

BOWERS, Royston Charles Robert (Roy)

Born: August 23, 1930, Penn, Buckinghamshire, England.*

Died: January, 2006.

Roy began his career as a junior at Harringay in 1950 and spent many years in and out of various teams in an attempt to make the grade. In his early years in the sport he was more famous for his striking resemblance to the Russian born film star Yul Brynner than his on track exploits, but eventually his perseverance paid off and he became a respected second string, particularly in his spells at Oxford in the late 1950s. He had shown promising form in the early part of the decade at Yarmouth but was surprisingly not taken on by another club in 1954 after the closure of the Norfolk side, spending most of the year in second halves at Swindon.



After a spell at the ill-fated Weymouth venture in 1955 he eventually settled at Oxford and seemed to be on the verge of a breakthrough in 1958 but suffered a serious knee injury which retarded his progress. Eventually Roy decided to move into the Provincial League with Exeter in 1961 and found the scoring at that level much easier as he rattled up 15 points in a cup match at Rayleigh on his official debut and ended the campaign in the third heat leader position behind Pete Lansdale and Len Silver, with a career best average of 8.48 points per match. He left the 'Falcons' after a dispute with the promotion and never regained his form in spells at Stoke, Rayleigh and Swindon, retiring early in the 1965 season.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1952	Yarmouth	NL2	35	103	93	29	122	4.74	-	1
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1955	<i>Weymouth</i>	<i>NL2</i>	5	14	8	1	9	2.57	-	-
1956	Oxford	NL2	8	28	24	4	28	4.00	-	-
1957	Oxford	NL	14	56	64	8	72	5.14	-	-
1958	Oxford	NL	13	49	44	8	52	4.24	-	-
1959	Oxford	NL	14	59	62	12	74	5.02	-	-
1960	Oxford	NL	20	67	69	15	84	5.01	-	-
1961	Oxford	NL	6	18	8	2	10	2.22	-	-
1961	Exeter	PL	13	54	109.5	5	114.5	8.48	-	1
1962	Stoke	PL	4	15	17	4	21	5.60	-	-
1963	Stoke	PL	7	17	18	1	19	4.47	-	-
1963	Rayleigh	PL	19	65	62	13	75	4.62	-	-
1964	Swindon	NL	15	47	32	6	38	3.23	-	-
1965	Swindon	BL	7	28	29	1	30	4.29	-	-