

## Test Matches 1937

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##### Wembley England v Australia

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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.



Tuesday 15/06/1937		First Test 1937				Score Chart												
ENGLAND 54		WEST HAM				ENGLAND											Total	
OVERSEAS 53																		
Heat Results						Time	H	A	H	A								
1	C Milne	Van Praag	Atkinson	Stevenson	81.0	1	5	1	5	Arthur	Atkinson	0	2	2	0	1	3	8
2	Case	J Milne	Newton	Charles	81.2	1	5	2	10	Tiger	Stevenson	1	1	F	3	3	2	10
3	Langton	Spinks	Kitchen	Lamoreaux	81.0	4	2	6	12	Frank	Charles	0	0	1	N	N	N	1
4	C Milne	Newton	Van Praag	Charles	82.4	2	4	8	16	George	Newton	1	2	2	1	F	2	8
5	Langton	Case	J Milne	(Kitchen F)	82.4	3	3	11	19	Eric	Langton	3	3	1	1	3	2	13
6	Lamoreaux	Atkinson	Stevenson	(Spinks R)	80.6	3	3	14	22	Bill	Kitchen	1	F	3	3	2	3	12
7	Kitchen	C Milne	Langton	Van Praag	81.8	4	2	18	24	Tommy	Croombs (Res)				F	2	F	2
8	J Milne	Atkinson	Case	(Stevenson F)	82.6	2	4	20	28	Jack	Parker (Res)				DNR			
9	Lamoreaux	Newton	Charles	(Spinks F)	80.6	3	3	23	31	<b>OVERSEAS</b>						54		
10	Stevenson	Van Praag	C Milne	Atkinson	80.8	3	3	26	34	Lionel	Van Praag	2	1	0	2	1	0	6
11	J Milne	Case	Newton	(Croombs F)	83.4	1	5	27	39	Cordy	Milne	3	3	2	1	3	1	13
12	Kitchen	Lamoreaux	Langton	Spinks	81.2	4	2	31	41	Dick	Case	3	2	1	2	1	0	9
13	C Milne	Croombs	Van Praag	(Newton F)	84.2	2	4	33	45	Jack	Milne	2	1	3	3	0	1	10
14	Langton	Kitchen	Case	J Milne	82.8	5	1	38	46	Wilbur	Lamoreaux	0	3	3	2	2	3	13
15	Stevenson	Lamoreaux	Atknsn (FRM)	(Spinks F)	82.0	4	2	42	48	Charlie	Spinks	2	R	F	0	F	N	2
16	Kitchen	Langton	C Milne	Van Praag	82.8	5	1	47	49	Ron	Johnson (Res)						F	0
17	Atkinson	Stevenson	J Milne	Case	82.8	5	1	52	50	Wally	Kilmister (Res)				DNR			
18	Lamoreaux	Newton (P)	(Croombs F)	(Johnson F)	81.2	2	3	54	53							53		

This series of matches against Overseas was instituted to replace the originally planned England v Australia.

The Aussies had lost Bluey Wilkinson to a wrist injury and others such as Ron Johnson and Dick Case were out of form.

Coupled with the pre-season retirements of Huxley and Grosskreutz the Aussies could no longer field a competitive side.

Saturday 03/07/1937

Second Test 1937

Score Chart

**ENGLAND 54**  
**OVERSEAS 54**

**BELLE VUE**

**ENGLAND**

**Total**

**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A
1	Lamoreaux	Langton	J Milne	77.0	2	4	2	4
2	Abbott	Chitty	Case	79.0	3	3	5	7
3	Van Praag	Varey	C Milne (Newton F)	78.0	2	4	7	11
4	J Milne	Abbott	Lamoreaux	78.0	2	4	9	15
5	Varey	Newton	Case (Chitty XS)	78.4	5	1	14	16
6	Kitchen	Langton	C Milne (Praag E)	78.8	5	1	19	17
7	J Milne	Newton	Varey (FRM) (Lamraux LD)	79.6	3	3	22	20
8	Chitty	Kitchen	Langton	77.0	3	3	25	23
9	Abbott	Van Praag	C Milne	78.4	3	3	28	26
10	Langton	Lamoreaux	Kitchen	77.2	4	2	32	28
11	Chitty	Abbott	Atkinson	78.8	3	3	35	31
12	Van Praag	Varey	C Milne (Newton F)	79.2	2	4	37	35
13	Abbott	J Milne	Lamoreaux (Atkinson F)	78.4	3	3	40	38
14	Chitty	Varey	Hansen (Newton F)	78.4	2	4	42	42
15	Kitchen	Langton	Van Praag (C Milne F)	78.8	5	1	47	43
16	Lamoreaux	J Milne	Varey	78.4	1	5	48	48
17	Kitchen	Chitty	Langton	79.6	4	2	52	50
18	C Milne	Abbott	Van Praag	79.0	2	4	54	54

