

BASS, Christopher N. G. (Chris)

Born: June 20, 1940, Farnborough, Warwickshire, England.*

Born in the U.K. but raised in Australia, Chris arrived relatively unheralded from Adelaide for the 1968 speedway season but his appearance was perfectly timed as he took advantage of the introduction of a Second Division to the British League that same year. Not only was he given a chance to make the grade with Exeter in Division One, he was allowed to double up between the two leagues by riding for Plymouth in the lower section. An average of 4.65 for the 'Falcons' was a good effort for a first year rider, but with Plymouth he proved to be one of the top men in the new section, finishing third in the league averages with a figure of 10.15 and only marginally behind the top two of Crayford's Mick Handley and his 'Devils' team mate Mike Cake.



When he moved up full-time into Division One in 1969 it was with the Cradley 'Heathens' and he had another impressive year with highlights being double figure scores against Swindon and Oxford at Dudley Wood, as well as making the Australian test side against England. In contrast, 1970 proved to be something of a disaster as his scoring slumped and he struggled to find the form he had shown since his arrival two seasons earlier. This proved to be Chris' last season in the U.K. but he continued to ride regularly in Adelaide on his return home and made further international appearances in his adopted home city up until the 1972-73 season.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1968	Exeter	BL1	26	62	58	14	72	4.65	-	-
1968	Plymouth	BL2	10	41	101	3	104	10.15	2	-
1969	Cradley Heath	BL1	38	149	164	33	197	5.29	-	-
1970	Cradley Heath	BL1	34	116	106	21	127	4.38	-	-

International Honours: Australian international – 7 caps, 20 points.