

BARRETT, Ronald (Ron)

Born: January 24, 1932, Edmonton, London, England.*

Spotted by Harringay after some impressive training performances at Rye House, Ron made his debut for the 'Racers' towards the back end of the 1950 season at the age of just 18. He started the following season in the reserve berth at the Green Lanes track but was sent out to Third Division Plymouth in order to gain experience, proving to be an outstanding success with the 'Devils'.

Rather than returning to Pennycross in 1952, Ron joined Exeter as part of a deal that took Ken Walsh from the County Ground to Harringay. Although he proved to be somewhat inconsistent, he showed some terrific form at his new home track and ended the season in fourth place in the 'Falcons' averages with a figure of just under seven points per match. His scoring at the start of 1953 was sensational and, after just five league and cup matches for Exeter, he was signed by Birmingham who saw Ron as the ideal man to bolster the lower end of their struggling Division One side.



A fractured skull hindered his progress and his form with the 'Brummies' was generally disappointing, especially in 1954 when his average dipped to below the two points per match figure. Ron's relationship with the club ended acrimoniously when he walked out on them after an argument with the management and he looked to rebuild his career on joining the new Weymouth venture in 1955. The plan appeared to be on course as he made a good start at Radipole Lane but the club closed after only a short run of meetings and he found himself back at Exeter in May. His second spell with the 'Falcons' was not the success that had been hoped for and he retired to join his father in the family business after a poor run of scores and mechanical trouble.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1950	Harringay	NL1	2	5	1	1	2	1.60	-	-
1951	Harringay	NL1	6	16	13	3	16	4.00	-	-
1951	Plymouth	NL3	16	64	94	12	106	6.63	1	-
1952	Exeter	SL	40	163	249	34	283	6.94	1	3
1953	Exeter	SL	5	24	52	6	58	9.67	1	1
1953	Birmingham	NL1	18	48	47	5	52	4.33	-	-
1954	Birmingham	NL1	23	54	20	6	26	1.93	-	-
1955	Weymouth	NL2	5	30	53	6	59	7.87	-	-
1955	Exeter	NL2	8	37	34	6	40	4.32	-	-