

RYAN, Keith Vincent (Buck)

Born: December 30, 1922, Mittagong, New South Wales, Australia.

Buck Ryan was a steady scorer for Glasgow in his days at the White City Stadium but was never able to reproduce the form that made him one of his country's leading riders on home soil. Something of an all-round motorcyclist, Buck overcame a broken neck whilst riding at Brisbane to make a full recovery and was offered a team spot at Glasgow in 1947, making his debut at home to Wigan at the end of April. He put in some useful displays, including two unbeaten performances from the reserve berth, and returned to ride for the 'Tigers' the following year.

The 1948 season proved to be his best in Britain as he scored his debut maximum in the home derby against Edinburgh and was paid for double figures on four other occasions in an average of over seven points per match. A spell on the sidelines due to the limit on overseas riders imposed by the Speedway Riders' Association did not help Buck in 1949 and his average slipped by over two points per match in what proved to be a disappointing final season in Britain.



Electing not to return for domestic reasons, he continued to ride in Australia for many years after leaving these shores, winning the Australian Championship in 1952 and repeatedly defying strong rumours that he was to return to Glasgow. He actually departed New South Wales in 1953 but got off the boat at Freemantle and returned home when promoter Ian Hoskins had pencilled him in to the White City team.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Glasgow	NL2	20	72	71	11	82	4.56	-	-
1948	Glasgow	NL2	28	111	179	18	197	7.10	1	-
1949	Glasgow	NL2	33	123	130	26	156	5.07	-	1

Individual Honours: Australian Champion 1952.

International Honours: Australian international – 6 caps, 66 points.