Eric	Langton	2	2	1	3	2	1	11
Bill	Kitchen	0	3	2	1	3	3	12
Joe	Abbott	3	2	3	2	3	2	15
Frank	Charles	0	0	0	N	N	N	0
Frank	Varey	2	3	1	2	2	1	11
George	Newton	F	2	2	F	F	0	4
Arthur	Atkinson (Res)				1	F		1
Ginger	Lees (Res)						0	0
								<b>54</b>

**OVERSEAS**

Jack	Milne	1	3	3	0	2	2	11
Wilbur	Lamoreaux	3	1	LD	2	1	3	10
Dick	Case	1	1	N	0	N	N	2
Eric	Chitty	2	XS	3	3	3	2	13
Lionel	Van Praag	3	E	2	3	1	1	10
Cordy	Milne	1	1	1	1	F	3	7
Morian	Hansen (Res)			0		1	0	1
Ron	Johnson (Res)					DNR		
								<b>54</b>

This was one of the best Test matches ever held in Speedway and this site does not have the space for a detailed report that would do it justice.

Briefly it was an amazing story of hard fought racing, impossible passes, spectacular crashes, fine sportsmanship and everything you would find in a "Boys Own " comic of the time. The crowd were kept in a constant frenzy of excitement from start to finish.

Wednesday 21/07/1937

Third Test 1937

Score Chart

**ENGLAND 43**  
**OVERSEAS 64**

**NEW CROSS**

**ENGLAND**

**Total**

**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A	
1	Langton	Parker	J Milne	Lamoreaux	59.8	5	1	5	1
2	Van Praag	Greatrex	C Milne	Newton	60.4	2	4	7	5
3	Chitty	Wilkinson	Croombs	Abbott	61.0	1	5	8	10
4	Greatrex	J Milne	Newton	Lamoreaux	59.6	4	2	12	12
5	Van Praag	C Milne	Abbott	Croombs	61.0	1	5	13	17
6	Langton	Wilkinson	Chitty	Parker	59.8	3	3	16	20
7	Lamoreaux	J Milne	Croombs	Abbott	61.6	1	5	17	25
8	Langton	Parker	C Milne	Van Praag	60.4	5	1	22	26
9	Wilkinson	Chitty	(Newton R)	(Greatrex R)	60.6	0	5	22	31
10	J Milne	Langton	Parker	Lamoreaux	61.0	3	3	25	34
11	Van Praag	C Milne	Greatrex	Newton	61.0	1	5	26	39
12	Charles	Wilkinson	Chitty	Atkinson	61.4	3	3	29	42
13	J Milne	Lamoreaux	Greatrex	Newton	62.4	1	5	30	47
14	Van Praag	Abbott	Charles	C Milne	61.2	3	3	33	50
15	Wilkinson	Chitty	Parker	Langton	62.0	1	5	34	55
16	J Milne	Charles	Abbott	Lamoreaux	61.6	3	3	37	58
17	Parker	Langton	C Milne	Van Praag	61.2	5	1	42	59
18	Chitty	Wilkinson	Newton	Greatrex	64.6	1	5	43	64

Eric	Langton	3	3	3	2	0	2	13
Jack	Parker	2	0	2	1	1	3	9
George	Newton	0	1	R	0	0	1	2
Stan	Greatrex	2	3	R	1	1	0	7
Tommy	Croombs	1	0	1	N	N	N	2
Joe	Abbott	0	1	0	N	2	1	4
Frank	Charles (Res)				3	1	2	6
Arthur	Atkinson (Res)				0			0
								<b>43</b>

**OVERSEAS**

Jack	Milne	1	2	2	3	3	3	14
Wilbur	Lamoreaux	0	0	3	0	2	0	5
Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	0	3	3	0	12
Cordy	Milne	1	2	1	2	0	1	7
Bluey	Wilkinson	2	2	3	2	3	2	14
Eric	Chitty	3	1	2	1	2	3	12
Morian	Hansen (Res)						DNR	
Dick	Case (Res)						DNR	
								<b>64</b>

England's colours were a Union Jack race jacket over a white jersey.

Each Overseas rider wore a race jacket with his national flag over a red jersey.

