

BOCK, Kevin

Born: September 3, 1926, Whakatane, New Zealand.*

Speedway developed at a relatively slow pace in New Zealand in the 1940s with only a handful of Kiwis coming to race in the National League. However, the following decade saw a huge upsurge and numerous riders made the journey to try and follow in the footsteps of men like Bruce Abernethy and Ronnie Moore. Burly Kevin Bock was an all-round motorcyclist and had experience of riding at the Taita track near Wellington before joining St. Austell in 1953. He made his debut at Swindon in a Southern League match on April 18 and made 19 official appearances for the 'Gulls' in his first season. He found life difficult on his home track and showed some of his best form on away circuits, with his top scores coming at Cardiff and Plymouth. After the closure of the Cornish circuit Kevin had a short spell with Exeter but returned home having failed to make the grade in the U.K. Kevin made one appearance for his country, scoring five points against England in the second test at Masterton on February 1, 1956.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1953	St. Austell	SL	19	74	60	11	71	3.84	-	-
1954	Exeter	NL2	7	19	14	1	15	3.16	-	-

International Honours: New Zealand international – 1 cap, 5 points.