

BOOTON, Howard J. (Howie)

Born: March 9, 1939, Nuneaton, Warwickshire, England.*

A former cycle speedway rider who took up the motorised version of the sport after working with the Coventry legend Jim Lightfoot, Howie had second halves at Brandon in 1962. He had a short four match run in the side early the following year when Ron Mountford was out through injury but he was only able to score one point and returned to the second halves when Mountford was fit again. A loan spell with Wolverhampton at the end of 1963, when he rode in a handful of challenge matches, aided his progress but it was not until 1965 that Howie got his big break. As a member of the 'Bees' British League side, he had a chance to establish himself as a regular member of the team at Brandon but the two points he scored in the first ever match in the new competition was to be his top score. He was given another run in the side later in the season as the management tinkered with the reserve berths but eventually lost his place for good in July.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1963	Coventry	NL	4	8	1	0	1	0.50	-	-
1965	Coventry	BL	11	30	5	0	5	0.67	-	-