

## **ANGERMULLER, Josef**

**Born:** November 6, 1949, Wolnzach, Germany.

**Died:** April 24, 1977.

Josef 'Seppi' Angermuller was West Germany's leading rider of the early 1970s and was a star of the Continental circuits where he competed with the best of the British League in open meetings. As with many of the European riders of the time, opportunities were limited in the U.K. and it proved difficult to lure some of the German riders in any case as they were often reluctant to forego the lucrative Sunday meetings. However, Josef was tempted over to the British League by Reading in 1971 as the 'Racers' sought to plug a gap in the side caused by the injury to the experienced Geoff Mudge and he made his debut for the club on May 31 – scoring two points at Exeter. A paid seven score against Swindon at Tilehurst showed that he had the capabilities but he left the club after just eight matches and had averaged just 3.30 points per match.

For the next couple of years he continued to ride on the European tracks but failed to make major progress in the World Championship rounds each season. In 1974 Hull entered Division One racing for the first time and Josef was signed to bolster a team led by Jim McMillan and Bobby Beaton at The Boulevard. He made a poor start to the season and was then injured for a spell before returning to the side in late June when his form picked up tremendously. He had a superb mid-season purple patch when he was paid for double figures on four occasions but further commitments at home prevented him from fulfilling all his fixtures for the 'Vikings' and limited him to just 20 appearances for the club. Josef did not ride in the British League again after his spell with Hull and was tragically killed in a track crash at the Civita Nuova track in Italy in a World Championship Qualifying Round on April 24, 1977.

<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>
1971	Reading	BL1	8	23	14	5	19	3.30	-	-
1974	Hull	BL1	20	72	75	17	92	5.11	-	1

**International Honours:** West German international – 14 caps, 91 points.