# **Dream Team : Mike Haley**

Started following speedway back in 1969 (Romford) then 1977 - 1978 (Exeter, Swindon and Bristol), 1979 - 1981 (Hackney). Always a Falcon follower but admired the Swindon and Bristol teams too. A real admirer of Kenny Carter, such a talent and such a sad end to a young life.



## Ivan Mauger (Exeter)

Simply the best speedway rider there has ever been. Pioneered the way for speedway to become a major sporting attraction. Poetry in motion, fast gating and totally balanced, a real professional who could cope with any pressure.

## Vaclav Verner (Exeter)

I remember watching Vaclav practising before his Falcons debut back in 1977. No better sight than seeing him not throttle back and blast round the County Ground skimming the iron fence.

## **Scott Autrey (Exeter)**

Scott was my all time favourite rider; a cool performer but not loud and flashy like many of the Americans. Unfortunate not to have lifted the world title; I cheered him all the way at Wembley in 1978 when he finished 3rd.

#### Kenny Carter (Halifax)

Without a doubt the best English speedway rider ever, bar none. He had such natural ability and his grit and determination to overcome serious injuries often riding when he shouldn't is nothing short of remarkable.

## Phil Crump (Bristol)

Phil was such a reliable rider, consistent scorer able to deliver when it was needed.

#### John Titman (Exeter)

Another reliable Aussie, really steady and able to score highly on all tracks. He was often guesting for other clubs...a real team man.

#### **Bo Petersen (Hackney)**

Another stylish rider who performed up there with the best, particularly round the Waterden Road track in Hackney.

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