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## Cycle speedway gallant bid

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club opened their 2010 season with a Northern Combination Division match on Sunday.

A&T's youngsters put in a gallant display against a much older Stockport team, before going down 93-54.

Joel Partington and Matthew Turnbull were joint top scorers for A&T, with Sacha Street recovering well after a fall first time out.

Partington also won the English Schools under 12s

roller cycling championships last week, to add to the four titles he already holds in other cycling disciplines.

Sacha Street represented Wigan at the Greater Manchester Champions Challenge and finished third in the boys cycling sprint final.

Practice sessions take place at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm.

The sessions are open to all newcomers and club members.

## A&T win their opener

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club staged their first home match of the season against Sheffield at Gin Pit on Sunday.

The Northern Combination League match was still level after nine races, but A&T finished strongly in the remaining six races, to win the match 81-69.

Adam Phillips raced unbeaten, with Joel Partington and Stefan Whitelegg losing once each.

Adam Phillips won the opening round of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix series, winning all his five races.

A&T will host the opening round of the Northern Fours and Junior Grand Prix series on Sunday, starting at 1pm.

The track is located at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley. M29 7DW.



❑ Rafal Pigon

## Pigon joins A&T team

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club will stage their opening home match of the season at Gin Pit on Sunday.

They take on Sheffield Rockets in the Northern Combination League.

First race is at 2pm, with the opening round of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix at 3.30pm.

Spectators are welcome at Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club track, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley, M29 7DW.

A&T have signed Rafal Pigon. The 25-year-old from Krosno races for Tarnow in the Polish League. He will be available later in the summer to make his British racing debut.

A&T have received a £675 grant from the Community Chest Fund, administered by Wigan Council, to contribute towards the cost of a much needed replacement storage cabin.

## Partington maintains his form

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted the opening round of the Northern Junior League Series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Joel Partington kept up his improved form to race unbeaten in the under 13s category, with good scores from A&T's other youngsters.

Stockport ran out winners, with A&T second and Sheffield third on the day.

A&T were well represented in the opening round of the British Youth and Junior League Series at Stockport on Saturday.

Adam Phillips launched his defence of the British under 12s Grand Prix title by winning the under 12s A final.

Max Evans was the winner of the under eights A final, with teammate Tyler Koch second.

Adam Turnbull took second place in the under 10s A final.

Sheffield won the team event, with A&T third.

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## Turnbull races unbeaten for A&T

THE Manchester League Grand Prix series started with the opening round at Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club.

A good turnout saw 36 races held, with some fast times posted under the Gin Pit floodlights, as riders enjoyed the effects of the winter track improvements.

Defending Division One champions Stockport got off to a win in the senior category.

The Division Two (junior) category was closely contested, with Stockport beating last year's champions Astley and Tyldesley by a single point.

A&T's Adam Turnbull raced unbeaten in the under 10s category, with Adam Phillips and Joel Partington each dropping just one point in the under 13s category.

Manchester League Division One match result: Stockport 52, Bury 43, Astley & Tyldesley 9.

Manchester League Division Two match result: Stockport 75, Astley & Tyldesley 74, Bury 56.

Club practice sessions continue to be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Astley.

## A&T young riders produce good Grand Prix performances

BURY hosted round two of the Manchester League Grand Prix Series.

Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's Adam Turnbull raced unbeaten in the under 10s category, with Max Evans losing only to Adam throughout.

In the under 13s category, Joel Partington and Adam Phillips defeated each other once, to finish on 15 apiece.

Luke Jamson put in a good

showing in the under 19s match, scoring 12 points.

Overall, A&T put in a great display to finish level with Stockport on 72 points, well ahead of Bury and Sheffield.

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Max Evans won the under eights Grand Prix, with Tyler Koch second.

Adam Turnbull was runner-up in the under 10s category, with Adam Phillips winning the under 12s event.

To round off a busy weekend, A&T had riders competing in the second round of the Northern Junior Grand Prix Series at Sheffield on Sunday.

Adam Turnbull was joint first in the under 10s category, Joel Partington was joint first in the under 13s event and Matthew Turnbull was joint

first in the under 19s category.

