

**NEWELL, William Frederick (Billy)****Born:** March 8, 1915, Slough, Berkshire, England.\***Died:** 1989.

Riding on and off since 1936, Billy was one of the toughest riders in the sport, having suffered a host of injuries during his career - including a fractured skull. He started the 1947 season as captain of the Plymouth 'Devils' but suffered an early season broken wrist which kept him out of the saddle until July. On his return he combined with fellow heat leaders Ivan Kessell and Stan Lanfear but could not prevent the Devonians finishing bottom of the Third Division. Despite starting the 1948 season with a double figure haul against Cradley Heath in a National Trophy match, Billy's lack of form led to him losing his team place in July and he was transferred to non-league Rayleigh later in the season for a £50 fee. He rode occasionally in the 1950s at California, Berkshire, against other non-league sides and turned out in an individual event at Plymouth in 1953.

<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	Plymouth	NL3	19	73	110	9	119	6.52	1	-
1948	Plymouth	NL3	17	48	49	9	58	4.83	-	-