

DUKE, Leslie Roy

Born: September 16, 1911, Watford, Hertfordshire, England.*

Died: April, 1996.

A renowned grass track rider from his teenage years, Roy finally took up speedway in 1945 at the age of 34. After practicing at the Dagenham track in Essex, Roy was taken on by Norwich and made good progress during the 1946 season, posting a top score of nine in a match against Middlesbrough at The Firs in September. A broken vertebrae sustained the following year kept him out for much of the campaign but he recovered in time to join Yarmouth for the 1948 season, scoring nearly 200 points for the 'Bloaters' in their first ever season in speedway. Appointed captain of the Leicester 'Hunters' in 1949, Roy broke his leg in May in a crash against Rayleigh at Blackbird Road, an injury which ended his career after just eight matches for his new club.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1946	Norwich	NrL	15	47	63	10	73	6.21	-	-
1947	Norwich	NL2	15	57	48.5	14.5	63	4.42	-	-
1948	Yarmouth	NL3	46	172	196	20	216	5.02	-	1
1949	Leicester	NL3	8	30	36	1	37	4.93	-	-