A&T are hosting the second round of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix Series this Sunday.

The first race is at 2pm at the track at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley, M29 7DW.

This will be followed by a Come and Try It session for women and girls only, starting at 3.30 pm.



# A&T fliers shine again

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In the U13s category, Joel Partington and Adam Phillips defeated each other once, to finish on 15 points apiece.

Luke Jamson put in a good showing in the U19 match, scoring 12 points.

Overall, A and T put in a great display to finish level with Stockport on 72 points apiece, well ahead of Bury and Sheffield.

**Manchester League Division Two match result** (top five scorers count only): Astley and Tyldesley 72 Stockport 72, Bury 51 Sheffield 18.

A and T had riders competing at Hull in the second North Regional Round of the British Youth and Junior League series on Saturday.

Max Evans won the U8 Grand Prix, with Tyler Koch second. Adam Turnbull was runner-up in the U10 category, with Adam Phillips winning the U12 event.

To round off a busy weekend, A and T had riders competing in the second round of the Northern Junior Grand Prix series at Sheffield on Sunday. Adam Turnbull was joint first in the U-10 category, Joel Partington was joint first in the U13 event and Matthew Turnbull was joint first in the U19 category.

A and T are hosting the second round of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix series this Sunday (May 16). First race is at 2pm at the track at Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley.

This will be followed by a 'Come and try it' session for women and girls only, starting at 3.30pm.

Visit the club website: [www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk](http://www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk)



**SPEEDSTERS:** Action from Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club



# Bike-mad Tyler is on right track

BOOTHSTOWN racer Tyler Koch won the Under eights North West Regional Circuit Race Championships in Southport.

Tyler was racing for Bolton Hot Wheels and he beat off tough opposition – especially a group from the Isle of Man – to win the prestigious race and earn a British Cycling winners jersey and the medal.

And the bike-mad youngster has his sights set high in his cycling career – as he aims to compete at the Tour De France.

Tyler, who goes to Boothstown Methodist School, literally got 'on his bike' aged six when he copied his dad. Initially he joined Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club where he trained twice a week and decided he wanted to race.

Last year he rode at the Cycle Speedway National Championships and finished 20th out of 56 competitors. This year he lies fifth after two rounds of several up and down the country.

In 2009, he wanted to road race – a totally different cycling experience compared to speedway – and so in September 2009 he did his first ever road race, the Preston Grand Prix. And despite crashing on the last lap he lapped his own age group and won.

In 2009 he joined Bolton Hot Wheels, based at the Reebok Stadium.

And, at the moment, he mixes speedway and road racing at weekends and trains three to four times a week.

"He just loves it and one day he wants to ride the Tour De France," said dad Leo. "But in the short term would like to ride at the velodrome when they can find a bike small enough for him to ride."



## Young gun produces tenacious display

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted round two of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

A handicapping system was put into place to even up the differences in age, ability and experience of the competitors.

Joel Partington made light of his 20 yards handicap in each race, coming through the field each time to win all four of his races and to win the round with a 16 points maximum score.

Young Adam Turnbull turned in a tenacious display to take second place overall after scoring 14 points, with Luke Jamson and Stefan Whitelegg tying for third place, after both had scored 13 points.

A&T staged a women's taster event afterwards, finishing off with their own competition.

Christine Carroll won the final, ahead of Linda Turnbull, Kirsten Worgan and Meriam Partington.

Astley and Tyldesley continue to hold practice sessions every Tuesday and Thursday at 7pm.

Newcomers are always welcome to try out the sport, with bikes and helmets available for hire.

The track is located at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley, M29 7DW.

## Juniors rally in challenge match

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club youngsters turned in a great performance to convincingly beat Sheffield Rockets in a junior challenge match on Sunday.

On a hot sweltering day, A&T's youngsters won the opening five heats to race into a 33-17 lead on a dusty Sheffield circuit. Sheffield then rallied with two race winners, but A&T kept up the pressure to win another six heats, and run out 91-59 winners. Stefan Whitelegg and Sacha Street both lost just once.

