outclassed. In heat 4 the Harringay Tigers had a disastrous start. Ormston stayed where he was as the tapes flew up and Jack Parker struggled slowly away and was hopelessly far behind Surely Van Praag would at least split them in heat 11. No, Van broke down at the first bend. Bluey Wilkinson and Arthur Atkinson had won the Gold Cup by a point.