

## London Cup 1939

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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.

Monday 15/05/1939		London Cup 1939				Score Chart														
<b>WIMBLEDON</b>		Round 1				<b>WIMBLEDON</b>										Total				
<b>HARRINGAY</b>																				
<b>Heat Results</b>						<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A	1 Geoff Pymar	3	3	3	3	2	3	17		
1	Collins	Pitcher	Wotton	(Lamraux C)	73.2	3	3	3	3	2 Vic Duggan	1	2	3	3	3			12		
2	Pymar	Goffe	Evans	N Parker	75.0	4	2	7	5	3 Wilbur Lamoreaux	E	1	3	2	2	2		10		
3	J Parker	Statham	Lamoreaux	Lloyd	73.8	1	5	8	10	4 Eric Collins	3	3	3	3	3			15		
4	Key	Dolan	Leavis	Chapman	76.0	4	2	12	12	5 Wally Lloyd	0	1	0	2	2			5		
5	Pymar	J Parker	Duggan	Pitcher	72.4	4	2	16	14	6 Norman Evans	1	0	N	1	0			2		
6	Lamoreaux	N Parker	Wotton	Evans	74.6	3	3	19	17	7 Nobby Key	3	2	3					8		
7	Collins	Duggan	Statham	Goffe	72.4	5	1	24	18	8 Fred Leavis	1	1						2		
8	Pymar	J Parker	Lloyd	Wotton	73.2	4	2	28	20	<b>HARRINGAY</b>										71
9	Pymar	Lamoreaux	Pitcher	Goffe	72.4	5	1	33	21	1 Jack Parker ©	3	2	2	1	2	1		11		
10	Duggan	Key	N Parker	Wotton	74.0	5	1	38	22	2 Bill Pitcher	2	0	1	2	0			5		
11	Collins	Pitcher	Statham	Lloyd	73.6	3	3	41	25	3 Les Wotton	1	1	0	0	0			2		
12	Duggan	Lamoreaux	J Parker	N Parker	72.6	5	1	46	26	4 Norman Parker	0	2	1	0	0			3		
13	Statham	Lloyd	Evans	Pitcher	72.0	3	3	49	29	5 Alec Statham	2	1	1	3	1	0		8		
14	Key	Dolan	Leavis	Chapman	74.8	4	2	53	31	6 Lloyd Goffe	2	0		1	1			4		
15	Collins	Pymar	Statham	N Parker	74.2	5	1	58	32	7 Frank Dolan	2	2						4		
16	Duggan	Lloyd	Goffe	Wotton	73.4	5	1	63	33	8 Jack Chapman	0	0						0		
17	Collins	J Parker	Goffe	Evans	74.2	3	3	66	36											37
18	Pymar	Lamoreaux	J Parker	Statham	73.6	5	1	71	37											

Saturday 20/05/1939

**HARRINGAY** 64  
**WIMBLEDON** 42

First leg **Total**  
 37 **101**  
 71 **113**

Score Chart

<b>HARRINGAY</b>							Total
1 Norman Parker		0	1	3	2	1	7
2 Alec Statham		2	3	3	1	2	11
3 Bill Pitcher		2	3	1	3	2	12
4 Jack Parker ©		3	2	3	3	3	14
5 Lloyd Goffe		0	1	1	2	3	7
6 Les Wotton		3	3	2	0	1	9
7 Dick Harris		1	1				2
8 Frank Dolan		2	0				2
<b>WIMBLEDON</b>							
1 Wilbur Lamoreaux		0	3	2	3	2	13
2 Norman Evans		0	0	1	0	N	1
3 Vic Duggan		1	2	0	0	1	4
4 Wally Lloyd		2	0	1	0	0	3
5 Eric Collins		2	1	2	3	2	12
6 Geoff Pymar		0	0	0	0	N	0
7 Nobby Key		3	1	2	0		6
8 Fred Leavis		0	3				3
							<b>42</b>

