

APPLEGATE, John George**Born:** October 12, 1926, London, England.***Died:** 1993.

John had trials at Walthamstow but signed for West Ham as a junior in 1951, making one appearance for the 'Hammers' at Birmingham as a replacement for the absent Arthur Atkinson. The Atkinsons were in charge at Rayleigh in the Southern League and the West Ham links enabled him to make his mark with the 'Rockets' at The Weir in 1952, making 16 appearances for the club in their championship winning side. The following season John moved to Rayleigh's arch rivals Exeter, but broke his wrist early in his spell at the County Ground. He returned to ride for West Ham in 1954 but drifted out of the sport after being unable to win a regular team place.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1951	West Ham	NL1	1	3	0	0	0	0.00	-	-
1952	Rayleigh	SL	16	35	26	1	27	3.09	-	-
1953	Rayleigh	SL	1	2	1	0	1	2.00	-	-
1953	Exeter	SL	2	3	3	0	3	4.00	-	-
1954	West Ham	NL1	3	6	2	0	2	1.33	-	-

Team Honours: Southern League Championship winner 1952.