

MATHEWS, William (Bill)

Born: May 28, 1912, Hafford, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Died: July 11, 1968.

A Canadian who had experience of the American circuits before coming to Britain, Bill joined his fellow countryman Eric Chitty at West Ham in 1947. The winner of the 200 mile Daytona Championship in 1941, he was given an extended run in the 'Hammers' side as he tried in vain to adapt to the smaller circuits of the U.K. Bill's best night of his British career came in July as he scored five, paid seven, against Bradford at the Custom House track, but he failed to progress and also had an unsuccessful spell on loan at Birmingham in Division Two. So renowned was he in his home country for his road racing exploits, he was enrolled in the Canadian Motorcycle Hall of Fame.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	West Ham	NL1	21	49	29	7	36	2.94	-	-
1947	Birmingham	NL2	1	4	1	0	1	1.00	-	-