

Test Matches 1935

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19/06/1935 New Cross

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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.

FIRST TEST 1935 **WEMBLEY**

Thursday 06/06/1935

ENGLAND **56****AUSTRALIA** **52****Heat Results**

				<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A	
1	Langton	Van Praag	J Parker	Huxley (FRM)	79.8	4	2	4	2
RR 2	Kitchen	Wilkinson	Charles	(Johnson F)	78.4	4	2	8	4
RR 3	Grosskreutz	Ormston	Sharp	Croombs	79.4	2	4	10	8
4	Kitchen	Huxley	Charles	Van Praag	78.8	4	2	14	10
5	Johnson	Croombs	Wilkinson	Ormston	79.2	2	4	16	14
6	Grosskreutz	Langton	J Parker	Sharp	78.2	3	3	19	17
7	Ormston	Van Praag	Huxley	(Croombs R)	79.8	3	3	22	20
8	Wilkinson	Langton	J Parker	Johnson	78.2	3	3	25	23
9	Grosskreutz	Charles	Abbott	Sharp	78.8	3	3	28	26
10	Langton	J Parker	Van Praag	(Huxley R)	78.0	5	1	33	27
11	Johnson	Charles	Wilkinson	Abbott	80.0	2	4	35	31
12	Grosskreutz	Kitchen	Sharp	(Ormstn XW)	78.6	2	4	37	35
13	Charles	Huxley	Van Praag	Harrison	80.2	3	3	40	38
14	Wilkinson	Johnson	Kitchen	(Ormston F)	80.4	1	5	41	43
15	J Parker	Langton	Sharp	(Grosskrtz F)	81.6	5	1	46	44
16	Kitchen	Van Praag	Huxley	(Ormston XS)	81.6	3	3	49	47
17	Langton	J Parker	Johnson	Wilkinson	80.6	5	1	54	48
18	Grosskreutz	Charles	Sharp	Kitchen	80.8	2	4	56	52

Score Chart

ENGLAND

												Total
1	Eric	Langton	3	2	2	3	2	3	3			15
2	Jack	Parker	1	1	1	2	3	2	2			10
3	Frank	Charles	1	1	2	2	3	2	11			11
4	Joe	Abbott	F/N	N	1	0	N	N	1			1
5	Tommy	Croombs	0	2	R	N	N	N	2			2
6	Jack	Ormston	2	0	3	XW	F	XS	5			5
7	Bill	Kitchen	3	3	2	1	3	0	12			12
8	Bob	Harrison					0		0			0
												56

AUSTRALIA

1	Vic	Huxley	0	2	1	R	2	1	6			6
2	Lionel	Van Praag	2	0	2	1	1	2	8			8
3	Ron	Johnson	F	3	0	3	2	1	9			9
4	Bluey	Wilkinson	2	1	3	1	3	0	10			10
5	Jack	Sharp	1	0	0	1	1	1	4			4
6	Max	Grosskreutz	3	3	3	3	F	3	15			15
7	Dick	Smythe					DNR					
8	Mick	Murphy					DNR					
												52

A soaking wet track made it difficult to really race even for the best riders in the world.

This was not a classic test even though the scores remained close throughout. The first 3 heats occupied 40 minutes due to accidents in heats 2 and 3.

In heat 7 Tommy Croombs caught his hand in the fence as he tried to pass Van Praag on the outside. Tommy did not fall but pulled over to the centre green and collapsed. His hand was very badly cut.

