

WILSON, William (Billy)**Born:** March 18, 1916, Middlesbrough, Cleveland, England.***Died:** July 5, 1948.

A popular locally born rider at Cleveland Park, Middlesbrough, Billy broke into the side at reserve in 1947 and by June had become an automatic choice as he supplied some valuable lower order scores. He recorded his maiden paid maximum at home to Bristol in August and ended the season with a league winners medal as the 'Bears' secured back to back championship triumphs. He made further progress in 1948 and graduated to the main body of the team, scoring with a consistency which belied his lack of experience. However, Billy was involved in a crash at Norwich on July 3, 1948 and sustained serious head injuries when striking a lamp standard. He died in hospital two days later without regaining consciousness.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1947	Middlesbrough	NL2	28	81	82	16	98	4.84	-	1
1948	Middlesbrough	NL2	21	68	83	14	97	5.71	-	-

Team Honours: National League Division Two Championship winner 1947.