

BRINE, Harry Cyril

Born: February 6, 1918, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, England.*

Died: 1988.

The long and illustrious history of Wimbledon Speedway is littered with famous personalities and World Champions, but the name of Cyril Brine will be forever mentioned with the all time greats at the Plough Lane club. The younger brother of Percy Brine, Cyril was a junior at Wembley before the war and was selected from the riders pool by the 'Dons' at the start of 1946, proving to be one of the most successful signings ever made by the shrewd promoter Ronnie Greene.

Spending the whole of his 17 year league career with the Londoners, Cyril rose through the ranks from junior to heat leader, making his England international debut in 1949 and reaching the first of his two World Finals the following year. Established as one of England's leading riders, he suffered a seriously broken leg at West Ham at the end of the 1952 season and had to spend many weeks in hospital. Cyril's career looked all but over but he defied the initial diagnosis and returned to the saddle in time for the 1953 league campaign.



Although he was never the same rider after his injury, he was the senior figure in the side through their most glorious period in their history, claiming the Division One championship seven times in eight years between 1954 and 1961, as well as seven successes in the National Trophy competition. 'Salty' scored over 2700 points for the club in official fixtures alone and holds the record for the most appearances made by a 'Dons' rider.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1946	Wimbledon	NL	26	69	56	16	72	4.17	-	-
1947	Wimbledon	NL1	28	92	107	25	132	5.74	-	-
1948	Wimbledon	NL1	19	73	124	6	130	7.12	1	-
1949	Wimbledon	NL1	44	179	289	27	316	7.06	1	1
1950	Wimbledon	NL1	38	160	324	15	339	8.48	6	1
1951	Wimbledon	NL1	37	155	306	25	331	8.54	1	1
1952	Wimbledon	NL1	38	155	333	13	346	8.93	5	1
1953	Wimbledon	NL1	18	73	98	14	112	6.14	-	1
1954	Wimbledon	NL1	32	123	167	29	196	6.37	1	3
1955	Wimbledon	NL1	28	97	96	27	123	5.07	-	-
1956	Wimbledon	NL1	30	105	154	16	170	6.48	-	1
1957	Wimbledon	NL	20	97	130	20	150	6.19	-	-
1958	Wimbledon	NL	20	97	125	23	148	6.10	-	-
1959	Wimbledon	NL	21	75	73	11	84	4.48	-	-
1960	Wimbledon	NL	19	80	111	14	125	6.25	1	-
1961	Wimbledon	NL	20	78	126	14	140	7.18	-	2
1962	Wimbledon	NL	28	99	137	10	147	5.94	2	-

Individual Honours: World finalist 1950 (10th), 1951 (13th).

International Honours: England international – 12 caps, 69 points.

Team Honours: National League Division One Championship winner 1954, 1955, 1956, National League Championship winner 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, National Trophy winner 1950, 1951, 1953, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1962.