

BRIDSON, Gerald (Gerry)

Born: 1929, Birkenhead, Merseyside, England.*

The younger brother of Jack Bridson, Gerry was born in Merseyside but emigrated to New Zealand with his brother in 1950. He learned to ride at Christchurch and returned to Britain in 1954, linking up with Ringwood in the Southern Area League and later joining Eastbourne after the Matchams Park based club pulled out of racing in 1955. After the collapse of the Southern Area League Gerry joined Poole but spent most of his time in the reserve side or in second halves at Wimborne Road before being given his big chance in 1960 when the 'Pirates' opted to operate in the Provincial League. However, he was not able to make the breakthrough and lost his team place in mid-season. Gerry moved with his family to Perth, Western Australia, after ending his stint in British racing and was a popular figure on the vast Claremont track in his adopted home city for many years.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1954	Ringwood	SAL	6	24	25	2	27	4.50	-	-
1955	<i>Ringwood †</i>	SAL	7	27	41	2	43	6.37	-	-
1955	Eastbourne	SAL	5	21	22	4	26	4.95	-	-
1955	Southampton	NL2	1	3	2	1	3	4.00	-	-
1956	Eastbourne †	SAL	10	36	55	5	60	6.67	-	-
1958	Poole	NL	2	4	2	1	3	3.00	-	-
1959	Poole	NL	1	3	1	1	2	2.67	-	-
1960	Poole	PL	7	16	8	3	11	2.75	-	-