

**BAILEY, Gordon Edward**

**Born:** March 3, 1940, Southampton, Hampshire, England.\*

Something of a mystery man in his short time in speedway, Gordon showed distinct promise but twice drifted out of the sport when looking set for a breakthrough. He was a junior at Poole and New Cross and made brief appearances for both clubs, before signing for Exeter during the 1962 season. He made a great start to his career as a 'Falcon' and rode in five consecutive league matches, scoring paid nine at home to Middlesbrough in the last of these five, before suddenly vanishing from the scene without warning. He reappeared at Eastbourne at Easter, 1963, and soon linked up with Exeter again, recording a paid eight score on his comeback match for the Devon club but slipped away again after a poor run of scores.

<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>
1961	New Cross	NL	1	2	1	0	1	2.00	-	-
1961	Poole	PL	3	6	1	0	1	0.67	-	-
1962	Exeter	PL	5	15	19	3	22	5.87	-	-
1963	Exeter	PL	6	18	11	3	14	3.11	-	-