

BARNARD, Anthony (Tony)

Born: July 20, 1941, Leeds, West Yorkshire, England.*

One of several locally based riders in the Bradford side in 1960, Tony had practiced on the Ainsdale Sands in the winter of 1958 and rode in the Mike Parker controlled unlicensed meetings at Odsal in 1959. He took his place in the Provincial League team the following year, but it was a tough season for the club as they persisted with the policy of using junior riders rather than the strategy of most of the rest of the league who relied heavily on riders returning from retirement.

It meant some heavy beatings for the club and little in the way of opportunities for riders like Tony to build his confidence. He scored just seven points from eight meetings and had a top score of two, paid three, at home to Liverpool. When Bradford closed at the end of the season he had a spell in second half events at Middlesbrough but returned to Bradford when they reopened at the Greenfield track in 1962. Tony crashed in the first meeting at the new venue and quickly announced his retirement, although he did consider making a comeback to the sport in 1968.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1960	Bradford	PL	8	22	7	2	9	1.64	-	-