SECOND TEST 1935 **NEW CROSS**

Wednesday 19/06/1935

ENGLAND **59**

AUSTRALIA **46**

Heat Results

				<u>Time</u>	H	A	H	A
1	Langton	Parker	Huxley	62.0	5	1	5	1
2	Farndon	Kitchen	Johnson	(Wilkinson E)	60.6	5	1	10
3	Case	Abbott	Charles	(Grosskrtz F)	62.6	3	3	13
4	Kitchen	Farndon	Huxley	Van Praag	61.2	5	1	18
5	Johnson	Wilkinson	Charles	Abbott	62.3	1	5	19
6	Grosskreutz	Case	Parker	Langton	61.3	1	5	20
7	Huxley	Abbott	Charles	Sharp	62.5	3	3	23
8	Langton	Wilkinson	Parker	(Johnson F)	62.2	4	2	27
9	Grosskreutz	Case	Kitchen	(Farndon XW)	61.8	1	5	28
10	Parker	Langton	Huxley	Van Praag	62.8	5	1	33
11	Farndon	(Kitchen F)	(Wilkinsn FX)	(Johnson F)	65.6	3	0	36
12	Grosskreutz	Case	Abbott	Charles	61.8	1	5	37
13	Kitchen	Farndon	Huxley	Sharp	63.3	5	1	42
14	Abbott	Johnson	Wilkinson	Croombs (ET)	62.3	3	3	45
RR 15	Case	Langton	Grosskreutz	Parker	62.2	2	4	47
16	Charles	Van Praag	Huxley	(Abbott F)	62.7	3	3	50
17	Langton	Johnson	Parker	(Wilkinson F)	62.3	4	2	54
18	Farndon	Kitchen	Gskrtz (FRM)	(Case F)	65.0	5	1	59

Joe Abbott pulled onto the centre green and collapsed in heat 16. There was some contact between him and Vic Huxley. Separate falls by Parker and Case caused heat 15 to be rerun.

Score Chart

ENGLAND

												Total
1	Eric	Langton ©	3	0	3	2	2	3	13			13
2	Jack	Parker	2	1	1	3	0	1	8			8
3	Tom	Farndon	3	2	XW	3	2	3	13			13
4	Bill	Kitchen	2	3	1	F	3	2	11			11
5	Frank	Charles	1	1	1	0	N	3	6			6
6	Joe	Abbott	2	0	2	1	3	F	8			8
7	Tommy	Croombs (Res)					0		0			0
8	Geoff	Pymar (Res)					DNR					59

AUSTRALIA

1	Vic	Huxley ©	1	1	3	1	1	1	8			8
2	Lionel	Van Praag	0	0	N	0	N	2	2			2
3	Ron	Johnson	1	3	F	F	2	2	8			8
4	Bluey	Wilkinson	E	2	2	FX	1	F	5			5
5	Max	Grosskreutz	F	3	3	3	1	1	11			11
6	Dick	Case	3	2	2	2	3	F	12			12
7	Jack	Sharp (Res)				0	0		0			0
8	Dicky	Smythe (Res)					DNR					46

THIRD TEST 1935**BELLE VUE**

Saturday 06/07/1935 Attendance 30,000

ENGLAND 59
AUSTRALIA 48**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A
1	Langton	Huxley	Parker (FRM) (Johnson F)	78.0	4	2	4	2
2	Wilkinson	Farndon	Van Praag (Kitchen F)	78.4	2	4	6	6
RR 3	Grosskreutz	Abbott	Croombs Sharp	77.6	3	3	9	9
4	Kitchen	Farndon	Huxley (Johnson F)	78.2	5	1	14	10
5	Wilkinson	Croombs	Abbott (Praag E)	78.4	3	3	17	13
6	Langton	Parker	Sharp Groskrtz (ET)	79.6	5	1	22	14
7	Johnson	Abbott	(Croombs F) (Huxley LD)	78.8	2	3	24	17
8	Wilkinson	Langton	Van Praag Parker	79.2	2	4	26	21
9	Kitchen	Farndon	Grosskreutz Murphy	79.0	5	1	31	22
10	Langton	Johnson	Huxley Parker	78.4	3	3	34	25
11	Wilkinson	Farndon	Kitchen	78.8	3	3	37	28
12	Abbott	Grosskreutz	Case (Croombs F)	79.0	3	3	40	31
13	Johnson	Kitchen	Huxley (Farndon E)	78.8	2	4	42	35
14	Abbott	Croombs	Van Praag (Wilkinson F)	80.0	5	1	47	36
15	Langton	Case	Grosskreutz Parker	79.4	3	3	50	39
16	Johnson	Abbott	Huxley (Croombs E)	78.6	2	4	52	43
17	Langton	Van Praag	Wilkinson Parker	80.0	3	3	55	46
18	Farndon	Grosskreutz	Kitchen Murphy	79.6	4	2	59	48

