

## California 1939

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 = part marked programme, MR = Motor Racing inc. Southern Speedways Magazine

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<b>1939</b>						
10.4	H	Individual	<b>Scratch 1</b> Ht 1: Shepherd, Sims, Robinson 75.6 Ht 2: Walker, Adams, Boyd 76.0 Ht 3: Newall Parkins W Hussey 76.8 Ht 4: I Williams, Bason, Brown 77.4 Ht 5: Lewington, Franciss, Blackwell 79.4 Ht 6: Kelly, B Mills, E Bridgeman 78.0 F Walker Shepherd Williams Final: Walker, Shepherd, Williams 74.6 <b>Scratch 2</b> Ht 1: Williams, Sims, F Davies 74.2 Ht 2: Boyd, Holt, Blackwell 79.2 Ht 3: Adams, Lewington, Newel 76.2 Ht 4: Shepherd, Bason, Lewington 74.0 Ht 5: Walker, Davies 79.0 Ht 6: I Kelly, Mills, Hayhow 78.2 Final: Boyd, Shepherd, Adams 73.0 <b>Handicap</b> Ht 1: Simms, Lewington, Platt 78.0 Ht 2: E Gibbs, B Waller, B Middy 77.6 Ht 3: Shepherd, Stallwood, Robinson 80.0 Ht 4: Walker, Parkins, Davies 75.2 # Ht 5: Williams, Peck, Hayhow 74.6 Final: Williams, Shepherd, Sims 74.0 <b>Fastest Riders'</b> Williams, Walker, Shepherd 77.0 <b>Consolation Race</b> Ht 1: Platt, Robinson, Hussey 87.0 Ht 2: Hayhow, Walker, Holt 77.0 Ht 3: Middy, Davies, Bridgman 77.0 Final: Walker, Hayhow, Middy 78.8	RS 14.4.39	Nearly 3,000 25 competitors => 5 rider heats	



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28.5	H	Individual	<b>Scratch 1</b> Ht 2: (Walker exc) Final: Adams, S Lewington, L Shepherd <b>Scratch 2</b> Ht 3: Lewington, Shepherd, Adams 72.4 Final: S Lewington, Walker 93.0 <b>Handicap</b> Ht 1: Shepherd, Bridgeman Ht 2: Hoult Ht 3: Adams Ht 4: Walker, Lewington 71.0 Final: Walker, Adams, Shepherd <b>Fastest Riders'</b> Walker, Lewington, Shepherd (f), Adams (f) 72.0 <b>Consolation Race</b> Foster <b>Track Record Attempt</b> Adams	RS		

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11.6	H	Individual	Ht 1: Lewry, Shepherd, Houtl 72.6 Ht 2: Walker, Roberts 73.6 Ht 3: Lewington, Davies L, Wilkins 77.8 Ht 4: Adams, Davies F, Duffyl 74.4 Ht 5: Walker, Shepherd, Bridgeman 75.8 Ht 6: Newell, Stallwood, Wilkins 77.4 Ht 7: Davies L, Roberts, Houtl 78.0 Ht 8: Adams, Lewington, Kelly 73.4 Ht 9: Adams, Shepherd, Davies L 75.2 Ht 10: Walker, Newell, Turner 73.4 Ht 11: Shepherd, Davis F, Stallwood 77.0 Ht 12: Roberts, Turner 80.0 Ht 13: Davies F, Kelly, Houtl 79.4 Ht 14: Newell, Davies L, Bernard 77.0 Ht 15: Walker, Adams, Houtl 73.0 Ht 16: Foster, Blackwell 84.6 Ht 17: Shepherd, Newell, Kelly 77.4 Ht 18: Adams, Roberts, Blackwell 74.4 Ht 19: Houtl, Barnard, Stallwood, 77.8 Ht 20: Walker, Davies L, Foster 76.2 Highest Points Race: Walker, Adams, Shepherd 74.6  Score chart Jack Adams 3 3 3 2 3 2 16 Fred Blackwell 2 1 3 N Smallwood 2 1 1 4 Fred Davies 2 2 3 7 Les Davies 2 3 1 2 2 10 Tommy Duffyl 1 1 Maurice Foster 3 1 4 Peter Houtl 1 1 1 1 3 7 Sid Lewington 3 2 5 Billy Newell 3 3 2 3 2 0 13 Ernie Roberts 2 2 3 2 9 Bill Kelly 1 2 1 4 Leo Shepherd 2 2 2 3 3 1 13 Bill Turner 1 2 3 Johnnie Walker 3 3 3 3 3 3 18 R Wilkins 1 1 2 Ted Bridgeman 1 1 Barnard 1 2 3	RS LH	From prog: J Walker, Adams, Newell, L Shepherd in top scorers race => format is 20 heats + top scorers with points carried forward. P Robinson competing.	

