

BUCHANAN, Hilary Pakenham

Born: November 10, 1905, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

The son of a former mayor of Brisbane, Hilary was one of the first Australian speedway riders to come to the U.K. in 1928 and was competing in meetings in London by the end of May that year. Whilst not quite in the same class as his fellow countrymen Vic Huxley and Frank Arthur, he had the beating of most of the up and coming British riders that season as the home based riders found their feet in the sport. Eventually, riders like Jim Kempster and Roger Frogley began to get the measure of him as they gained experience and he was not quite as dominant as he had been in the early part of the year.

After deciding to stay in the U.K. for the winter he was allowed to take part in the newly formed Southern League as he was not classed as a star rider and joined White City in London, where he had spent much of the previous season. He was expected to be one of the leading riders in the competition but his scoring was something of a disappointment resulting in him losing his team place for a while in mid-season. Hilary returned to Australia at the end of the season having spent just two years in British speedway.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1929	White City	SL	<i>Full appearance data not yet available</i>							