

California 1937

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Sources: RS=Reading Standard, RC=Reading Chronicle, EG=Evening Gazette, SN=Speedway News, LH=Les Hawkins, JS=John Somerville, BS= Barry Stephenson, WT = Wokingham Times, PMP = partly marked programme

		Fixture	Result	Source	Notes	TR
	1937			RS 4.2.38	AGM – reports 14 mtgs in 1937 (results of 13 mtgs + 2 blanks listed)	
29.3	H	Individual	B Grade: Ht 1: Brown, Lewington 88.4 Ht 2: Blackwell, Hayes 92.0 Final: Brown, Blackwell, Lewington 84.4 Scr:atch: Ht 1: Vigor, Boyd, Brown 79.0 Ht 2: Adams, Hitch, Baldwin 80.4 Ht 3: Deacon, Argrave 91.4 Ht 4: H Shepherd, Newell, Blackwell 86.4 Final: Vigor, Adams, H Shepherd 89.8 Handicap 1: Ht 1: Brown, Newell 82.4 Ht 2: Bason 86.2 Ht 3: L Shepherd, Baldwin, Boyd 80.0 Ht 4: Vigor, Argrave 87.0 Final: Vigor, Brown, Baldwin (5 rider final) 81.4 Handicap 2: Ht 1: L Shepherd, Adams, Brown 80.0 Ht 2: Boyd, Hitch 84.0 Ht 3: Bason, Baldwin, Deacon 86.8 Ht 4: Vigor, Adams, H Shepherd 84.6 Final: Boyd, L Shepherd, Adams 81.0 Spectators: Ht 1: Rhymes, Turner, Godwin 121.2 Ht 2: Pope, Easter 117.0 Event 21 Race: Vigor, Adams, Brown 82.0	RC 2.4.37 LH	"record crowd"	

18.4	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Ht 1: Shepherd, Boyd 88.4 Ht 2: Lewington, Walker Ht 3: Adam, Brown 89.0 Ht 4: Hitch, Newell 103.2 Ht 5: ? Final: Adams, Shepherd, Hitch 93.2 Scratch 2: Ht 1: Adams 93.4 Ht 2: Walker 99.0 Ht 3: Newell 100.? Ht 4: Shepherd, Blackwell 91.? Ht 5: Brown 95.2 Final: Shepherd, Adams, Brown 89.0 Handicap 1: Ht 1: Hault, Lewington 97.2 Ht 2: Newell, Baldwin 97.6 Ht 3: Brown, Shepherd 89.2 Ht 4: ? Ht 5: ? Final: Brown, Newell 90.2 Consolation Race: Lewington, Westwood, Baldwin 95.2 Handicap 2: Ht 1?: Lewington, Adams 98.4 Fastest Riders Race: Possibly not run?	RS 23.4.37 LH	Prog dated 18 May	
2.5	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Ht 1: Walker, Blackwell 78.2 Ht 2: Hitch, Lead, Brown 77.6 Ht 3: Deacon, Newell, Argrave 77.8 Ht 4: Shepherd, Lewington, Walker 79.0 Ht 5: Vigor, Adams, Holt 79.0 Final: Vigor, Walker, Shepherd, [Hitch, Deacon 77.8 Scratch 2: Ht 1: Walker, Forbes 81.0 Ht 2: Vigor, Brown 77.8 Ht 3: Hitch 79.8 Ht 4: Adams, Newell, Shepherd 77.8 Ht 5: Holt, Waller 82.6	RS 7.5.37 LH	Dusty Source suggest Lead should be 'Legg'	

			<p>Final: Vigor, Walker, Hitch, [Adams, Holt 78.8 Handicap 1: Ht 1: Hitch, Lead 81.2 Ht 2: Newell, Baldwin 75.2 Ht 3: Shepherd, Brown, Adams 78.0 Ht 4: Vigor, Lewington 79.2 Ht 5: Blackwell 82.4 Final: Shepherd, Vigor, Newell 74.4 Consolation Race: Lewington, Brown, Blackwell 81.2 Event 20 Race: Holt, Forbes, Lead 82.2 Fastest Non-Winners Race: Holt, Lewington, Brown, Forbes 78.8 Fastest Riders Race: Adams, Vigor, Newell, Hitch 77.2</p>			
17.5	H	Individual	<p>Scratch 1: Ht 1: Argrave, Waller 82.2 Ht 2: L Shepherd, Brown 76.4 Ht 3: Bason, Deacon 79.8 Ht 4: Walker, Newell, G Davis 77.6 Ht 5: Adams, Hoult, Lewington 75.8 Final: Walker, Adams, Bason 74.0 Handicap 1 Ht 1: Hoult, Newell 74.8 Ht 2: Walker, Ladd 77.8 Ht 3: Hitch, Lewington, Waller 77.2 Ht 4: Baldwin, Blackwell 79.8 Ht 5: Brown, Argrave, Westwood 75.0 Final: Hitch, Walker, Brown 74.4 Handicap 2: Ht 1: Brown, Deacon Ht 2: not run? Ht 3: Newell, Blackwell 75.2 Ht 4: Walker, Westwood 75.0 Ht 5: Bason, Deacon Final: Brown, Newell, Bason 80.8 Fastest riders: Walker, Hitch, Newell, Brown 74.2</p>	LH		