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25.6	H	Individual	Ht 1: Boyd 69.2 (New Track Record) Ht 2: Walker, Bridgeman Ht 3: Lewington, Turner Ht 4: Newell, Sims Ht 5: Walker, Roberts Ht 6: Boyd, Bridgeman Ht 7: Newell, Hout Ht 8: Lewington, Adams Ht 9: Shepherd, Adams Ht 10: Boyd, Walker Ht 11: Lewington, Roberts Ht 12: Sims, Turner Ht 13: Hout, Parkins Ht 14: Boyd, Sims Ht 15: Walker, Adams Ht 16: Newell, Bridgeman Ht 17: Newell, Parkins Ht 18: Boyd, Adams Ht 19: Lewington,Sims Ht 20: Davies L, Davies F Highest Points Race: Boyd  Score chart Jim Boyd            3 3 3 3 33            18 Jack Adams Fred Blackwell N Smallwood Fred Davies Les Davies Tommy Duffyl Maurice Foster Peter Hout Sid Lewington Billy Newell Ernie Roberts Bill Kelly Leo Shepherd Bill Turner Johnnie Walker R Wilkins Ted Bridgeman Barnard	LH		Boyd 69.2

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9.7	H	Individual	J Walker 15, S Lewington 13, L Shepherd 12, Adams 11, Hoult 10  <b>Highest Scorers' Race</b> Shepherd, Adams, Lewington, Walker <b>Ken Goffe Novice Cup</b> M Foster, B Waller	prog	Also riding Bason 6, Deacon 6	
23.7	H	Oxford	California 47 Oxford 37  <b>Scratch</b> Final: Boyd, [Newell, L Shepherd, Sims] <b>Handicap</b> Final: Boyd, [Walker, Adams, L Shepherd] <b>Fastest Riders'</b> Boyd	Shailes Oxo Hist RS 28.7.39 WT 28.7	Near 3,000 crowd Boyd 12, Sims Oxo top scorer	
29.7	A	Oxford	Oxford 49 California 33	Shailes Oxo Hist RC4.8.39 Oxo Times 4.8.39	(2 <sup>nd</sup> leg) Adams <b>10</b> , Sid Lewington 6. rode in red RC says Rdg lost by 6 (ie 86-80 on aggregate) and Newell(Oxo) recorded fastest time OT- full ht results: Adams <b>9</b> , S Lewington 6, F Davies 6, M Foster 5, P.Hoult 4, L Davies 2, T Bridgeman 1+1 Oxo: Newell 10+1, Bason 8+1, B Sims 8, Jack Keen 7+1, P Minns 6+1, Peck 5+1, A Flack 4+1, Wilkins 1	

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6.8	H	Individual	Jack Adams 3 3 3 1 2 12 Fred Blackwell 0 0 2 Jimmy Boyd 3 3 2 3 3 14 Ted Bridgeman Fred Davies 2 Les Davies 1 1 1 1 Walters 0 Peter Hoult 1 Sid Lewington 3 2 3 8 Bill Turner 0 3 Roberts 0 George Bason 2 3 3 Leo Shepherd 2 2 2 3 George Argrave 2 1 2 1 Johnnie Walker 3 3 3 3 3 15 Bert Deacon 2 2 2 2 2 10 Bert Waller 2 1 1 W Barnard 2  Ht 1: Boyd, Shepherd, Hoult, Walters 76.0 Ht 2: Walker, Barnard, Waller, Roberts 79.0 Ht 3: Lewington, Deacon, L Davies, Blackwell 74.6 Ht 4: Adams, Argrave, [F Davies, Turner] 74.0 Ht 5: Walker, Shepherd, Argrave, Blackwell ? Ht 6: Boyd, Deacon, [F Davies, ?] ? Ht 7: Hoult, Bason, L Davies, Turner ? Ht 8: Adams, Lewington, [Walters, ?] ? Ht 9: Adams, Shepherd, L Davies, ? ? Ht 10: Walker, Boyd, [Waller, Turner] 71.0 Ht 11: Bason, Waller, [Shepherd, F Davies] ? Ht 12: Bason, Deacon, [Walters, Argrave] ? Ht 13: Hoult, F Davies, [?, Blackwell] ? Ht 14: Boyd, Argrave, L Davies, ? ? Ht 15: Walker, Deacon, Adams, Hoult ? Ht 16: Turner, Blackwell, Waller, Walters ? Ht 17: Shepherd, Deacon, [?, Turner] ? Ht 18: Boyd, Adams, [Bason, Blackwell] ? Ht 19: Lewington, Hoult, Argrave, ? ? Ht 20: Walker, ? Davies, [Walters, ? Davies] ? Highest Scorers Race/run-off Walker, Boyd, [?, ?] ?	RS 11.8.39 + prHog	1= J Walker & Boyd 14(?), 3 Adams 11/12 (Her)bert Deacon returned to track scoring 10, Bason & L Shepherd probably complete top 6 (prog partially completed)	

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3.9	H	Individual	Postponed	HoBS	Outbreak of WW2	
24.9	H	Individual	<b>Scratch 1</b> Final: Boyd, Walker, Goffe (f) – report not clear <b>Scratch 2</b> Final: Boyd, Goffe, Walker <b>Handicap</b> Final: Goffe <b>Fastest Riders'</b> Boyd, Goffe (exc) <b>Consolation</b> Adams, Hoult	RS & RC 22.9.39 WT 29.9.39	Advertised in RS/RC 'poor crowd' Goffe fastest time 71.2 Lewington, L Shepherd, Deacon riding Goffe dead-heated with Boyd in fastest riders but was excluded for crossing white line	