

BARSBY, Charles Robert (Charlie)

Born: April 29, 1930, Lowesby, Leicestershire, England.*

Charlie was an exciting and occasionally wild riding performer who devoted the whole of his racing career to his local club, Leicester. He started his career at a Wilf Jay Training School near Chesterfield and had practice rides at Sheffield before making his debut for the 'Hunters' in April 1952. Once established in the side he cemented his place with a string of heart-warming shows but his hectic style upset many rival riders and fans alike.

Charlie's best season came in 1956 when he finished with an average of 6.27 points per match, a figure which put him third in the 'Hunters' averages behind Ken McKinlay and Gordon McGregor and included twelve paid double figure scores. That winter he travelled for a racing season in Australia but suffered a fractured skull in a track accident and a combination of the recovery from the injury along with the fact that Leicester were now a top flight club meant his scoring never reached the same levels again. Charlie managed to retain his immense popularity at Blackbird Road and retired after ten years with the club had seen him make 239 league and cup appearances.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1952	Leicester	NL2	44	92	82	18	100	4.35	-	-
1953	Leicester	NL2	36	138	178	22	200	5.80	-	-
1954	Leicester	NL2	20	74	87	10	97	5.24	1	-
1955	Leicester	NL2	34	143	158	26	184	5.15	-	-
1956	Leicester	NL2	32	169	225	40	265	6.27	-	-
1957	Leicester	NL	19	69	49	17	66	3.83	-	-
1958	Leicester	NL	12	43	37	9	46	4.28	-	-
1959	Leicester	NL	12	48	40	11	51	4.25	-	-
1960	Leicester	NL	19	57	51	13	64	4.49	-	-
1961	Leicester	NL	11	39	40	8	48	4.92	-	-