

## **BEECH, David (Tiger)**

**Born:** August 6, 1950, Hackney, London, England.

A popular figure with the Rayleigh 'Rockets' in the early 1970s, Tiger Beech was a former pits helper to Colin Pratt and made his debut for the Essex side just before his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. He dropped just one point to the opposition in just his second league meeting and had a run of 14 league and cup matches before the end of the year. This made him an automatic choice for 1972 and he was an ever-present for the 'Rockets', increasing his average to just under six points per match with a series of excellent performances, particularly at his home Weir circuit.

A sensational start to 1973 led to him being selected for England at Division Two level against Poland, but his form fell away dramatically towards the end of the year and he announced that he would be sitting out the 1974 season due to him setting up a haulage business. By the time he was ready to race again after a 12 month absence, the 'Rockets' had moved their home to Rye House but Tiger performed well throughout the season, being a solid scoring second string with the club, now based in Hertfordshire. The comeback was to be short lived as he decided to quit again after just one outing in 1976.

<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>
1971	Rayleigh	BL2	14	48	49	3	52	4.33	-	-
1972	Rayleigh	BL2	34	126	155	31	186	5.90	-	1
1973	Rayleigh	BL2	40	168	244	13	237	6.12	3	-
1973	Hackney	BL1	2	6	1	1	2	1.33	-	-
1975	Rye House	NL	36	128	164	17	181	5.66	-	1
1976	Rye House	NL	1	3	4	1	5	6.67	-	-