

BOARD, John Charles (Johnny / Jack)

Born: May 7, 1931, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.*

A school friend of Neil Street, Johnny was a road racer in his native Victoria and turned to speedway after a major crash had left him with multiple fractures and six months out of the saddle. He showed a marked improvement in form at Melbourne in the 1957-58 season and eventually decided to try his luck in Britain, joining his old pal Street at Swindon in 1959. He started the league campaign in the 'Robins' side but the club were struggling with a weak tail and could not afford to carry Johnny whilst he settled into the rigours of British racing. As the management brought in Trevor Redmond, Gerry King and Leo McAuliffe he was relegated to a place in the reserve league side and did not make another first team appearance after June.



He made his only international appearance that winter against England at Melbourne and showed improved form in his second and final season at Blunsdon, missing just two official fixtures throughout the year. He decided to remain at home at the end of 1960 but did continue to ride for many years on the tracks of Victoria.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1959	Swindon	NL	5	15	10	2	12	3.20	-	-
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International Honours: Australian international – 1 cap, 0 points.