

### STAR CHAMPIONSHIP 1931

In 1931 the Star Championship was still a Southern League riders event. Northern League riders were not eligible. Riders qualified for the Wembley final by winning their own track's qualifying round. A vote among each track's supporters decided the second representative.

Qualifiers	Club	Winner	Nominee
	Coventry	Les Patrick	Syd Jackson ***
	Crystal Palace	Harry Shepherd	Ron Johnson
	High Beech	Syd Edmonds	Phil Bishop
	Lea Bridge	Squib Burton*	Charlie Spinks
	Nottingham	Fred Strecker	Billy Ellmore **
	Southampton	Ernie Rickman	Jack Parker
	Stamford Bridge	Frank Arthur	Arthur Warwick
	Wembley	Col Stewart	Colin Watson
	West Ham	Tommy Croombs	Bluey Wilkinson
	Wimbledon	Vic Huxley	Ray Tauser

\*Harold Hastings replaced the injured Squib Burton.

\*\* Norman Kendrick replaced the injured Billy Ellmore.

\*\*\*Syd Jackson won the nomination but he was replaced on the night by Arthur Tims

Final  
Wembley Stadium  
Friday 18/09/1931

Heat	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	<u>Time</u>
1	Watson	Tauser	Shepherd	P Bishop	81.6
2	J Parker	Rickman	Tims	Stewart	81.6
3	Warwick	(Hastings F)	(Wilkinson E)	(Edmonds F)	86.8
4	Croombs	Huxley	Strecker	Kendrick	80.6
5	Arthur	Spinks	(Patrick R)	(Johnson R)	81.0

Semi-finals

1	Huxley	Rickman	Watson	Tims	80.6
2	Tauser	Arthur	Warwick	3 riders only	80.6
3	J Parker	Croombs	Shepherd	Spinks	79.8

Croombs went through as fastest second

Final	Tauser	Huxley	Croombs	(J Parker R)	80.2
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Final  
Jack Parker tried to squeeze under Tauser in a tight first bend scramble. Tauser shut the gap and Parker rode on to the grass rather than hit him. Parker had crossed the white line and retired.