

## **BOWERMAN, John**

**Born:** Sydney, New South Wales, Australia.

The history of speedway has been littered with riders who have been stars in their native country but failed to make the grade in the British League and one rider who certainly fell into that category was the green leathered Sydneysider John Bowerman. He had been so impressive in his native city that he was awarded a test cap for the meeting against England in the first international of the series at the Sydney Showground on November 13, 1971. He scored one point in the meeting and came to Britain the following spring to sign for Scunthorpe who had just entered the British League Second Division. The fully fledged international looked to be a scoop signing for the 'Saints' but he had an awful time with two scores of paid seven being his best efforts in a season blighted by injury and mechanical problems. He was still around for the 1973 season but showed no improvement whatsoever and soon disappeared from the scene at Quibell Park.

| <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> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1972        | Scunthorpe  | BL2             | 14       | 48       | 35       | 9         | 44        | 3.67       | -         | -         |
| 1973        | Scunthorpe  | BL2             | 4        | 14       | 11       | 0         | 11        | 3.14       | -         | -         |

International Honours: Australian international – 1 cap, 1 point.