

ALLISON, John William (A)

Born: December 14, 1915, Selby, North Yorkshire, England.*

Died: December, 1989.

Al first made his mark in second half events in 1939 but the war with Germany halted any chances of a regular career in the sport at that stage. After serving in the Army for five years, he resumed racing in 1947 and joined Bradford, scoring just three points from seven matches in the First Division. He was obviously not ready for top flight speedway and the Third Division suited him well, winning more regular rides with Hull in 1948 – including a twelve point haul on his official debut - and performing solidly with Halifax in 1949.

Al steadily rose back through the leagues, spending two years in the Second Division at The Shay, before rejoining Bradford after Halifax withdrew from the league at the end of 1951. Never a star in the top division, he rarely made any headlines but remained a steady middle order scorer and accumulated over 500 points for the Odsal based side before retiring in 1957 at the age of 41.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Bradford	NL1	7	20	3	2	5	1.00	-	-
1948	Hull	NL3	23	65	103	9	112	6.89	-	-
1949	Halifax	NL3	48	192	274	27	301	6.27	2	3
1950	Halifax	NL2	38	161	259	20	279	6.93	3	4
1951	Halifax	NL2	36	150	198	33	231	6.16	1	-
1952	Bradford	NL1	37	111	92	16	108	3.89	-	-
1953	Bradford	NL1	17	59	71	7	78	5.29	1	-
1954	Bradford	NL1	34	129	143.5	23.5	167	5.18	-	1
1955	Bradford	NL1	20	84	75	15	90	4.29	-	-
1956	Bradford	NL1	26	88	81	8	89	4.05	-	-
1957	Leicester	NL	5	18	19	2	21	4.67	-	-
1957	Bradford	NL	10	44	44	12	56	5.09	-	-