**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A
1 J Parker	Pitcher	Duggan	Evans	72.6	5	1	5	1
2 Wotton	Lloyd	(N Parker R)	(Pymar R)	74.2	3	2	8	3
3 Pitcher	Collins	(Goffe R)	(Lamoreaux R)	73.4	3	2	11	5
4 Key	Dolan	Harris	Leavis	77.5	3	3	14	8
5 Lamoreaux	Statham	N Parker	Evans	72.4	3	3	17	11
6 Wotton	Duggan	Pitcher	Lloyd	74.0	4	2	21	13
7 Statham	J Parker	Collins	Pymar	74.6	5	1	26	14
8 N Parker	Lamoreaux	Goffe	Duggan	73.0	4	2	30	16
9 Pitcher	N Parker	Evans	Pymar	76.0	5	1	35	17
10 Statham	Wotton	Lloyd	Duggan	74.6	5	1	40	18
11 J Parker	Collins	Goffe	Evans	74.4	4	2	44	20
12 Lamoreaux	Pitcher	Statham	Lloyd	74.2	3	3	47	23
13 Collins	Goffe	Key	Wotton	75.8	2	4	49	27
14 Leavis	Key	Harris	Dolan	77.4	1	5	50	32
15 J Parker	Collins	N Parker	Lloyd	74.8	4	2	54	34
16 Goffe	Statham	Duggan	Pymar	75.2	5	1	59	35
17 J Parker	Lamoreaux	Wotton	Key	74.4	4	2	63	37
18 Lamoreaux	Collins	Pitcher	Wotton	76.4	1	5	64	42

Thursday 15/06/1939

London Cup 1939  
Semi-Final

Score Chart

**WEMBLEY** 55  
**WIMBLEDON** 52

**WEMBLEY**

Total

**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A
<b>1 Van Praag</b>	Lamoreaux	Lawson	Evans	<b>73.2</b>	4	2	4	2
<b>2 Duggan</b>	Price	Hansen	Pymar	77.6	3	3	7	5
<b>3 Van Praag</b>	Collins	Wilks	(Lloyd E)	76.4	4	2	11	7
<b>4 Charles</b>	Key	Leavis	(Parkinson E)	75.0	3	3	14	10
<b>5 Lamoreaux</b>	Price	Craven	Collins	77.2	3	3	17	13
<b>6 Van Praag</b>	Duggan	Evans	Hansen	76.8	3	3	20	16
<b>7 Lloyd</b>	Pymar	Craven	Lawson	77.6	1	5	21	21
<b>8 Price</b>	Evans	(Wilks F)	(Collins F)	82.0	3	2	24	23
<b>9 Van Praag</b>	Lamoreaux	Price	Pymar	75.4	4	2	28	25
<b>10 Charles</b>	Duggan	Craven	Evans	77.6	4	2	32	27
<b>11 Lamoreaux</b>	Lloyd	Wilks	Lawson	77.4	1	5	33	32
<b>12 Van Praag</b>	Duggan	Craven	(Collins F)	77.6	4	2	37	34
<b>13 Lamoreaux</b>	Wilks	Hansen	(Lloyd E)	77.8	3	3	40	37
<b>14 Charles</b>	Key	Parkinson	(Leavis E)	78.6	4	2	44	39
<b>15 Duggan</b>	Price	Lloyd	Charles	78.0	2	4	46	43
<b>16 Pymar</b>	Wilks	Evans	Craven	78.8	2	4	48	47
<b>17 Hansen</b>	Pymar	Charles	Collins	78.4	4	2	52	49
<b>18 Van Praag</b>	Lamoreaux	Duggan	Price	76.0	3	3	55	52

1 Tommy	Price	2	2	3	1	2	0	10
2 Malcolm	Craven	1	1	1	1	0		4
3 Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
4 Aub	Lawson	1	0	0	N	N		1
5 George	Wilks	1	F	1	2	2		6
6 Morian	Hansen	1	0	N	1	3		5
7 Frank	Charles	3	3	3	0	1		10
8 Cliff	Parkinson	E	1					1
								<b>55</b>

**WIMBLEDON**

1 Eric	Collins	2	0	F	F	0		2
2 Wilbur	Lamoreaux	2	3	2	3	3	2	15
3 Norman	Evans	0	1	2	0	1		4
4 Vic	Duggan	3	2	2	2	3	1	13
5 Wally	Lloyd	E	3	2	E	1		6
6 Geoff	Pymar	0	2	0	3	2		7
7 Wally	Key	2	2					4
8 Fred	Leavis	1	E					1
								<b>52</b>

Eric Collins fell 3 times.

