

ARNFIELD, John Joseph (Jack)

Born: January 22, 1922, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

Died: January, 1995.

Named as the top junior in Australia in the 1946-47 season, Jack was one of an influx of riders from Down Under to join the newly formed Harringay 'Racers' side in Division One in 1947. He found top flight racing a struggle and in 50 matches for the 'Racers' over a two year spell had a top score of only seven points and an average of little more than a point per ride.

The introduction of the rule which essentially limited teams to no more than two non-British riders saw Jack on the move for the 1949 season and he dropped down a division to join Cradley Heath, proving to be an overwhelming success in the Black Country. Within a month of arriving at Dudley Wood he had recorded his first maximum and went on to notch a succession of double figure scores in totalling over 300 points in official matches during a season that proved to be his finest in the sport.

He made his international debut for Australia against England in Sydney in January 1950 and was expected to become one of the top riders in Division Two that year. However, Jack suffered a terrible loss of form and made only sporadic appearances that season before returning to Australia. He continued to ride for a time on his return home before retiring and taking up a post as an aircraft mechanic with Qantas Airlines.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Harringay	NL1	22	79	58	8	66	3.34	-	-
1948	Harringay	NL1	28	90	89	19	108	4.80	-	-
1949	Cradley Heath	NL2	44	179	311	30	341	7.62	2	4
1950	Cradley Heath	NL2	6	16	15	4	19	4.75	-	-

International Honours: Australian international - 1 cap, 0 points.