

BEACON, David Grenville (Dave)

Born: May 18, 1945, Hazel Grove, Greater Manchester, England.*

A former cycle speedway rider, Dave started racing on Ainsdale Sands and at the Ivan Mauger Training School at Belle Vue in 1967. When the Second Division got under way the following year Dave joined Nelson and broke into the side at the end of June, making his debut at home to Rayleigh and scoring a creditable five, paid six, from three rides. He quickly secured his team place for the rest of the season with a series of solid displays, the highlight of which was a paid nine score against Plymouth, and marked him down as one of the most promising juniors in the sport. When 1969 dawned there were high hopes that Dave would push on into the heat leader bracket but an update of his equipment saw him change his frame and lose his form completely as a result, scoring just ten points in eight matches. He eventually lost his place altogether in the Nelson side and ended up drifting away from the sport. After retirement Dave became an engineer and specialised in motor racing technology.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1968	Nelson	BL2	13	49	59	13	72	5.88	-	-
1969	Nelson	BL2	8	23	10	1	11	1.91	-	-