			<p>Consolation race: Deacon, Westwood, Baldwin, Blackwell 81.8</p> <p>Match race: Norman v Forbes – dead heat</p> <p>Match race rerun: Forbes, Norman (two laps) 39.0</p> <p>Track record attempt: Newell 74.4</p>			
30.5	H	Individual	<p>Scratch 1: Ht 1: L Shepherd, H Hitch, [G Davies, C Brown] 79.6 Ht 2: V Baldwin, [H Westwood, J Forbes, G Argrave] 83.0 Ht 3: J Walker, J Ladd, [F Blackwell, T Davis] 79.0 Ht 4: J Boyd, [J Adams, P Hoult, S Lewington, J Walker] Ht 5: R Vigor, W Newell, [H Deacon, G Bason, V Baldwin] Final: Boyd, Vigor, Walker, Shepherd, Baldwin] 78.0</p> <p>Scratch 2: Vigor (TR)</p> <p>Handicap 1: Ht 1: R Vigor, W Newell, [E Waller, V Baldwin] Ht 2: H Hitch, [P Hoult, J Ladd, G Davies] 77.8 Ht 3: J Boyd, [S Lewington, F Blackwell, T Hayhow] Ht 4: J Walker, [R Westwood, H Deacon, J Adams, G Argrave] Ht 5: Not raced. Final: R Vigor, J Boyd, H Hitch, J Walker 71.2</p> <p>Handicap 2: Ht 1: not raced Ht 2: L Shepherd, [H Hitch, V Baldwin, W Newell] 77.4 Ht 3: R Westwood, C Brown, [E Waller, F Wakefield] 83.2 Ht 4: J Adams, J Ladd, [H Deacon, P Hoult] Ht 5: J Boyd, R Vigor 82.6 Final: Boyd, Shepherd, Adams, Westwood 71.2 Fastest: Boyd (71.0 TR), Hitch, [Vigor, Shepherd] Consolation: Ladd, Brown 77.0</p>	RS 4.6.37 PMP	Cons: Newell	Vigor 71.2 & Boyd 70.0

13.6	H	Individual	Scratch: Adams, Walker, Newell Handicap 1: P Hoult, L Shepherd, Walker Handicap 2: Newell, R Westwood, C Harris Fastest: Walker, Adams, Hoult	RS 18.6		
27.6	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Boyd, Vigor, Walker Scratch 2: Boyd, Adams Handicap: R Harris, Walker, Boyd Fastest: Boyd, Walker	RS 2.7		
11.7	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Boyd, Walker, Newell Scratch 2: Boyd, Walker, Bason Handicap: Bason, Hitch Fastest: Walker, G Godwin, Newell	RS 16.7		
25.7	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Ht 1: Adams, Godwin, Baltutis 75.8 Ht 2: Newell, Deacon, Mills 79.0 Ht 3: Walker, Hitch 79.0 Ht 4: Boyd, Bason, Williams 76.8 Final: Boyd, Walker, Newell 75.8 Scratch 2: Ht 1: Williams, Bason, Wakefield 77.2 Ht 2: Walker, Hutton 76.4 Ht 3: Boyd, Mills, Lewington 76.6 Ht 4: Newell, Godwin, Deacon 78.0 Final: Boyd, Walker, Newell 74.4 Handicap: Ht 1: Duke, Adams 75.4 Ht 2: Williams, Lewington, Mills 75.2 Ht 3: Deacon, Godwin 73.2 Ht 4: Hitch, Newell, Mills 77.0 Final: Hitch, Williams, Duke 78.8 Fastest Riders Race: Boyd, Walker, Adams 74.4 Consolation Race Ht 1: Lewington, Hutton 80.2 Ht 2: Godwin, Mills 78.4 Final: Lewington, Mills 82.0	RS 30.7 LH	Cons; Lewington, P Mills Deacon, Bason, Argrave, Godwin, Sims among competitors 5 rider heats	

