

JOHN HARTLE

The man who refused to retire, 34-year-old John Hartle, was killed while racing at Scarborough on August 31. Overshadowed at the height of his career through being teamed with John Surtees, he was nevertheless a great rider in his own right. In a long career, he had many setbacks through injury but each time returned to show that he had lost none of his old brilliance. Older readers will recall some of his great rides as a Norton and MV-Agusta team man, or on Gilera in 1963. More recently there was the great PR "double" in the Isle of Man and at Brands Hatch last year. And some outstanding Grand Prix rides this summer, from the opening one in Germany to his last in the "Ulster". He will be sadly missed.

