

## **BARRETT, Arthur Charles Leatham (Charlie)**

**Born:** May 2, 1907, West Hartlepool, County Durham, England.

**Died:** 1983.

A member of the Middlesbrough Motor Club, Charlie specialised in grass-track and hill climbs and took part in the first speedway meeting at Middlesbrough's Cleveland Park stadium in August 1928. He was made captain of the side for the English Dirt-Track League campaign in 1929 and spent the first half of the season with the club before moving on.

He was one of a number of riders from the region who were signed by Wembley in the Southern League, and joined Harry Whitfield and Jack Ormston in the side at the Empire Stadium. Charlie found the going tough in London and rode only briefly for the club before leaving and riding on the Continent, especially in Spain.

Charlie was an accomplished pilot and served in the R.A.F. during World War II where he attained the rank of Flying Officer.

<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>
1929	Middlesbrough	EDTL	<i>Full appearance data not yet available</i>							
1929	Wembley	SL	<i>Full appearance data not yet available</i>							