Reece Pollitt, racing in his first match, turned in a terrific performance, losing just once to an opponent.

Junior Challenge match result: Sheffield Rockets 59 Astley & Tyldesley 91.

Five A&T riders competed in Round One of the Hallamshire Go-Ride Grand Prix series.

Max Evans and Adam Turnbull both raced unbeaten and then won their respective Grand Prix Finals at under 8 and under 10 levels.

Reece Pollitt scored 12 and finished second in the under 12 GP Final, while Sacha Street scored 15 and finished second in the under 14 GP Final.

Matthew Turnbull finished third in the Open GP Final, after scoring five points in the qualifying heats.

Adam Phillips turned in a strong performance in the British under 13 Individual

Championships at Exeter on Saturday.

He came through his semi final to qualify for the final. However, a slip in his first race saw him finish fourth and although he recovered well to record three wins and a second in his remaining four rides, the slip proved costly. Adam finished with a total of 15 points, just outside the rostrum placings, but he is still eligible for a crack at next year's championship.

Stockport hosted round three of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday.

A&T's youngsters dominated the under 10 and under 13 categories, with Adam Turnbull, Max Evans, Joel Partington and Adam Phillips all being unbeaten by an opponent.

Stockport then hit back to dominate the under 16 and under 19 categories and just pipped A&T by two points in the Division Two junior match.

Manchester League Division Two match result (top 5 scorers only count to team totals): Stockport 74 Astley and Tyldesley 72 Bury 38 Sheffield 21.

The Division One result was never in doubt, with Stockport convincing winners.

Manchester League Division One match result (top 5 scorers only count to team totals): Stockport 87 Astley & Tyldesley 12 Bury 12.

## Phillips wins with maximum points

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted the third round of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix Series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Adam Phillips won the round, scoring a 16 points maximum, while runner-up was Reece Pollitt, who beat Sacha Street in an exciting heat 11 which turned out to be decisive in determining the second and third places on the day.

Four riders recorded personal best times - they

were Adam Phillips, Sacha Street, Adam Turnbull and Max Evans.

Result: Adam Phillips 16, Reece Pollitt 15, Sacha Street 14, Adam Turnbull 13, Max Evans 12, Bethan Braithwaite 11, Matthew Turnbull 10, Sam Tyson 9, Alex Green 8.

Series leaders: Adam Turnbull 38, Adam Phillips 36, Joel Partington 34, Matthew Turnbull 33, Max Evans 32, Sacha Street 30, Stefan Whitelegg 29.

Meanwhile, A&T had

four representatives at the British Youth and Junior League's third north regional round at Sheffield on Saturday.

All four turned in excellent performances, with Evans and Tyler Koch taking first and second places respectively in the under eights Grand Prix final.

Turnbull won the under 10s Grand Prix final, while Phillips was triumphant in the under 12s Grand Prix final.

## A&T speedway are pipped by Stockport team

ASTLEY and Tyldesley hosted the fourth round of the Manchester League Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Wednesday evening, with an excellent turn-out ensuring a schedule of 48 races on the night.

A and T's Adam Phillips raced unbeaten in the under 13s match, whilst Matthew Turnbull of A and T was unbeaten in the under 19s match.

Once again, it was a very close Division Two (junior) match and Stockport pipped A and T by two points to win, with Bury third.

Racing in the Northern Junior Grand Prix series third round at Heckmondwike on Sunday, Joel Partington raced unbeaten in the under 13s category.

Matthew Turnbull dropped just one point in the under 19s match, whilst Adam Turnbull was beaten just twice in the under 10s category.

This coming Sunday sees Astley and Tyldesley take on Edinburgh in a junior challenge match at Gin Pit.

First race is at 4.30pm, at the track at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley M29 7DW.

**Northern Junior League match result:**

Stockport 97, Hull 71, Bury 56, Astley and Tyldesley 45, Sheffield 13, Heckmondwike 12.

Manchester League Division Two match result: Stockport 76, Astley and Tyldesley 74, Bury 58.

