

## **HUNT, John C. (Jack)**

**Born:** April 6, 1922, Auckland, New Zealand.

Jack arrived in Newcastle for the 1947 season having been crowned New Zealand champion two years earlier and his signing was regarded as something of a coup for the 'Diamonds' management. Although he scored eight, paid eleven, on his official debut in a National Trophy match against Glasgow he generally failed to live up to expectations and struggled to adapt to British tracks in his first year.

He won his national title for a second time in 1948 but was delayed in returning to Britain and did not arrive until the end of May. Nevertheless, his performances showed an immediate improvement on those of the previous year and he recorded a run of excellent scores which included three maximums in his last five matches for the club. He was mentioned as a potential challenger for the Second Division Match Race Championship as well as being a transfer target for Wembley. However, at the peak of his form he was injured in a crash with Aub Lawson at Bradford and sustained serious arm injuries which ended his racing career. He later took over as manager of the Palmerston North track in New Zealand but never regained the full use of his injured limb.

<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>
1947	Newcastle	NL2	19	67	62	11	73	4.36	-	-
1948	Newcastle	NL2	11	43	79	5	84	7.81	3	-

**Individual Honours:** New Zealand Champion 1945, 1948.