

**AUSTIN, Roger Malcolm**

**Born:** May 21, 1950, Canterbury, New Zealand

A leading moto-cross rider in New Zealand, Roger turned to the shale and tried his luck in Britain in 1973, signing for Ellesmere Port. He made his 'Gunners' debut in early April and six points at Bradford in only his third outing for the Cheshire side suggested that they could have struck lucky with the relatively unknown Kiwi. However, two pointless scores in mid-May saw Roger dropped from the side at Thornton Road. He soon linked-up with Hull and was in and out of the team, occasionally impressing with decent scores. Roger was taken on by First Division Newport in 1974 and appeared twice for the club whilst appearing more regularly for Bradford in Division Two. His best score came at home to Peterborough in June when he scored ten, paid eleven, from four rides but was on the move again in 1975, appearing briefly for Mildenhall before losing his place.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>BP</b>	<b>TP</b>	<b>CMA</b>	<b>FM</b>	<b>PM</b>
1973	Ellesmere Port	BL2	9	28	24	5	29	4.14	-	-
1973	Hull	BL2	10	30	19	2	21	2.80	-	-
1974	Bradford	BL2	27	105	110	15	125	4.76	-	-
1974	Newport	BL1	2	5	3	0	3	2.40	-	-
1975	Mildenhall	NL	3	11	10	2	12	4.36	-	-