

CRAVEN, Reginald Orron (Reg)

Born: 1911, Ilford, Essex, England.*

Died: May 4, 1948.

The elder brother of Malcolm and Gil Craven, Reg was a late starter to speedway who, having being inspired by the success of Malcolm at West Ham, had his first rides at the Rye House Training School in the winter of 1947. He had previously been a boxing booth fighter and a ship's engineer during the Spanish Civil War and was signed by Third Division new boys Yarmouth in 1948.

He started the season in the 'Bloaters' line-up but on an early season trip to Poole, Reg was critically injured in a crash with Charlie Hayden and Alf Elliott and died of head injuries after being unconscious for 180 hours. Reg's accident occurred, remarkably, on the first bend of the first ever official race at the Wimborne Road Stadium on April 26, 1948.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1948	Yarmouth	NL3	2	4	3	0	3	3.00	-	-