

## **BLACK, Brian Milne**

**Born:** October 24, 1944, Meikleour, Scotland.\*

**Died:** December, 2008.

Brian was a second half rider at Edinburgh in the mid-1960s and was drafted into the team for two away matches at Coventry and Exeter towards the end of the 1965 season. It would be almost two years until the next opportunity came to pull on a 'Monarchs' race jacket and he was never able to make the breakthrough from promising junior prospect into a first team regular at Old Meadowbank, despite winning both his rides in a rare first team outing from reserve against Long Eaton in September, 1967.

The following season saw the introduction of Second Division speedway in the border town of Berwick and Brian was one of a number of young riders with Edinburgh connections to sign for the side. He responded well to a heat leader role and was averaging almost seven points per match before dropping out of the sport in mid-season, scoring a paid maximum at home to Canterbury as well as several other decent returns. Brian returned to the saddle in April, 1969 and spent the rest of the season in the black and gold race jacket of the 'Bandits', supplying some useful support to the likes of heat leaders, Maury Robinson, Mark Hall and Peter Kelly. Brian retired from the sport at the end of that season at the age of just 25.

| <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> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1965        | Edinburgh   | BL              | 2        | 7        | 2        | 1         | 3         | 1.71       | -         | -         |
| 1967        | Edinburgh   | BL              | 7        | 14       | 15       | 3         | 18        | 5.14       | -         | -         |
| 1968        | Coatbridge  | BL1             | 2        | 4        | 2        | 0         | 2         | 2.00       | -         | -         |
| 1968        | Berwick     | BL2             | 9        | 36       | 57       | 6         | 63        | 7.00       | -         | 1         |
| 1969        | Berwick     | BL2             | 26       | 100      | 127.5    | 24        | 151.5     | 6.06       | -         | 1         |