

## **BARCLAY, George A.**

**Born:** April 1, 1935, Elephant & Castle, London, England.

George was something of a late starter in the sport, being over 30 years old when he first took to the shale, but immediately became a popular member of the West Ham side. He had been a local grocer and the prematurely grey streaks in his hair and his moustache gave him a distinguished look and earned him the title of 'Gentleman George'. He impressed during a spell at King's Lynn 'Starlets' in his first spell in Division Two but he certainly had his best period in the sport with Sunderland in the early 1970s.

Taking the long journey from his London home to the north-east, George rode in each of the four seasons that Sunderland competed in Division Two in that period and was a hugely popular figure with the fans at the Boldon Stadium. He was never too far away from injury, suffering three broken legs in three successive years but always returned to the saddle to continue his racing career. After 120 appearances for Sunderland, George returned to the south of the country and ended his career in 1975 after spells with Canterbury, Rye House and Crayford.



| <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> |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1967        | West Ham       | BL              | 8        | 21       | 19       | 6         | 25        | 4.76       | -         | -         |
| 1968        | West Ham       | BL1             | 31       | 96       | 63       | 16        | 79        | 3.29       | -         | -         |
| 1969        | West Ham       | BL1             | 8        | 20       | 9        | 2         | 11        | 2.20       | -         | -         |
| 1969        | King's Lynn II | BL2             | 6        | 27       | 60       | 2         | 62        | 9.19       | -         | 1         |
| 1970        | Wembley        | BL1             | 1        | 2        | 0        | 0         | 0         | 0.00       | -         | -         |
| 1970        | Exeter         | BL1             | 1        | 4        | 1        | 1         | 2         | 2.00       | -         | -         |
| 1970        | Rayleigh       | BL2             | 13       | 44       | 42       | 4         | 46        | 4.18       | -         | -         |
| 1971        | Sunderland     | BL2             | 34       | 142      | 245      | 11        | 256       | 7.21       | 4         | 1         |
| 1971        | Hackney        | BL1             | 1        | 2        | 1        | 0         | 1         | 2.00       | -         | -         |
| 1972        | Sunderland     | BL2             | 27       | 107      | 158      | 26        | 184       | 6.88       | -         | 2         |
| 1973        | Sunderland     | BL2             | 34       | 135      | 182      | 24        | 206       | 6.10       | -         | 2         |
| 1974        | Sunderland     | BL2             | 25       | 102      | 151      | 13        | 164       | 6.43       | -         | -         |
| 1974        | Canterbury     | BL2             | 1        | 2        | 4        | 0         | 4         | 8.00       | -         | -         |
| 1974        | Rye House      | BL2             | 10       | 48       | 65       | 2         | 67        | 5.58       | -         | -         |
| 1975        | Crayford       | NL              | 37       | 122      | 140      | 23        | 163       | 5.34       | -         | -         |