## Edinburgh visit Gin Pit for junior challenge

ASTLEY and Tyldesley entertained Edinburgh in a junior challenge match at Gin Pit on Sunday.

A great match took place, as Edinburgh took the lead three times before Astley and Tyldesley drew level after heat nine.

The home side took the lead in heat 10 and then pulled way in the last five races to run out 81-69 winners.

Credit must go to both teams, who each fielded eight junior riders giving their all in a very hard fought, sporting and competitive match.

Adam Phillips raced unbeaten for Astley and Tyldesley, whilst Luke Jameson dropped his only point in the last race to Michael Lee.

First year riders Bethan Braithwaite and Reece Pollitt continue to improve, whilst Stefan Whitelegg battled on after a fall on the back straight.

Astley and Tyldesley scorers: Adam Phillips 20, Luke Jameson 18 (+1 bonus), Reece Pollitt 12 (1), Stefan Whitelegg 10 (1), Bethan Braithwaite 9, Matthew Turnbull 5 (1), Alex Green 4 (1), Adam Turnbull 3.

Astley and Tyldesley also competed in the under 10 British Club Championships at Horspath, Oxford on Saturday.

Drawn in the tougher semi-final, the youngsters gave a determined display before being eliminated.

Max Evans was the only race winner, whilst Adam Turnbull rode despite being ill.

Tyler Koch improved as the match progressed and Ross Green battled on after a couple of falls.

Kesgrave 53, Horspath 46, Poole 39, Ipswich 34, Astley and Tyldesley 28.



## A&T club hosts major events

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted the first of their four major events this summer with the staging of the Northern Individual Championships.

Bury's James Elston won the under 10s title, with a 16 points maximum score.

Astley and Tyldesley riders took the other podium positions, with Adam Turnbull runner-up and first year rider Ross Green taking third place.

A&T's Adam Phillips took the under 13s title, with a maximum 20 points score.

Joel Partington's chances of a top-three place went when he inexplicably slid off when well in front in heat 12.

Stockport's Matt Turner was runner-up, ahead of teammate Callum Smith.

The under 16s championship saw Hull's Matt Beharrell win with a maximum score, ahead of Stockport's Dylan Radcliffe.

Stockport's Jack Lush took third place.

Sheffield's Laura Watson received the women's champion award.

The under 19s championship was also won by Hull's Matt Beharrell, ahead of teammate Adam Stephenson, with Sheffield's Ben Dickenson third.

The final event saw a competitive senior championship, which was won by veteran Stockport rider Terry Norman, who added to his record of having won more senior individuals than any other rider at the Gin Pit circuit.

Hull's Adam Stephenson recorded the fastest time of the season on his way to second place overall, with Sheffield's Dariusz Pilas third.

Club training sessions take place each Tuesday and Thursday, 7pm start, at the track at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley, M29 7DS.

All club members and any prospective newcomers are welcome to attend, with bikes and helmets available to use.

## Youngsters pipped by two points in Grand Prix

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club had riders in the sixth and final round of the Manchester League Grand Prix Series at Stockport.

A&T's youngsters once again turned in some sterling performances, before being pipped by Stockport by two points in the junior Division Two match.

Adam Turnbull and Max Evans made some impressive starts in the under 10s match but could not keep out the more powerful James Elston, of Bury, who raced unbeaten.

Ross Green enjoyed his best match in Team Green colours, while Adam Phillips raced unbeaten in the under 13s match.

Joel Partington was in good form, dropping just two points.

Luke Jamson and Matthew Turnbull dropped just one point each in the under 19s match, with Jamson

showing a good turn of speed against the home riders.

Manchester League Division Two match result (only the top five scorers count towards team totals): Stockport 76, Astley & Tyldesley 74, Bury 57.

Congratulations go to Adam Turnbull and Phillips on winning the Manchester League Grand Prix Series at under 10s and under 13s levels respectively.

Stockport won the Division Two title, scoring 19½ match points, ahead of A&T on 14½, with Bury third on 8 and Sheffield fourth on 2. Stockport scored only 14 race points more than A&T over the six-round series, an average of 2 per match!

