

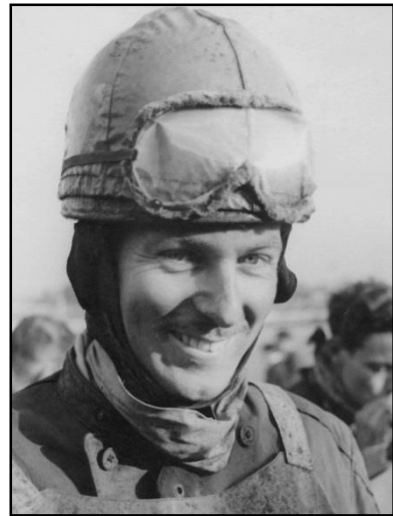
CHAMBERS, Alan J. W.

Born: February 11, 1919, Christchurch, Dorset, England.*

Alan was a grass track rider who took up speedway at the Bristol Training School in the winter of 1946. Signed by Exeter the following year for the club's initial season in Division Three, he finished third in the 'Falcons' score chart, behind Cyril Roger and Don Hardy with 156 points from 28 matches. Speedway tracks were opening at a rapid rate during this period and when a team was entered into Division Three at Poole, Alan was an obvious candidate for a place in the side with his local connections.

He had a fine first season with the 'Pirates', scoring over 300 points and finishing third in the averages with a figure of 7.71 points per match. He was even better in 1949, rattling up a succession of double figure scores, but he had toured South Africa the previous winter with a small team of British riders and rumours circulated that he was going to remain in the country and would not return.

Whilst these stories proved false, the joy of the Poole fans was short lived as he did finally emigrate during the summer, riding his last match for the 'Pirates' in August. He was on fine form as he departed, equalling the Wimborne Road track record just before leaving and also breaking the Rayleigh record around the same time.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Exeter	NL3	28	108	156	14	170	6.30	-	2
1948	Poole	NL3	48	195	353	23	376	7.71	1	2
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