Monday 23/08/1937

Fourth Test 1937

Score Chart

**ENGLAND 32**

**WIMBLEDON**

**ENGLAND**

**Total**

**OVERSEAS 75**

**Heat Results**

				Time	H	A	H	A
1	Parker	Collins	(Lees F)	71.4	3	2	3	2
2	J Milne	Abbott	C Milne	73.4	2	4	5	6
3	Kitchen	Van Praag	Newton	71.8	4	2	9	8
4	Lamoreaux	Abbott	Collins	71.4	2	4	11	12
5	J Milne	Kitchen	Newton	72.4	3	3	14	15
6	Van Praag	Wilkinson	Lees	72.6	1	5	15	20
7	Lamoreaux	Collins	Newton	72.8	1	5	16	25
8	C Milne	J Milne	Parker	73.0	1	5	17	30
9	Van Praag	Wilkinson	Abbott	72.4	1	5	18	35
10	Lamoreaux	Collins	Lees	71.6	1	5	19	40
11	J Milne	C Milne	Abbott	73.2	1	5	20	45
12	Kitchen	Van Praag	Rye	72.0	4	2	24	47
13	Collins	Lamoreaux	Croombs	72.0	1	5	25	52
14	C Milne	J Milne	Kitchen	73.0	1	5	26	57
15	Van Praag	Chitty	Parker	73.2	1	5	27	62
16	Lamoreaux	Collins	Kitchen	72.2	1	5	28	67
17	J Milne	C Milne	Lees	74.2	1	5	29	72
18	Chitty	Abbott	Croombs	74.2	3	3	32	75

Ginger	Lees	F	1	0	1	0	1	3
Jack	Parker	3	F	1	E	1	0	5
Joe	Abbott	2	2	1	1	0	2	8
Frank	Charles	XW	0	0	0	N	N	0
George	Newton	1	1	1	N	N	N	3
Bill	Kitchen	3	2	0	3	1	1	10
Tommy	Croombs (Res)					1	1	2
Claude	Rye (Res)				1	0	F	1
								<b>32</b>

**OVERSEAS**

Wilbur	Lamoreaux	XS	3	3	3	2	3	14
Eric	Collins	2	1	2	2	3	2	12
Jack	Milne	3	3	2	3	2	3	16
Cordy	Milne	1	0	3	2	3	2	11
Lionel	Van Praag	2	3	3	2	3	EIL	13
Bluey	Wilkinson	0	2	2	E	N	N	4
Eric	Chitty (Res)					2	3	5
Morian	Hansen (Res)						DNR	
								<b>75</b>

Eric Langton was programmed as England's number 1 but was injured. Ginger Lees came in from reserve and was replaced by Tommy Croombs.

George Newton was unwell and pulled out of the match at the interval.



Tuesday		13/07/1937		First Official Test Match 1937				Score Chart										
Provincial League		53		NOTTINGHAM				Provincial League								Total		
Australia		55		Attendance 15,000.														
Heat Results				Time	E	A	E	A										
1	Van Praag	Rogers	Greenwood	(Strecker F)	73.91	1	5	1	5	George	Greenwood ©	1	3	1	1	P	2	8
2	Dallison	Goulden	Duggan	Case	76.60	5	1	6	6	Fred	Strecker	F	2	2	2	3	F	9
3	Collins	Shepherd	Price	Johnson	76.37	3	3	9	9	Billy	Dallison	3	1	2	3	2	3	14
4	Van Praag	Goulden	Dallison	Rogers	74.53	3	3	12	12	Frank	Goulden	2	2	3	0	0	1	8
5	Duggan	Case	Shepherd	Price	77.84	1	5	13	17	Harry	Shepherd	2	1	1	2	1	F	7
6	Greenwood	Strecker	Collins	Johnson	76.35	5	1	18	18	Tom	Price	1	0	0	N	N	N	1
7	Van Praag	Rogers	Shepherd	Price	76.00	1	5	19	23	George	Dykes				3	2		5
8	Case	Strecker (P)	Greenwood	Duggan	76.84	3	3	22	26	Les	Bowden						1	1
9	Goulden	Dallison	Johnson	Collins	76.11	5	1	27	27	<b>Australia</b>								
10	Van Praag	Strecker	Greenwood	Rogers	74.78	3	3	30	30	Lionel	Van Praag ©	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
11	Dallison	Case	Duggan	Goulden	76.37	3	3	33	33	Bill	Rogers	2	0	2	0	1	2	7
12	Dykes	Shepherd	Lamont	Collins	78.21	5	1	38	34	Dicky	Case	0	2	3	2	3	3	13
13	Van Praag	Dallison	Rogers	Goulden	75.02	2	4	40	38	Vic	Duggan	1	3	0	1	0	1	6
14	Case	Dykes	Shepherd	Duggan	78.22	3	3	43	41	Eric	Collins	3	1	0	0	1	2	7
15	Strecker	Lamont	Collins	(Greenwood P)	77.46	3	3	46	44	Ron	Johnson	0	0	1	N	N	N	1
16	Van Praag	Rogers	Bowden	(Shepherd F)	78.68	1	5	47	49	Billy	Lamont				1	2	0	3
17	Case	Greenwood	Duggan	(Strecker F)	79.51	2	4	49	53	Dicky	Wise				DNR			
18	Dallison	Collins	Goulden	Lamont	77.59	4	2	53	55									55



