

## **BOSS, Christopher (Chris)**

**Born:** June 12, 1928, Barry, South Glamorgan, Wales.

**Died:** May 30, 2011.

Chris was a well-known grass track exponent around the South Wales circuits before making his speedway debut in 1949 when he joined the Bristol 'Bulldogs'. After injuries had sidelined Fred Tuck and Eric Salmon, Chris won his chance in the side and showed good promise in recording a point per ride in his initial season in the sport as the West Country club recorded Second Division championship success.

The 1950 campaign saw the 'Bulldogs' in top flight speedway for the first time since the war and Chris was again confined to second half races until breaking into the side on a regular basis in July that year. Once he had cemented his place in the team, he went from strength to strength, being paid for double figures in a league match at home to Wimbledon by the end of the year. His best season by far came in 1952 when he finished the season in second place in the club's averages with a respectable figure of 6.69 points per match and was mentioned as a possible for international selection – a fine achievement in such a short space of time for the Welsh rider.



That winter Chris won his international caps for England, appearing in all five tests in New Zealand, but rather than making further progression, his form dipped on his return and he never fulfilled his earlier promise. As the sport in Bristol began to struggle towards the middle of the 1950s, injuries began to strike and Chris' scoring mirrored the club's decline and saw him retire from the sport when Bristol closed its doors to speedway in 1955.

<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>
1949	Bristol	NL2	16	34	29	5	34	4.00	-	-
1950	Bristol	NL1	16	60	61	10	71	4.73	-	-
1951	Bristol	NL1	33	129	153	22	175	5.43	-	-
1952	Bristol	NL1	38	153	238	18	256	6.69	1	-
1953	Bristol	NL1	21	78	94	7	101	5.18	-	1
1954	Bristol	NL2	19	56	52	10	62	4.43	-	-
1955	<i>Bristol</i>	<i>NL2</i>	9	35	24	4	28	3.20	-	-

**International Honours:** England international – 5 caps, 34 points.

**Team Honours:** National League Division Two Championship winner 1949, 1954.