

ARTHUR Joseph F. (Joe)

Born: June 2, 1926, Chester le Street, County Durham, England.*

A mechanic to Will Lowther before taking up the sport, Joe broke into the Middlesbrough side in September 1948 and showed signs of improvement before the end of the term. His stay at Cleveland Park was short as the club closed at the end of the season with the operation being transferred lock, stock and barrel up the coast to Newcastle. Joe took the move in his stride and was established as a regular in the team by the end of the season, with his top score of seven points coming against Ashfield at Brough Park in the penultimate league match of the year.

Further improvement was expected in 1950 and he must have impressed Ashfield promoter Johnnie Hoskins as he made an unsuccessful bid to bring Joe north of the border early in the season, but his career was to last no longer than June as he suffered severe concussion in a horrific crash at Fleetwood and never made another appearance in league speedway.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1948	Middlesbrough	NL2	7	14	9	5	14	4.00	-	-
1949	Newcastle	NL2	24	61	43	12	55	3.61	-	-
1950	Newcastle	NL2	2	4	3	1	4	4.00	-	-