

BENTLEY, Brian

Born: June 16, 1950, Manchester, Greater Manchester, England.

A promising junior off the Hyde Road production line in the late 1960s, Brian was a teenager when he made his debut in the Belle Vue 'Colts' side in the first ever British League Division Two match against Canterbury on May 8, 1968. He scored a creditable six, paid eight, on that historic day and performed admirably in his first season, averaging over five points per match. With the introduction of Eric Broadbelt to the side, Brian could not be sure of his team place towards the end of the year but still played a useful role in the league winning season. He sat out of the sport for several years, partially due to a hip injury, before making a brief return to Hyde Road in 1974.

| Year | Club | Division | M | R | P | BP | TP | CMA | FM | PM |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1968 | Belle Vue II | BL2 | 14 | 43 | 46 | 13 | 59 | 5.49 | - | - |
| 1968 | Belle Vue | BL1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 4.00 | - | - |
| 1974 | Belle Vue | BL1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 | - | - |

Team Honours: British League Division Two Championship winner 1968.