

BERG, Oyvind Sandem

Born: October 8, 1943, Askim, Norway.

Died: January, 2008.

A hard-riding and popular Norwegian international, Oyvind was spotted by Edinburgh promoter Ian Hoskins when he was looking for new riders in Scandinavia at the end of the 1966 season. He impressed the 'Monarchs' boss enough to be offered a contract at Old Meadowbank the following year and proved to be a successful acquisition as he adapted well to British conditions with a series of solid scores which were to become his hallmark. Over the next few years, Oyvind gained a reputation as one of the most reliable riders in the British League but he never made the step up to be considered in the world class bracket.

He moved to Glasgow after one season with the 'Monarchs' and was as well liked on the west side of Scotland as he had been in the east, moving into a heat leader role with the 'Tigers' in 1968 and making exactly 100 league and cup appearances for the club in his three seasons in the red and white. In 1971 Oyvind requested a move south to try and take advantage of the more frequent open meeting bookings available for southern based riders and joined Oxford where he took over as the number one despite a small fall in his match average. He was to have one more season at Cowley before being offered a job in his native Norway in 1973, ruling him out of the British League season. He did return to help out Poole for a short spell in 1974 but his days of racing regularly in Britain were over and he limited himself to appearances in Europe with his last international outing coming in the 1976 World Team Cup round at Tampere in Finland.



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Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1967	Edinburgh	BL	38	147	193	46	239	6.50	-	1
1968	Glasgow	BL1	33	140	265	12	277	7.91	3	-
1969	Glasgow	BL1	36	138	244	35	279	8.09	-	2
1970	Glasgow	BL1	31	132	227	30	257	7.79	2	2
1971	Oxford	BL1	39	170	290	33	323	7.60	-	1
1972	Oxford	BL1	28	129	239	18	257	7.97	-	1
1974	Poole	BL1	4	17	19	4	23	5.41	-	-

International Honours: Norwegian international – 14 caps, 98 points.