

## **BETZL, Christoph**

**Born:** February 13, 1949, Rott, Germany

Christoph was one of West Germany's leading riders of the 1970s and had impressed British promoters in 1975 with his showings on the continent and with a fine display in the World Pairs Semi-Final in particular. When Poole were hit by the early season retirement of Pete Smith, they saw that Christoph had the potential to fill a second string role in the side at Wimborne Road and moved quickly to sign him. He made his league debut at home to Hackney on June 4, scoring one point, but missed the next three meetings due to his commitments back in Europe. He returned a fortnight later to ride against King's Lynn but failed to score and was released by the 'Pirates' as it had become clear that Christoph's continental fixture list and his immediate lack of scoring power meant he was not the answer to Poole's problems. He never appeared in British League racing again but continued to be a force in Europe and rode in the 1979 World Final at Chorzow, Poland, scoring two points.

<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>
1975	Poole	BL	2	7	1	0	1	0.57	-	-

**Individual Honours:** World Finalist 1979 (14<sup>th</sup>).

**International Honours:** West German international – 24 caps, 148 points.