

BAILEY, Peter Robin

Born: July 30, 1944, Coventry, Warwickshire, England.*

Died: April 27, 1974.

Tragic Peter Bailey was a popular figure around the tracks in the late 1960s and early 1970s, particularly at Ipswich, where he made his name as a rider, and later at his home town club and parent track, Coventry. Peter was loaned to the 'Witches' on their entry into Second Division racing in 1969 after some impressive second half rides at Brandon and finished his first season in the sport in a heat leader role, with only fellow Coventry loanee John Harray achieving a better average. He was to remain at Foxhall Heath for the club's three year spell in the Second Division, winning the Knock-Out Cup with the 'Witches' on two occasions and his 8.20 average in the 1971 season playing a vital role as the club finished third in the league behind Eastbourne and Bradford.



When the 'Witches' moved up to the top flight in 1972, Peter started the season on loan with Birmingham in Division Two but suffered a confusing mid-term spell when he was top of the score charts for the 'Brummies' and having outings with Ipswich in the First Division, and then was recalled by his parent club to ride full-time in Division One for the 'Bees'. He was a respectable reserve or second string in the First Division and was an ever present during Coventry's 1973 campaign. Sadly, on April 27, 1974 Peter was killed in a traffic accident close to the Brandon Stadium at the age of just 29.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1969	Ipswich	BL2	25	107	181	26	207	7.74	-	-
1970	Ipswich	BL2	35	150	273	12	285	7.60	2	3
1970	Coventry	BL1	3	11	7	2	9	3.27	-	-
1971	Ipswich	BL2	40	162	307	25	332	8.20	4	6
1971	Coventry	BL1	2	4	3	1	4	4.00	-	-
1972	Birmingham	BL2	13	56	129	5	134	9.57	4	1
1972	Coventry	BL1	24	84	68	19	87	4.14	-	-
1972	Ipswich	BL1	5	15	16	3	19	5.07	-	-
1973	Coventry	BL1	36	144	147	24	171	4.75	-	-
1974	Coventry	BL1	4	15	14	2	16	4.27	-	-

Team Honours: British League Division Two Knock-Out Cup winner 1970, 1971.