

BOTTOMLEY, Ian

Born: April 30, 1948, Bradford, West Yorkshire, England.*

Ian took up the sport in the winter of 1967-68 and joined his local track, Halifax, as a junior. He rode three times for his parent track that season but found more success when he was loaned to Reading in the newly formed Division Two where Halifax promoter Reg Fearman had a controlling interest. In 1969 Ian was loaned to Crewe and showed the best form of his career at the large Earle Street track, forcing his way into the Young England side who took on Czechoslovakia on Division Two tracks.

Ian was superb around his home track that season and it was a good rider who managed to beat him, but his away form was not quite so hot and kept his average down slightly, although a seven points per match figure was a highly satisfactory return. Ian was never able to repeat that promising form of 1969 and his average dwindled until he left Crewe at the beginning of the 1971 season. He was quickly snapped up by newcomers Hull, but generally filled a reserve berth at The Boulevard until the end of the season, averaging just over four points per match, and dropped out of the sport altogether after a poor start to the 1972 season.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1968	Reading	BL2	10	35	38	3	41	4.69	-	-
1968	Halifax	BL1	3	7	2	0	2	1.14	-	-
1969	Crewe	BL2	28	103	161	20	181	7.03	1	2
1969	Halifax	BL1	2	6	1	0	1	0.67	-	-
1970	Crewe	BL2	28	94	123	16	139	5.91	2	1
1971	Crewe	BL2	6	21	27	7	34	6.48	-	-
1971	Hull	BL2	21	71	65	13	78	4.39	-	-