Luke Jamson started off well before suffering two falls in the Senior Division One match.

Stockport went on to record another easy win to retain the Divi-

sion One team title.

They finished with 18 match points.

Bury were second in the final league table, with 11½ pts, ahead of A&T third on 6½, with Sheffield fourth on 1.

Manchester League Division One match result (only the top five scorers count towards team totals): Stockport 66, Bury 13, Astley & Tyldesley 10, Sheffield 6.

On Saturday, A&T host the first national round of the British Youth and Junior League Series, starting at noon.

On Sunday, A&T are against Stockport in a junior challenge match, starting at 2pm, followed by round five of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix Series.

Both meetings are at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley, M29 7DW.



## Record number of riders in Gin Pit's national round

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted the first national round of the British Youth and Junior League Series at Gin Pit on Saturday.

The event saw a record number of 172 riders competing, with 208 races completed in an event that lasted for more than 10 hours!

It was a great tribute to the A&T club and its helpers that the meeting ran so smoothly and the track held up to provide a great day's racing, despite torrential rain during the early part.

A&T's Max Evans won the under eights Grand Prix B

final, with Tyler Koch winning the under eightS Grand Prix C final.

Adam Turnbull found the opposition tough in the under 10s category and surprisingly finished outside the top 16 scorers necessary to qualify for a Grand Prix final.

Defending British under 12s Grand Prix champion Adam Phillips was away on holiday and faces a tough task in the remaining three rounds if he is to retain the title.

In the team competition, Poole won with 236 points, ahead of Sheffield on 183, with East Newport and

Kesgrave (Suffolk) tied for third place with 161 points apiece.

A&T entertained Stockport in a junior challenge match at Gin Pit on Sunday.

A stronger Stockport squad loaned a very inexperienced A&T team a rider to make for a more competitive match.

Although the outcome of a Stockport win was never in doubt, the A&T youngsters gained valuable match experience.

Reece Pollitt was A&T's top scorer with 13 points, while Bethan Braithwaite and Alex Green were both race winners.

Stockport won 83-67.

Round four of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix series followed and the handicappings that were applied made for some close finishes.

Reece Pollitt won all five races to score a 20 points maximum, with Stockport pair Callum Smith and Jake Read second and third with 19 and 18 points, respectively.

Astley and Tyldesley are staging round three of the British Women and Girls League at Gin Pit this Saturday.

First race of the day will be at noon.

## A&T miss final

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club made the long trip to Kesgrave in Suffolk to compete in the under 13s British Club Championships.

A&T were drawn in the second semi final and set off well, with Adam Phillips winning heat one.

Disaster struck in heat four when Norwich's Oliver Riley fell and Ross Green subsequently rode into him, landing heavily in the process.

After a delay while he received treatment, Green took his place in the re-run, with Riley excluded, but pulled up within half a lap and took no further part in the match.

Adam Phillips continued his winning ways and completed an impressive 16 points maximum score.

Reece Pollitt improved after a tentative opening race to record three third places, with Alex Green showing plenty of effort but for little reward.

Kesgrave ran out easy winners, with Leicester emerging as the other qualifiers after a battle throughout with Norwich, East Newport and A&T for the second qualifying spot.

The lack of a scoring fourth rider ended A&T's chances of reaching the final.

Ipswich won the final, finishing ahead of Poole and Kesgrave, with Leicester fourth.

A&T take on Heckmondwike in a challenge match at Gin Pit on Sunday, 2pm start.

## Juniors shine

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's juniors put in great performances in the Manchester League Individual Championships at Stockport.

A&T riders took three of the top four places in the under 13s final, as happened in the under 10s event at Bury a week earlier.

Adam Phillips clinched the title with a fine 20 points maximum, with Joel Partington finishing third and Reece Pollitt fourth.

Phillips was also presented with the trophy for winning the under 13s Grand Prix series held earlier in the season.

In a hard-fought under 19s match, Luke Jamson recovered from taking a heavy fall first time out to finish in third place.

