

BEAUMONT, Leslie James (Les)

Born: December 9, 1923, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, Wales.*

Died: May 26, 2011

Les was discovered at the Tiger Stevenson Training School in 1946 and also won the West of England Grass Track Championship that same year. He initially joined Birmingham in Division Two, but was sent out to sister track Cradley Heath when the Dudley Wood side started their Third Division fixtures and was appointed the first ever captain of the club. Finishing second to Geoff Bennett in the scoring charts that year, he proved to be a popular member of the young and exciting 'Cubs' team with a fine first season average of almost eight and a half points per match.

He was overshadowed by the progression of Alan Hunt and the arrival of Gil Graven in 1948 but finished the season as top scorer with several double figure hauls and seven maximums in another excellent season.

However, when Cradley Heath were promoted into the Second Division in 1949 Les found the going tough following an early season injury and actually had a spell in retirement before being tempted to ride for Leicester – back in Division

Three. Les returned to Second Division racing again in 1951 as the 'Hunters' applied for promotion and this time he was better equipped for the higher level of racing, proving to be a consistent scorer in the progressive Blackbird Road outfit until his retirement at the end of the 1952 season when he decided to concentrate on his business interests outside the sport.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Birmingham	NL2	10	26	33	9	42	6.46	-	-
1947	Cradley Heath	NL3	28	111	224	10	234	8.43	2	1
1948	Cradley Heath	NL3	50	209	416	28	444	8.50	6	1
1949	Cradley Heath	NL2	33	112	132	20	152	5.43	-	-
1950	Leicester	NL3	24	88	150	16	166	7.55	1	3
1951	Leicester	NL2	32	131	227	34	261	7.97	1	1
1952	Leicester	NL2	46	184	270	21	291	6.33	-	-