

ADAMS, Kenneth Peter (Ken)

Born: August 28, 1924, Kensal Green, London, England.*

Died: May 1, 1998.

Ken was a tremendous club man who had a career spanning nearly 20 years at a host of different venues, but his name will remain synonymous with the Stoke 'Potters', with whom he spent almost ten seasons in two separate spells.

A former office worker, the pipe smoking Londoner joined Stoke in 1948 and made progress quickly through the ranks at Sun Street, scoring over 500 points in helping the club win the Third Division title in only his second season. He made the transition into Division Two in 1950, taking over the captaincy of the 'Potters' from Dave Anderson, and progressed to be a solid heat leader in the Second Division despite having to overcome life threatening injuries sustained when suffering a ruptured liver in Sweden in the winter of 1950-51 whilst ice racing.

He was transfer listed at his own request in 1952 but stayed with the 'Potters' and only left Sun Street when the club closed its doors to the sport at the end of 1953. Failing to settle at any one club during the second half of the decade, Ken returned to Stoke during the 1960 Provincial League campaign and reasserted himself as a heat leader at the Potteries circuit, regularly averaging over eight points per match.

He was again forced to seek pastures new when the sport finally ended at the old Staffordshire stadium at the end of the 1963 season, having scored well over 2000 points for the five towns outfit in league and cup matches alone, and went on to ride for Long Eaton and King's Lynn in the twilight of his career. He retired from the sport in 1966 but stayed involved for a while in the role of team manager at Crewe in the late 1960s.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1948	Stoke	NL3	50	160	238	38	276	6.90	1	1
1949	Stoke	NL3	58	247	514	43	557	9.02	5	5
1950	Stoke	NL2	30	113	165	19	184	6.51	2	1
1951	Stoke	NL2	32	131	247	36	283	8.64	-	4
1952	Stoke	NL2	48	197	397	27	424	8.61	2	4
1953	Stoke	NL2	23	92	172	14	186	8.09	2	-
1954	Southampton	NL2	26	84	119	21	140	6.67	-	-
1955	Weymouth	NL2	9	46	72	8	80	6.96	-	-
1955	Wembley	NL1	22	46	42	16	58	5.04	-	-
1956	Wembley	NL1	1	2	2	2	4	8.00	-	-
1956	Ipswich	NL2	17	85	97	16	113	5.32	-	-
1957	Rayleigh	NL	20	81	104	17	121	5.98	-	-
1958	Poole	NL	15	61	61	10	71	4.66	-	1
1959	Oxford	NL	17	53	58	18	76	5.74	-	-
1960	Oxford	NL	11	33	31	3	34	4.12	-	-
1960	Stoke	PL	3	14	30	2	32	9.14	1	-
1961	Stoke	PL	21	91	182	17	199	8.75	1	-
1962	Stoke	PL	28	119	224	29	253	8.50	2	2
1963	Stoke	PL	26	109	173	26	199	7.30	1	1
1964	Long Eaton	PL	24	102	150	16	166	6.51	-	-
1965	Long Eaton	BL	37	153	169	27	196	5.12	-	-
1966	King's Lynn	BL	21	66	35	8	43	2.61	-	-

Team Honours: National League Division Three Championship winner 1949.