

**BAXTER, John Andrew (Jack)****Born:** November 27, 1917, Toronto, New South Wales, Australia.\***Died:** 2004

Jack was one of an army of Australian trackmen who journeyed to the U.K. seeking fame and fortune in 1947 and was taken on by Division Two side Wigan upon his arrival. After making just two appearances for the Lancashire club he was signed by Third Division Tamworth in mid-season and managed 69 points from the Midland side's last 17 league matches. Tamworth were a strong side in the 1948 Third Division and loaned Harry Saunders to the under strength Wombwell outfit but, when Saunders showed terrific form in South Yorkshire, he was recalled to his parent track and Jack moved in the opposite direction in August. He stayed with the 'Colliers' for a six week spell and was snapped up by new boys Leicester for the 1949 campaign. He recorded a paid maximum on his debut and just over a month later managed a full house at Oxford before his scoring settled down somewhat and he proved to be a reliable second string, averaging over six points per match for the 'Hunters' in what proved to be his last, yet most consistent season in Britain.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Wigan	NL2	2	6	6	1	7	4.67	-	-
1947	Tamworth	NL3	17	53	69	19	88	6.64	-	-
1948	Tamworth †	NL3	22	77	113	16	129	6.70	-	-
1948	Wombwell	NL3	10	40	64	5	69	6.90	-	-
1949	Leicester	NL3	40	149	207	26	233	6.26	1	1