

ATKINS, Peter

Born: August 15, 1934, Banningham, Norfolk, England.*

Peter graduated through training schools held at his local Norwich track in 1955 and was one of the star pupils of the sessions. He made his league debut in the opening match of the 1956 season against Bradford at The Firs and by the end of the season was a regular in the reserve berth of the Division One side. An average of over four points per match in such esteemed company was a fine achievement for the 22 year old rider and big things were expected of him the following year.

However, he found himself down the pecking order in 1957 and was restricted to second half events until he was loaned to local rivals Ipswich in August. Disaster struck on his debut for the 'Witches' at Belle Vue as he crashed and broke a shoulder, an injury which kept him out for the rest of the season. Although Peter stayed around the second half scene for the next couple of years he did not make another league appearance for Norwich and the introduction of the Provincial League in 1960 should have given him the chance of more regular rides. Sadly, he failed to make the grade at either Liverpool or Yarmouth and a later spell at Sheffield ended without him making an official appearance for the 'Tigers'.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1956	Norwich	NL1	13	30	26	7	33	4.40	-	-
1957	Ipswich	NL	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	-	-
1960	Liverpool	PL	1	4	2	1	3	3.00	-	-
1960	Yarmouth	PL	1	2	2	0	2	4.00	-	-