

TUPLING, Leonard (Len)

Born: December 12, 1910, Rotherham, South Yorkshire, England.*

Died: December, 1998.

Len began his career as a novice at Sheffield and joined up with Newcastle after the war. After a handful of outings at Brough Park, he moved to Middlesbrough where he supplied some useful points from the reserve berth in the Northern League championship winning side that season.

When Third Division racing was introduced in 1947, Len was appointed as captain of his local Wombwell track and proved to be a hugely popular figure in a struggling 'Colliers' side, sharing the bulk of the scoring with his fellow townsman Harwood Pike. Len's scoring slumped in 1948 to the extent that he gave up the captaincy to Pike in mid-season and shortly afterwards he lost part of a thumb and two fingers on his right hand in a grass track accident, causing him to retire from racing.



Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1946	Newcastle	NrL	3	10	8	1	9	3.60	-	-
1946	Middlesbrough	NrL	13	28	24	9	33	4.71	-	-
1947	Wombwell	NL3	27	108	200	13	213	7.89	1	-
1948	Wombwell	NL3	29	116	124	13	137	4.72	-	-

Team Honours: Northern League Championship winner 1946.