8.8	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Boyd, Vigor, Newell Scratch 2: Vigor, Walker, Newell Handicap: F Wakefield, G Argrave, Vigor Fastest: R Vigor, J Walker, W Newell Match Race: J Boyd	8.8		
22.8	H	Individual	Scratch 1: R Harris, Walker, G Liddle Scratch 2: Newell, F Wakefield, G Argrave Handicap: R Harris, Walker, Newell Fastest: Walker, Adams			

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5.9	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Adams, C Brown Scratch 2: Adams, L Shepherd, G Argrave Handicap: Liddle, Newell, Deacon Fastest: Adams, Newell, L Shepherd	RS 10.9		
19.9	H	Club Championship	Postponed		For Evening Gazette Trophy	
29.9	A	Portsmouth	L 36-26	BS	Goffe 6, Hoult 6, L Shepherd 5+1, Argrave 3, L Schofield 2+2, R Stainer 2, F Blackwell 0, T Hayhow 0 P'moth: Tuck 9 (max), Newell 6+2, Liddle 6, Bason 5, Over 12 heats, 2 3-nils and four two finisher races. Goffe won second half events. Final mtg at Portsmouth	
3.10	H	Club Championship for E Gazette Trophy	Ht 1: Walker, Bason, Shepherd, Houghton 74.0 Ht 2: Deacon, Hoult, Francis (nf), Williams (nf) 79.8 Ht 3: Boyd, Newell, Brown, Adams 74.2 Ht 4: Liddle, Wakefield, Argrave, Blackwell 78.6 Ht 5: Adams, Bason, Blackwell (nf), Lewington (nf) 78.4 Ht 6: Walker, Newell, Argrave, Hoult 75.0 Ht 7: Boyd, Williams, Houghton, Wakefield 74.8 Ht 8: Shepherd, Deacon, Liddle, Brown 77.4 Ht 9: Boyd, Bason, Williams (nf), Liddle (nf) 74.8 Ht 10: Walker, Lewington, Brown, Wakefield 74.6 Ht 11: Williams, Bason, Argrave, Brown 77.0 Ht 12: Newell, Schofield, Shepherd, Blackwell 77.4 Ht 13: Adams, Deacon, Argrave, Houghton 74.2 Ht 14: Boyd, Walker, Blackwell, Deacon 73.0 Ht 15: Newell, Liddle, Houghton (nf), Lewington (nf) 77.0 Ht 16: Adams, Wakefield, Shepherd, Hoult 76.6 Ht 17: Bason, Newell, Deacon, Wakefield 77.4 Ht 18: Walker, Adams, Schofield, Liddle 74.2 Ht 19: Brown, Williams, Blackwell, Houghton 78.8 Ht 20: Boyd, Shepherd, Argrave, Lewington 75.0 G Bason 2 2 2 2 3 11 J Walker 3 3 3 2 3 14 D Houghton 0 1 0 0 0 1 L Shepherd 1 3 1 1 2 8 S Lewington 0 2 0 0 2 P Hoult 2 0 0 2 H Deacon 3 2 2 0 1 8	EG 4.10 LH	Record crowd 4,000. R Greene present; 'Abide with Me' sung for Vigor who passed away on 30.9 after ceash @ Wimbledon on 27.9	

			J Adams 0 3 3 3 2 11 W Newell 2 2 3 3 2 12 J Boyd 3 3 3 3 3 15 C Brown 1 0 1 0 3 5 F Blackwell 0 0 0 1 1 2 G Argrave 1 1 1 1 1 5 F Wakefield 2 0 0 2 0 4 G Liddle 3 1 0 2 0 6 E Williams 0 2 0 3 2 7 E Francis 0 0 L Schofield 2 1 3 T Hayhow did not ride F Morris did not ride			
17.10	H	California Cup	Walker 15, Adams 14, Boyd/Bason 12, L Shepherd 9, Newell 8, Argrave 8, Brown 6, Lewington 5, Hoult 5, Wakefield 4, Liddle 4	RS 22.10	Cup presented by A E Cartlidge	
31.10	H	Individual	Scratch 1: Walker, Adams, Newell Scratch 2: Walker, L Shepherd, Adams Handicap: Newell, Adams, Lewington Fastest: Walker, Newell	RS 5.11.37	Last meeting – charity event for Royal Berks and SJAB Lloyd Goffe Novice Cup: C Brown, Forbes, Wakefield	