Frank Charles unexpectedly returned to The Lions after a spell out of the sport working as a Gliding Instructor.

Hansen's position became doubtful because he had been allocated to Wembley to replace Charles.

Wembley had a first round bye. A 3 point lead to take to Plough lane was not enough.

The Lions lost by 10 points and were out of the London Cup 104/111.

Monday	19/06/1939	First leg	Total	Score Chart															
<b>WIMBLEDON</b>		59	52	<b>111</b>	<b>WIMBLEDON</b>										Total				
<b>WEMBLEY</b>		49	55	<b>104</b>	1 Vic	Duggan	3	2	3	2	3	2	<b>15</b>						
<b>Heat Results</b>				<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A	2 Wally	Lloyd	3	2	3	3	3	<b>14</b>			
1	Lamoreaux	Van Praag	Lawson	French	69.2	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	<b>16</b>			
2	Duggan	Wilks	Craven	Evans	71.8	3	3	6	6	4 Eric	French	0	0	N	N	<b>0</b>			
3	Pymar	Lamoreaux	Price	Hansen	72.6	5	1	11	7	5 Geoff	Pymar	3	1	1	2	<b>7</b>			
4	Charles	Key	Parkinson	Leavis	72.4	2	4	13	11	6 Norman	Evans	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>			
5	Lloyd	Duggan	Van Praag	Price	71.6	5	1	18	12	7 Nobby	Key	2	0	2	0	<b>6</b>			
6	Lamoreaux	Craven	Lawson	Evans	72.4	3	3	21	15	8 Fred	Leavis	0	0			<b>0</b>			
7	Hansen	Lloyd	Wilks	French	72.4	2	4	23	19	<b>WEMBLEY</b>									
8	Duggan	Lawson	Pymar	Price	72.6	4	2	27	21	1 Tommy	Price	1	0	0	N	N	<b>1</b>		
9	Lamoreaux	Duggan	Van Praag	Wilks	71.2	5	1	32	22	2 Lionel	Van Praag	2	1	1	2	0	<b>6</b>		
10	Lloyd	Lawson	Craven	Evans	73.2	3	3	35	25	3 Aub	Lawson	1	1	2	2	1	<b>7</b>		
11	Hansen	Van Praag	Pymar	Key	72.8	1	5	36	30	4 Malcolm	Craven	1	2	1	0	1	<b>5</b>		
12	Lloyd	Lamoreaux	Charles	Craven	73.6	5	1	41	31	5 Morian	Hansen	0	3	3	3	2	1	<b>12</b>	
13	Hansen	Pymar	Evans	Van Praag	72.6	3	3	44	34	6 George	Wilks	2	1	0	2	1	<b>6</b>		
14	Charles	Key	Parkinson	Leavis	73.2	2	4	46	38	7 Frank	Charles	3	1	3	3	0	<b>10</b>		
15	Duggan	Hansen	Craven	Key	73.0	3	3	49	41	8 Cliff	Parkinson	1	1				<b>2</b>		
16	Lloyd	Wilks	Lawson	Pymar	72.6	3	3	52	44										
17	Charles	Key	Wilks	Evans	73.0	2	4	54	48										
18	Lamoreaux	Duggan	Hansen	Charles	74.0	5	1	59	49										

Eric Collins was out of the Wimbledon team with a broken ankle.

