

**BELLHAM, Alan P.**

**Born:** May 15, 1948, Stowbridge, Norfolk, England.

Alan was a junior rider at his local track at King's Lynn and progressed through second half racing to make his debut for the club at Coventry in April, 1967, at the age of 18. When Brian Davies was injured at the start of 1968 Alan was called up to a full-time position with the 'Stars' and missed just one league meeting that season as he finished with a creditable average of 4.29 points per match. He continued to make steady progress in the top flight, recording his first maximum against Newport in June, 1969, and looked to be a useful prospect as he was rarely injured and was capable of some high scoring, particularly around his home Saddlebow Road base.



By the end of the 1970 season Alan had made 116 league and cup appearances for King's Lynn but his average was still just below five points per match and it was hoped a move would enable him to make the next step up the career ladder. He joined West Ham in a deal which saw Barry Crowson head in the opposite direction but suffered a reversal in his scoring with his confidence being eroded by a run of low scores. This season proved to be the last for the 'Hammers' in Division One racing and their licence was taken over by the ambitious Ipswich promotion with Alan being part of the deal. He lost his place with the 'Witches' after just one league match and a move into the Second Division with Scunthorpe was a disaster leading to a premature retirement in mid-season.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1967	King's Lynn	BL	3	6	4	1	5	3.33	-	-
1968	King's Lynn	BL1	36	110	102	16	118	4.29	-	-
1969	King's Lynn	BL1	40	135	138	28	166	4.92	-	1
1970	King's Lynn	BL1	37	136	144	25	169	4.97	-	2
1971	West Ham	BL1	37	130	99	20	119	3.66	-	-
1972	Ipswich	BL1	1	2	2	0	2	4.00	-	-
1972	Scunthorpe	BL2	10	40	33	4	37	3.70	-	-