

BELCHER, John

Born: December 23, 1936, Oxford, Oxfordshire, England.

John was a second half rider at his home town track in 1961 and appeared for the club in a handful of matches at the end of the season without making his debut in official competition. This duly came in June of the following year when he rode for the 'Cheetahs' in a National Trophy match at Norwich and he later tried to win more regular rides when joining Provincial League side, Cradley Heath, towards the end of the season. By the start of the 1963 league campaign John was a full-time member of the 'Heathens' side and showed some useful form from the reserve berth, especially when winning both his rides against Long Eaton in early June. However, the return of the experienced Ivor Davies to the side in mid-season cost John his team place and he did not appear in league racing again until the formation of the British League in 1965. This season saw him back with Oxford and appearing in the club's first match of the season against Sheffield but, despite scoring five points, he was not used again.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1962	Oxford	NL	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	-	-
1962	Cradley Heath	PL	2	6	3	1	4	2.67	-	-
1963	Cradley Heath	PL	14	42	32	5	37	3.52	-	-
1965	Oxford	BL	1	4	5	0	5	5.00	-	-