Tuesday 13/06/1939

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Score Chart

**WEST HAM 56**

Semi-Final

**WEST HAM**

Total

**NEW CROSS 50**

**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A
1	Croombs	Johnson	Duggan	81.0	3	3	3	3
2	Milne	Spinks	Chitty	82.4	3	3	6	6
3	Gibb	Croombs	Longley	81.4	5	1	11	7
4	Watson	Rawding	(Garland frm)	82.0	4	2	15	9
5	Johnson	Chitty	Restall	82.8	2	4	17	13
6	Milne	Croombs	Rawding	81.6	2	4	19	17
7	Greatrex	Stevenson	Bishop	83.0	3	3	22	20
8	Gibb	Duggan	Chitty	82.6	4	2	26	22
9	Croombs	Greatrex	Johnson	81.4	3	3	29	25
10	Milne	Rawding	Spinks	84.0	5	1	34	26
11	Gibb	Johnson	Longley	82.0	3	3	37	29
12	Croombs	Stevenson	Restall	81.0	1	5	38	34
13	Gibb	Johnson	Longley	83.0	3	3	41	37
14	Watson	Garland	(Rawding R)	83.2	5	0	46	37
15	Milne	Chitty	Bishop	84.0	3	3	49	40
16	Gibb	Greatrex	Stevenson	83.4	4	2	53	42
17	Garland	Restall	Greatrex	82.0	3	3	56	45
18	Milne	Johnson	(Croombs F)	86.2	0	5	56	50

1	Eric	Chitty	1	2	1	0	2	6
2	Tiger	Stevenson	0	2	0	2	1	5
3	Tommy	Croombs	3	2	2	3	3	F 13
4	Phil	Bishop	0	1	0	1	N	2
5	Jimmy	Gibb	3	3	3	3	3	F 15
6	Charlie	Spinks	2	0	1	0	0	3
7	Gruff	Garland	1	2	3			6
8	Colin	Watson	3	3				6

**NEW CROSS**

1	Goldy	Restall	0	1	0	1	2	4
2	Ron	Johnson	2	3	1	2	2	2 12
3	Ray	Duggan	1	N	2	N	0	3
4	Jack	Milne	3	3	3	F	3	3 15
5	Bill	Longley	1	0	1	1	0	3
6	Stan	Greatrex	0	3	2	2	1	8
7	Ken	Blair	F	N				0
8	Crocky	Rawding	2	1	2	0		5

Ray Duggan injured his ankle against the fence in heat 1. He rode once more and fell.

Ken Blair was carried off in his only race. He fell in front of Gruff Garland who was blinded by sand and ran into him.



Wednesday 05/07/1939

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Score Chart

**NEW CROSS** 46

Final

**NEW CROSS**

**WIMBLEDON** 62

Total

**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A			FS	FS	3	2	3	3	11
1	Lamoreaux	Greatrex	Evans (Restall FS)	61.9	2	4	2	4	1	Jack Milne							
RR 2	Pymar	V Duggan	Johnson (Milne FS)	60.8	1	5	3	9	2	Ray Duggan	1	1	2	2	1		7
3	Collins	Lloyd	Greatrex Longley	62.2	1	5	4	14	3	Stan Greatrex	2	1	1	0	F		4
4	Francis	French	Rawding (Key F)	64.2	4	2	8	16	4	Goldy Restall	FS	0	1	0	N		1
5	Collins	Lamoreaux	R Duggan (Milne FS)	62.6	1	5	9	21	5	Bill Longley	0	1	0	2	2		5
6	Johnson	V Duggan	Greatrex Evans	62.0	4	2	13	23	6	Ron Johnson	1	3	3	F	3	0	10
7	Lloyd	Pymar	R Duggan Restall	62.7	1	5	14	28	7	Joe Francis	3	3	0				6
8	Milne	Collins	Longley Evans	63.0	4	2	18	30	8	Crocky Rawding	1	1					2
9	Lamoreaux	Milne	Pymar Greatrex	60.8	2	4	20	34									46
10	Johnson	R Duggan	Lloyd (French E)	64.3	5	1	25	35		<b>WIMBLEDON</b>							
11	V Duggan	Lamoreaux	Restall Longley	63.4	1	5	26	40	1	Eric Collins	3	3	2	1	2		11
12	V Duggan	R Duggan	Collins (Greatrex F)	63.4	2	4	28	44	2	Wilbur Lamoreaux	3	2	3	2	3	2	15
13	Lamoreaux	Longley	Lloyd (Johnson F)	62.4	2	4	30	48	3	Norman Evans	1	0	0	0	N		1
14	Francis	Key	Rawding French	64.4	4	2	34	50	4	Vic Duggan	2	2	3	3	2	1	13
15	Milne	V Duggan	Lloyd Restall	62.4	3	3	37	53	5	Wally Lloyd	2	3	1	1	1		8
16	Pymar	Longley	R Duggan Evans	62.8	3	3	40	56	6	Geoff Pymar	3	2	1	3	1		10
17	Johnson	Collins	Pymar Francis	62.9	3	3	43	59	7	Nobby Key	F	2					2
18	Milne	Lamoreaux	V Duggan Johnson	61.8	3	3	46	62	8	Eric French	2	E	0				2

