

BRAND, Charles Frederick (Fred)

Born: February 3, 1925, Spalding, Lincolnshire, England.*

Fred spent the whole of his career based in his native East Anglia and joined Yarmouth after some impressive second half rides at nearby Norwich. He was to spend five years at Caister Road, in which time he became the club's leading point scorer of all time and arguably the finest rider to have represented the 'Bloaters'.

He made rapid progress in the early stages of his career, averaging over seven points per match and recording a full maximum in his first season, and by 1951 was one of the leading riders in the Second Division. Fred obviously yearned to ride at a higher level and Yarmouth circulated him as being available for transfer at the end of the season at a price of £2000.

With many tracks struggling financially, no bids were forthcoming and he spent a fifth season with Yarmouth before securing a full time move into Division One with Norwich in 1954. He failed to make the expected impact at the higher grade of racing although he was a surprise qualifier for the World Final in his first season at The Firs – finishing in a creditable 8th place at Wembley after winning the first heat – and recorded an average of just over six and a half points per match.



However, less than two years after his appearance at the Empire Stadium, Fred had quit the sport after suffering a complete loss of form, accumulating just 41 points from 14 official fixtures in a disastrous 1956 season.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1949	Yarmouth	NL3	24	74	104	26	130	7.03	1	-
1950	Yarmouth	NL2	30	122	201	11	212	6.95	2	2
1951	Yarmouth	NL2	34	144	343	5	348	9.67	12	1
1952	Yarmouth	NL2	46	188	451	11	462	9.83	14	-
1953	Yarmouth	NL2	34	139	325	9	334	9.61	10	1
1953	Norwich	NL1	1	4	8	2	10	10.00	-	-
1954	Norwich	NL1	32	114	166	22	188	6.60	-	-
1955	Norwich	NL1	29	118	114	21	135	4.58	-	-
1956	Norwich	NL1	14	41	41	6	47	4.59	-	-

Individual Honours: World Finalist 1954 (8th).

Team Honours: National Trophy winner 1955.