

ANDERSON, David Sydney (Dave)

Born: February 7, 1919, Dagenham, Essex, England.*

Died: March 2000.

Dave began riding on his home town circuit before the war and was on the books as a junior at New Cross in 1939. After spending the war years with the Royal Corps of Signals, he practiced at Rye House on demobilisation and had second half outings at West Ham before joining Stoke in Division Three in 1947.

He top scored for the 'Potters' in his first year in league speedway and was one of the top draw cards in the league, but after scoring over 300 points in 1948 his form dwindled rapidly and he eventually lost his place at Sun Street after a terrible run in 1949 which was made worse by a succession of injuries. Dave retired after a move to Poole was unsuccessful and a brief comeback in 1951 brought few points. Eight years elapsed before Dave was to make another league appearance, joining Bradford in the 1960 Provincial League, but he was again unable to recapture his form and scored only 18 points in eight matches as the Yorkshire side finished bottom of league.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Stoke	NL3	25	94	180	19	199	8.47	1	2
1948	Stoke	NL3	44	180	303	51	354	7.87	1	4
1949	Stoke	NL3	15	36	23	6	29	3.22	-	-
1949	Poole	NL3	5	10	4	1	5	2.00	-	-
1951	Belle Vue	NL1	1	2	0	0	0	0.00	-	-
1951	Stoke	NL2	3	6	5	3	8	5.33	-	-
1960	Bradford	PL	8	26	18	2	20	3.08	-	-

Team Honours: National League Division Three Championship winner 1949.