Score Chart**ENGLAND**

								Total
Eric	Langton	3	3	2	3	3	3	17
Jack	Parker	1	2	0	0	0	0	3
Tom	Farndon	2	2	2	2	E	3	11
Bill	Kitchen	0	3	3	1	2	1	10
Joe	Abbott	2	1	2	3	3	2	13
Tommy	Croombs	1	2	F	F	2	E	5
Tiger	Stevenson					DNR		
Bob	Harrison					DNR		

AUSTRALIA

Vic	Huxley	2	1	LD	1	1	1	6
Ron	Johnson	F	F	3	2	3	3	11
Bluey	Wilkinson	3	3	3	3	F	1	13
Lionel	Van Praag	1	E	1		1	2	5
Dick	Case	F/N	N	N	1	2	N	3
Max	Grosskreutz	3	0	1	2	1	2	9
Jack	Sharp	0	1					1
Mick	Murphy				0		0	0

The first run of heat 3. Dicky Case took a hard smash into the fence on lap 1 and was carried off. Dick courageously turned out again later. Jack Sharp took his place in the rerun. Abbott and Grosskreutz, both riding at home had a great scrap in the rerun with Max taking a narrow win after a neck and neck battle.

Heat 7. Huxley's reaction in laying his bike down to avoid Croombs was miraculous. Vic was following Tommy very closely at the time.

FOURTH TEST 1935 WEST HAM

Tuesday 30/07/1935 Attendance 71,152

ENGLAND 40
AUSTRALIA 66

Score Chart

ENGLAND								Total
1 Eric	Langton ©	2	0	FS	2	2	2	8
2 Frank	Charles	0	1	3	1	0	1	6
3 Tiger	Stevenson	1	E	N	2	1	N	4
4 Tommy	Croombs	2	2	3	FS	XW	2	9
5 Tom	Farndon	1	2	1	2	F	N	6
6 Bill	Kitchen	0	0	N	1	F	2	3
Joe	Abbott (Res)				2		0	2
Jack	Parker (Res)				1		1	2
								40

Heat Results

				Time	H	A	H	A
1 Huxley TR	E Langton	Johnson	Charles	81.2	2	4	2	4
2 Van Praag	Croombs	Stevenson (ET)	(Wilkinson EIL)	81.4	3	3	5	7
3 Grosskreutz	Case	Farndon	Kitchen	82.4	1	5	6	12
4 Johnson	Croombs	Huxley	(Stevensn E)	81.4	2	4	8	16
5 Van Praag	Farndon	Wilkinson	Kitchen	81.8	2	4	10	20
6 Grosskreutz	Case	Charles	Langton	82.4	1	5	11	25
7 Huxley	Abbott	Farndon (EPH)	(Johnson F)	83.0	3	3	14	28
8 Charles	Wilkinson	Van Praag	(Langton FS)	82.6	3	3	17	31
9 Croombs	Grosskreutz	J Parker	(Murphy F)	83.8	4	2	21	33
10 Johnson	E Langton	Charles	Huxley	82.2	3	3	24	36
11 Van Praag	Stevenson	(Croombs FS)	(Wilkinson ES)	85.4	2	3	26	39
12 Grosskreutz	Farndon	Kitchen	Murphy	82.8	3	3	29	42
13 Johnson	Huxley	Stevenson	(Crmbs XW)	82.2	1	5	30	47
14 Wilkinson	Van Praag	(Farndon F)	(Kitchen F)	83.8	0	5	30	52
15 Grosskreutz	E Langton	Case	Charles	83.4	2	4	32	56
16 Johnson	Kitchen	J Parker	(Huxley FS)	85.6	3	3	35	59
17 Wilkinson	E Langton	Charles	(Praag E)	83.8	3	3	38	62
18 Grosskreutz	Croombs	Case	Abbott	83.2	2	4	40	66

AUSTRALIA								Total
1 Vic	Huxley ©	3	1	3	0	2	FS	9
2 Ron	Johnson	1	3	F	3	3	3	13
3 Bluey	Wilkinson	EIL	1	2	ES	3	3	9
4 Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	1	3	2	E	12
5 Dick	Case	2	2	N	N	1	1	6
6 Max	Grosskreutz	3	3	2	3	3	3	17
Mick	Murphy (Res)				F	0		0
Jack	Sharp (Res)				DNR			
								66

Heat 5 - A highly spectacular demonstration of broadsiding by Farndon in his efforts to catch Van Praag.

