

BENTKE, Kazimierz (Kazim)

Born: February 22, 1932, Ostrow, Poland.

Posted to Coventry to replace the departed Henryk Zyto in 1961, Kazim was a little known Pole who had appeared for his country against England at the end of the previous season at Leszno. Following Zyto was going to be something of a tough assignment as his predecessor had proved to be a popular figure at Brandon and had won the Midland Riders' Championship at his home track. He showed glimpses of form during the season and eight points at home to Oxford in only his second league match perhaps gave the 'Bees' fans false hope that he would prove to be heat leader quality. He was only to better this score on one occasion and ended the season with an average of just under five points per match, returning home to Poland at the end of the year. Although Kazim never reached a World Final, he was a regular competitor in the Polish League for many years and made his final international appearance against the Soviet Union in 1967.

Year	Club	Division	M	R	P	BP	TP	CMA	FM	PM
1961	Coventry	NL	18	59	60	11	71	4.81	-	-

International Honours: Polish international – 3 caps, 28 points.