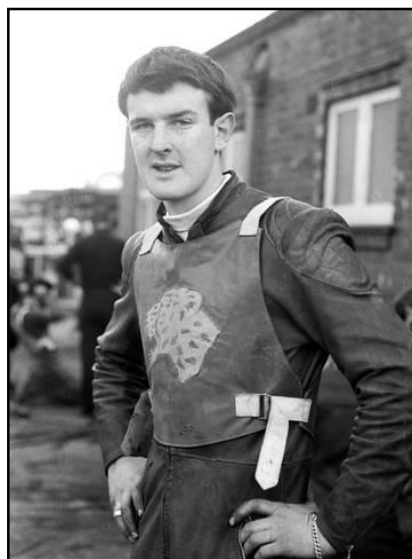


BISHOP, John Frederick

Born: January 15, 1945, Amersham, Buckinghamshire, England.

John spent over ten years in speedway and will be mainly remembered for his spell at Oxford where he spent the majority of his career in two separate spells. He was introduced to the 'Cheetahs' side in challenge matches at the end of 1961 and was a regular member of the team the following year. He spent his entire career in the top division and was the youngest rider in the section in the early 1960s, combining his time as a rider with the role of lead singer in the pop band, The Delmars.



John was a key lower order member of the 1964 double winning side at Cowley and stayed with the club until 1967 when he left for a season at Newport. He occasionally looked on the verge of stepping up to heat leader level but will be recalled as a solid second string or reserve, returning to Oxford after just one year at Somerton Park to continue in that middle order role. John spent the last two years of his career at Swindon and Wimbledon but retired after a poor spell with the 'Dons' in 1971. He was still only 26 years old despite having been around for quite a long time and would no doubt have been a star in the Second Division had he elected to drop down to that level.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1962	Oxford	NL	19	50	29	7	36	2.88	-	-
1963	Oxford	NL	24	78	60	19	79	4.05	-	-
1964	Oxford	NL	17	45	45	6	51	4.53	-	-
1965	Oxford	BL	28	107	104	12	116	4.34	-	-
1966	Oxford	BL	36	148	200	18	218	5.89	-	-
1967	Newport	BL	37	147	142	15	157	4.27	-	-
1968	Oxford	BL1	34	115	98	28	126	4.38	-	-
1969	Oxford	BL1	21	63	50	6	56	3.56	-	-
1970	Swindon	BL1	34	101	73	14	87	3.45	-	-
1971	Wimbledon	BL1	35	107	95	17	112	4.19	-	-

Team Honours: National League Championship winner 1964, National Trophy winner 1964.