Tom came level into the last lap but Van pulled away down the back straight. A very brave last bend brought Farndon to within a length at the line.

Heat 6 - A rare happening. Eric Langton roared away from the gate into a handy lead but for once was overhauled and finished last.

Heat 7 - Ron Johnson was lucky to get away with a head on smash into the fence removing 20 yards of fencing.

FIFTH TEST 1935**HARRINGAY**

Saturday 24/08/1935 Attendance 38,126

ENGLAND**63****AUSTRALIA****44****Heat Results**

				<u>Time</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>A</u>
1	Langton	Huxley	Johnson (J Parker F)	72.4	3	3	3	3
2	Farndon	Ormston	Van Praag (Wilkinson F)	73.4	5	1	8	4
RR 3	Grosskreutz	Charles	N Parker (Case F)	73.2	3	3	11	7
4	Ormston	Farndon	Huxley Johnson	73.0	5	1	16	8
5	Van Praag	Charles	Wilksn (ET) (N Parker E)	73.6	2	4	18	12
6	Langton	J Parker	Case (Grosskrtz F)	74.4	5	1	23	13
7	Huxley	Charles	Johnson Croombs	74.8	2	4	25	17
8	Wilkinson	Van Praag	Langton J Parker	74.2	1	5	26	22
9	Grosskreutz	Case	Ormston Farndon	74.0	1	5	27	27
10	Langton	Huxley	J Parker Johnson	75.0	4	2	31	29
11	Ormston	Farndon	Van Praag (Wilkinson F)	73.8	5	1	36	30
12	Grosskreutz	Case	Charles N Parker	75.2	1	5	37	35
13	Ormston	Farndon	Huxley (Johnson F)	74.2	5	1	42	36
14	Wilkinson	Charles	N Parker (Praag F)	77.8	3	3	45	39
15	J Parker	Langton	(Case E) (Grosskrtz E)	76.2	5	0	50	39
16	Charles	Croombs	Huxley Sharp	75.0	5	1	55	40
17	J Parker	Langton	Van Praag (Wilkinson F)	75.0	5	1	60	41
18	Grosskreutz	Ormston	Farndon Sharp	74.8	3	3	63	44

Score Chart

ENGLAND

								Total
1	Eric Langton	3	3	1	3	2	2	14
2	Jack Parker	F	2	0	1	3	3	9
3	Tom Farndon	3	2	0	2	2	1	10
4	Jack Ormston	2	3	1	3	3	2	14
5	Frank Charles	2	2	2	1	2	3	12
6	Joe Abbott	F/N	N	N	N	N	N	0
7	Norman Parker	1	E		0	1		2
8	Tommy Croombs			0			2	2
							63	

AUSTRALIA

1	Vic Huxley	2	1	3	2	1	1	10
2	Ron Johnson	1	0	1	F	0	N	2
3	Bluey Wilkinson	F	1	3	F	3	F	7
4	Lionel Van Praag	1	3	2	1	F	1	8
5	Dick Case	F	1	2	2	E	N	5
6	Max Grosskreutz	3	F	3	3	E	3	12
7	Jack Sharp					0	0	0
8	Dick Smythe					DNR		
							44	

The final test was held in very bad weather but in spite of this the racing was of a high standard.

Great riders were caught out by the tricky conditions. Jack Parker lost a safe second place when

he hit a mud patch on the last bend of heat 1. 3 falls in 6 rides for Bluey Wilkinson shows just how bad things were.

In heat 2 Bluey passed Ormston for the lead but Tom Farndon came past both. Bluey fell in his bid to overhaul Tom.

Joe Abbott was carried off having crashed in the first run of heat 3. Norman Parker came in and led the rerun until he lost his footrest.

Norman survived to take third. He lost a footrest twice more during the match!