Friday		30/07/1937		Second Official Test Match 1937					Score Chart									
Provincial League		29		BRISTOL					Provincial League								Total	
Australia		79		Attendance 12.723.					George	Greenwood	1	0	1	3	2	R	7	
Heat Results				Time	E	A	E	A	Harry	Shepherd	2	1	2	0	0	2	7	
1	Collins	Shepherd	Greenwood	Spinks	68.8	3	3	3	3	Frank	Goulden	1	1	0	1	1	1	5
2	Van Praag	Evans	Goulden	(Dook F)	69.0	1	5	4	8	Roy	Dook	F	N	N	N	N	N	0
3	Wilkinson	Rogers	Leavis	Dallison	70.8	1	5	5	13	Billy	Dallison	0	2	0	F/N	N	N	2
4	Collins	Allott	Goulden	(Spinks F)	69.8	3	3	8	16	Fred	Leavis	1	0	1	1	1	0	4
5	Van Praag	Dallison	Evans	Leavis	69.4	2	4	10	20	Tommy	Allott (Res)		2	1	0	0	0	3
6	Wilkinson	Rogers	Shepherd	Greenwood	70.6	1	5	11	25	Stan	Hart (Res)				0	0	1	1
7	Johnson	Collins	Leavis	Dallison	69.6	1	5	12	30									29
8	Van Praag	Shepherd	Greenwood	Evans	70.2	3	3	15	33	<b>Australia</b>								
9	Wilkinson	Rogers	Allott	Goulden	70.8	1	5	16	38	Eric	Collins	3	3	2	1	2	3	14
10	Greenwood	Johnson	Collins	Shepherd	69.8	3	3	19	41	Charlie	Spinks	0	F	N	N	N	N	0
11	Van Praag	Evans	Goulden	Allott	69.4	1	5	20	46	Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	3	3	2	3	17
<b>RR 12</b>	Wilkinson	Rogers	Leavis	Hart	70.8	1	5	21	51	Ernie	Evans	2	1	0	2	3	N	8
13	Johnson	Collins	Goulden	Allott	70.2	1	5	22	56	Bluey	Wilkinson	3	3	3	3	3	3	18
14	Evans	Van Praag	Leavis	Hart	70.4	1	5	23	61	Bill	Rogers	2	2	2	2	1	2	11
15	Wilkinson	Greenwood	Rogers	Shepherd	71.2	2	4	25	65	Ron	Johnson (Res)			3	2	3	2	10
16	Collins	Johnson	Hart	Leavis	70.2	1	5	26	70	Mick	Murphy (Res)						1	1
17	Van Praag	Shepherd	Murphy	(Greenwood R)	71.8	2	4	28	74									79
18	Wilkinson	Rogers	Goulden	Allott	72.0	1	5	29	79									

Dook injured his shoulder in heat 2 and was not fit to continue.

Dallison hit the fence in heat 12 and was badly shaken up.

Another rider put out of the match was Charlie Spinks in his heat 4 fall.



Wednesday 25/08/1937

Fourth Official Test Match 1937

Score Chart

**Provincial League 43**

**SOUTHAMPTON**

**Provincial League**

**Total**

**Australia 64**

**Heat Results**

					Time	E	A	E	A
1	Van Praag	Griffiths	Jones	(Dallison R)	69.0	2	4	2	4
2	Strecker	Greenwood	Spinks	Smythe	69.8	5	1	7	5
3	Case	Collins	Shepherd	Bravery	71.4	1	5	8	10
4	Van Praag	Greenwood	Jones	Strecker	69.0	2	4	10	14
5	Smythe	Spinks	(Shepherd E)	(Bravery R)	71.6	0	5	10	19
6	Griffiths	Case	Collins	Anderson	69.6	3	3	13	22
7	Jones	Van Praag	Bravery	Shepherd	71.4	1	5	14	27
8	Griffiths	Anderson	Smythe	Spinks	69.6	5	1	19	28
9	Case	Strecker	Greenwood	Collins	70.8	3	3	22	31
10	Van Praag	Griffiths	Jones	Anderson	71.2	2	4	24	35
11	Smythe	Spinks	Greenwood	Strecker	71.2	1	5	25	40
12	Collins	Case	Bravery	Shepherd	72.2	1	5	26	45
13	Jones	Rogers	Strecker	Greenwood	72.6	1	5	27	50
14	Smythe	Spinks	Shepherd	Jay	71.6	1	5	28	55
15	Griffiths	Collins	Anderson	Case	70.6	4	2	32	57
16	Jay	Jones	Shepherd	(Van Praag E)	70.8	4	2	36	59
17	Spinks	Anderson	Griffiths	Smythe	70.8	3	3	39	62
18	Strecker	Case	Jay	Collins	71.6	4	2	43	64

