

BOYLE, Francis Joseph (Frank)

Born: October 29, 1927, Hawkes Bay, New Zealand.

Frank hailed from Hawkes Bay in New Zealand and came to the U.K. with Harold Fairhurst in 1949. He had trials at Ashfield but was not taken on due to the fact that the 'Giants' had their full permitted quota of overseas riders and eventually signed for Oxford, making his debut in June. Within six weeks of his initial appearance he had recorded his first double figure score and was confirmed as an important member of the 'Cheetahs' Third Division side.

A tremendous partnership developed with Pat Clarke in 1950 as the pair played a major role in bringing the Division Three championship to Cowley and saw them promoted to the Second Division the following year. Although the rise in standard and the consequences of injuries sustained the previous year saw Frank's form dip slightly, he held his place as a reliable second string until the end of the 1953 season when he decided to remain at home in New Zealand. He made four international appearances for his country in a tour of South Africa in 1952-53.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1949	Oxford	NL3	32	124	154	13	167	5.39	-	-
1950	Oxford	NL3	32	138	273	38	311	9.01	-	3
1951	Oxford	NL2	31	102	131	9	140	5.49	-	-
1952	Oxford	NL2	46	160	181	25	206	5.15	1	-
1953	Oxford	SL	17	53	58	5	63	4.75	-	-

International Honours: New Zealand international – 4 caps, 21 points.

Team Honours: National League Division Three Championship winner 1950.