

ALDRIDGE, Bernard Ernest (Bernie)**Born:** March 20, 1921, Tottenham, London, England.***Died:** January 13, 2010.

Bernie was introduced to racing in 1948 at the Rye House Training School by Harringay rider Jimmy Grant and in his first spell in the sport made brief league appearances at Oxford, New Cross and Swindon when he was often programmed as Bob Aldridge. He had second half rides at Stoke in 1951 but drifted away from the sport before making a surprise comeback in 1969 at the remarkable age of 48 when he signed for Ipswich. He spent the best part of two seasons at Foxhall Heath, averaging a steady figure of almost four points per match, and finally ended his career with a six match spell at Sunderland in 1971.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1949	Oxford	NL3	7	25	17	3	20	3.20	-	-
1951	New Cross	NL1	8	16	4	2	6	1.50	-	-
1951	Swindon	NL3	1	2	1	0	1	2.00	-	-
1969	Ipswich	BL2	12	33	25	7	32	3.88	-	-
1970	Ipswich	BL2	15	47	36	10	46	3.91	-	-
1971	Sunderland	BL2	6	15	10	2	12	3.20	-	-