Billy	Dallison	R	N	N	N	N	N	N	Total
Syd	Griffiths	2	3	3	2	3	1		14
George	Greenwood	2	2	1	1	0	N		6
Fred	Strecker	3	0	2	0	1	3		9
Harry	Shepherd	1	E	0	0	1	1		3
Ted	Bravery	0	R	1	1	N	N		2
Cyril	Anderson (Res)		0	2	0	1	2		5
Wilf	Jay (Res)				0	3	1		4
									43
<b>Australia</b>									
Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	2	3	N	E		11
Bert	Jones	1	1	3	1	3	2		11
Dick	Smythe	0	3	1	3	3	0		10
Charlie	Spinks	1	2	0	2	2	3		10
Eric	Collins	2	1	0	3	2	0		8
Dicky	Case	3	2	3	2	0	2		12
Bill	Rogers (Res)						2		2
									64

Dallison retired from heat 1 with a troublesome ankle injury.

Wednesday 08/09/1937

Fifth Official Test Match 1937

Score Chart

**Provincial League 51**

**BIRMINGHAM**

**Provincial League**

**Total**

**Australia 56**

**Heat Results**

				<u>Time</u>	E	A	E	A	
1	Van Praag	Case	Bowden	Greenwood	73.8	1	5	1	5
2	Wilkinson	Morton	Griffiths	Langton	75.0	3	3	4	8
3	Spinks	Hart	Shepherd	Collins	75.6	3	3	7	11
4	Wilkinson	Greenwood	Langton	Bowden	76.0	2	4	9	15
5	Morton	Spinks	Griffiths	Collins	75.0	4	2	13	17
6	Van Praag	Case	Shepherd	Hart	75.6	1	5	14	22
7	Greenwood	Spinks	Bowden	Rogers	75.6	4	2	18	24
8	Morton	Griffiths	Case	Van Praag	75.4	5	1	23	25
9	Wilkinson	Hart	Shepherd	(Langton F)	78.0	3	3	26	28
10	Van Praag	Greenwood	Case	Bowden	73.8	2	4	28	32
11	Wilkinson	Morton	Griffiths	Langton	77.0	3	3	31	35
12	Spinks	Rogers	Shepherd	Hart	76.6	1	5	32	40
13	Greenwood	Langton	(Craven F)	(Wilkinson E)	78.4	3	2	35	42
14	Griffiths	Morton	Spinks	Rogers (FRM)	77.4	5	1	40	43
15	Van Praag	Shepherd	Hart	(Case XS)	76.0	3	3	43	46
16	Greenwood	Collins	Craven	Spinks	76.2	4	2	47	48
17	Van Praag	Morton	Griffiths	Case	77.6	3	3	50	51
RR 18	Wilkinson	Langton	Goodchild	(Shepherd F)	80.4	1	5	51	56

George	Greenwood	0	2	3	2	3	3	13
Les	Bowden	1	0	1	0	N	N	2
Wal	Morton	2	3	3	2	2	2	14
Syd	Griffiths	1	1	2	1	3	1	9
Tiger	Hart	2	0	2	0	1	F/N	5
Harry	Shepherd	1	1	1	1	2	F	6
Malcolm	Craven (Res)						F	1
Paul	Goodchild (Res)							1
								51
<b>Australia</b>								
Lionel	Van Praag	3	3	0	3	3	3	15
Dicky	Case	2	2	1	1	XS	0	6
Bluey	Wilkinson	3	3	3	3	E	3	15
Steve	Langton	0	1	F	0	2	2	5
Eric	Collins	0	0	N	N	N	2	2
Charlie	Spinks	3	2	2	3	1	0	11
Bill	Rogers (Res)			0	2	0		2
								56

There was a first bend pile up involving 3 riders in the first run of heat 18.

Hart was unfit for the rerun and Goodchild took his place.