

BEARNE, Andrew S. W. (Andy)

Born: June 6, 1951, Newport, Gwent, Wales.

When Cradley Heath found themselves in all sorts of team problems at the start of the 1971 season they turned to a couple of their junior riders to make up the side for the first few fixtures of the season. With Bob Andrews yet to return from New Zealand and the side unable to sign up a suitable second reserve, Andy was plunged into the Division One cauldron for the opening British League match against Wimbledon. Making his debut against a side that included the likes of Ronnie Moore and Trevor Hedge must have been a daunting experience and it was no surprise when he failed to score, but he did pick up two points in the next match – a visit to Hackney. When Andrews was back in the country Andy was relegated to second half racing but did return to the side for one further match at Wolverhampton later in the season. Andy completed his apprenticeship at an engineering works and continued to ride in second half racing at Newport and Reading for a time but never returned to league racing.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1971	Cradley Heath	BL1	4	9	2	0	2	0.89	-	-