

WADDELL, Rex King (Bonnie)

Born: June 3, 1917, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Despite being a full Australian international and having a fine reputation at his home circuit at Brisbane, Bonnie struggled to make an impression in Britain in his three years at four different tracks. He made the journey to the U.K. in 1947 and joined his mentor Charlie Spinks at Newcastle, where he found life exceptionally difficult and lost his team place in 1948.

After a solitary match for Wombwell, he figured in a deal which saw him move to Exeter in exchange for Keith Gurtner who had failed to settle at the County Ground and wanted to try his luck at Brough Park. Strangely, he was loaned to local rivals Plymouth – having his best spell in Britain at Pennycross - and was to ride only once for Exeter after falling out with promoter Frank Buckland when he refused to ride for the team in a vital match at Southampton. He had a second season at Plymouth in 1949 but suffered a loss of form and did not return to Britain for the new decade.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Newcastle	NL2	22	69	44	5	49	2.84	-	-
1948	Newcastle	NL2	2	5	4	1	5	4.00	-	-
1948	Wombwell	NL3	1	2	3	0	3	6.00	-	-
1948	Plymouth	NL3	39	144	157	27	184	5.11	-	-
1948	Exeter	NL3	1	3	1	1	2	2.67	-	-
1949	Plymouth	NL3	20	65	52	11	63	3.88	-	-

International Honours: Australian international – 2 caps, 3 points.