New Cross riders reared and fell at the gate many times throughout and it seemed to unsettle the team.

The starting grid was supposed to be swept completely clear of cinders under the rules in force at the time.

This was not the practice at New Cross but the steward ordered it to be carried out. Whilst he was right to do so the effect was to spoil a prestigious Cup Final leaving New Cross with no hope of recovering the deficit at Wimbledon.



10/07/1939		First leg	Total	Score Chart														
<b>WIMBLEDON</b>		72	62	<b>WIMBLEDON</b>												Total		
<b>NEW CROSS</b>		36	46	82	1 Vic	Duggan	3	1	2	2	2						10	
<b>Heat Results</b>				<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A	2 Wally	Lloyd	3	0	0	2	1		6	
1	Lamoreaux	Milne	Collins	Longley	69.6	4	2	4	2	3 Wilbur	Lamoreaux	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
2	V Duggan	Key	Greatrex	Restall	73.4	5	1	9	3	4 Eric	Collins	1	3	2	3	3	2	14
3	Lamoreaux	Pymar	Johnson	R Duggan	72.4	5	1	14	4	5 Geoff	Pymar	2	1	3	3	2		11
4	Francis	Evans	French	Rawding	74.6	3	3	17	7	6 Nobby	Key	2	1	1	1	2		7
5	Lloyd	Longley	V Duggan	R Duggan	74.0	4	2	21	9	7 Norman	Evans	2	3					5
6	Lamoreaux	Milne	Key	Greatrex	71.2	4	2	25	11	8 Eric	French	1	0					1
7	Collins	Johnson	Restall	Lloyd	72.6	3	3	28	14	<b>NEW CROSS</b>								72
8	Milne	V Duggan	Pymar	R Duggan	71.8	3	3	31	17	1 Ray	Duggan	0	0	0	1	1		2
9	Lamoreaux	V Duggan	Restall	Longley	74.0	5	1	36	18	2 Jack	Milne	2	2	3	3	3	F	13
10	Milne	Johnson	Key	Lloyd	73.8	1	5	37	23	3 Bill	Longley	0	2	0	N	0		2
11	Pymar	Collins	Greatrex	Francis	73.8	5	1	42	24	4 Stan	Greatrex	1	0	1	0	0		2
12	Lamoreaux	Lloyd	R Duggan	Greatrex	74.4	5	1	47	25	5 Ron	Johnson	1	2	2	2	1	1	9
13	Pymar	Johnson	Key	Longley	73.2	4	2	51	27	6 Goldy	Restall	0	1	1	0	0		2
14	Evans	Rawding	Francis	French	75.0	3	3	54	30	7 Joe	Francis	3	0	1				4
15	Collins	V Duggan	Johnson	Greatrex	73.8	5	1	59	31	8 Crocky	Rawding	0	2					2
16	Milne	Pymar	Lloyd	Restall	72.6	3	3	62	34									36
17	Collins	Key	R Duggan	Restall	74.8	5	1	67	35									
18	Lamoreaux	Collins	Johnson	(Milne F)	73.4	5	1	72	36									

By this time Vic Duggan was a real top liner. Third in heat 5 doesn't look great at first. However it was some ride. Vic messed up the start and completely stalled. By the time he was away the others were on the back straight. Vic pulled back half a lap on his brother to get third.