

## **BLOKDYK, Trevor**

**Born:** November 30, 1935, Krugersdorp, South Africa.

**Died:** March 19, 1995.

British fans were first alerted to Trevor Blokdyk when they read of his exploits in South Africa in the 1954-55 season, showing a series of startling performances against the visiting tourists. However, it was another three years before he arrived in the U.K. to race in the National League, with Poole promoter Vic Gooden tempting him to Wimborne Road. In his first season with the 'Pirates' Trevor showed all the signs of following in the footsteps of his fellow countrymen Henry Long and Doug Davies and was tipped as a future champion, scoring eleven points at Ipswich in a World Championship round shortly after his arrival. By the end of the season he had been paid for double figures on three occasions, including top score of twelve, paid 13, in the home fixture against Norwich.

In 1959 big things were expected of Trevor but he struggled with a loss of form coupled with a serious knee injury and lost half a point per match on his average. He missed the whole of the 1960 season before returning to join Ipswich in 1961, but his developing interest in car racing meant that his commitment to speedway diminished and he quit after appearing just once for Leicester in 1962.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>BP</b>	<b>TP</b>	<b>CMA</b>	<b>FM</b>	<b>PM</b>
1958	Poole	NL	20	80	91	12	103	5.15	-	-
1959	Poole	NL	12	39	39	6	45	4.62	-	-
1961	Ipswich	NL	17	42	38	6	44	4.19	-	-
1962	<i>Ipswich</i>	<i>NL</i>	3	12	9	1	10	3.33	-	-
1962	Leicester	PL	1	4	3	0	3	3.00	-	-

**International Honours:** South African international – 6 caps, 42 points.