

## **HODSON, Stanley (Stan)**

**Born:** March 4, 1922, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England.\*

**Died:** June 17, 1949.

Stan appeared occasionally for Sheffield and Wembley in 1946 before the advent of the Third Division the following year gave him the opportunity for a more regular speedway career. Finally establishing himself in the sport with Exeter, Stan played a vital role in the 'Falcons' Division Three title win in 1948 and was a popular performer amongst the Devon fans. His performances around his home County Ground circuit were particularly impressive, recording five of his six paid maximums in that championship winning season at the Devon track but, such was the strength of the 'Falcons' that year, a 7.48 final average could put him only sixth in the team's end of season figures. During 1949 concerns developed about the state of Stan's health and he was advised to retire during the season. However, he continued to ride contrary to medical opinion, and tragically died of a heart attack in June in a nursing home in Paignton, Devon at the age of 27.

<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>
1946	Sheffield	NrL	9	19	12	6	18	3.79	-	-
1946	Wembley	NL	2	4	2	0	2	2.00	-	-
1947	Sheffield	NL2	1	4	3	0	3	3.00	-	-
1947	Wombwell	NL3	8	26	52	1	53	8.15	1	-
1947	Exeter	NL3	7	26	41	4	45	6.92	1	-
1948	Exeter	NL3	40	160	270	29	299	7.48	-	6
1949	Exeter	NL3	21	83	111	13	124	5.98	-	-

**Team Honours:** National League Division Three Championship winner 1948.