Several A&T riders made the long trip to Suffolk for the second national round of the British Youth and Junior League series at Gt Blakenham on Saturday.

Best performance was by Phillips, who finished second in the under 12s final.

The weekend's racing was concluded with A&T taking second place out of five teams in a Northern Junior League round at Stockport on Sunday.

A&T finished behind Stockport but ahead of Bury, Sheffield and Heckmondwike.

Matthew Turnbull was unbeaten in the under 19s category, with Reece Pollitt scoring 15 in the under 16s match and Adam Turnbull 14 in the under 13s match.



# Best of British set for Pit stop

ASTLEY & Tyldesley will be hosting the biggest event on the domestic cycle speedway racing calendar.

The country's top 16 racers will be in action to contest the British individual final at Astley's Gin Pit circuit on Bank Holiday Monday. Wednesfield's Lee Aris returns to defend the title he won at Leicester last year.

He can expect some stiff opposition from Gin Pit track specialists Steve Harris, runner-up last year, of Horspath (Oxford) and Stockport-based Terry Norman, the 2005 champion, who rides for Wednesfield (Wolverhampton).

The open final is preceded by the under-16s event which will feature the cream of Britain's young talent. Local interest will be focused on Stockport's Dylan Radcliffe, who began his career at Gin Pit, and Astley & Tyldesley's British U12s champion Adam Phillips.

The Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Michael Winstanley, will be in attendance, along with Tony Barry, British

by Mike Hack

Cycling Board member and North West Division chairman.

The finals are sponsored by J Fisher & Sons, Heavy Haulage, of Atherton.

Admission is free, with car parking, seating and catering available.

Racing starts at 12 noon.

For further details, visit the club's website at [www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk](http://www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk).

The eve of finals social evening takes place at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club on Sunday, when the final draws will take place after the semi-finals have been completed.

Astley & Tyldesley hosted the Manchester League senior individual final at Gin Pit last Wednesday evening.

Bury's Chris Parish took the title with a 20-point maximum score as he won all his five races. Runner-up was Dylan Radcliffe, with 19 points, while last year's champion, Terry Norman, finished third with 18 points. A&T's Luke Jamson scored 13 points and Adam Phillips 10.



**RACE ACE:** Defending British champion Lee Aris will be in action at Gin Pit



# Racers on track for top speedway event

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Spectator admission is free, with car parking, seating and catering available.

Racing starts at noon. The track is located at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley, Gt Manchester, M29 7DW.

Astley and Tyldesley hosted the Manchester League senior individual final at Gin Pit on Wednesday.

Bury's Chris Parish took the title, racing to a 20 points maximum score as he won all his five races.

Runner-up was Dylan Radcliffe, with 19 points, while last year's champion, Terry Norman, finished third with 18 points.

A&T's Luke Jamson scored 13 points and Adam Phillips 10.

## Terrific day of racing at the Gin Pit

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club promoted the British Individual Finals at the Gin Pit circuit on Monday.

A terrific day's racing was witnessed by a crowd of around 500, who packed into the Gin Pit arena.

First up was the under 16s final and the youngsters dished up a match of fierce, cut and thrust racing, with plenty of overtaking and falls.

Hull-based Wednesfield (Wolverhampton) rider Matt Beharrell reeled off four successive wins, before settling for the second place he needed in his last race to secure the title, having scored 19 points.

Sandwell's Matt Smith was runner-up with 17 points, while Tyldesley's former Astley and Radcliffe, won a run-off with Norwich's Josh Colby to secure third place after both had finished on 16 points.

After such an entertaining match it was on to the main event of the championships weekend, the British individual final.

Defending champion Lee Aris, of Wednesfield, and former champion Gavin Wheeler, of Poole, set the early pace with two race wins apiece.

Something had to give when the two met in heat 12, Aris was under terrific pressure when he lost control and fell on the pits bend, bringing down Wheeler in the process.

Consequently, Aris was excluded from the re-run. Birmingham's Paul Heard won the re-run, but Wheeler's second place moved him to the top of the leader board after all riders had completed three races each.

Heard put himself in contention with an amazing win in the next race, just 0.09 seconds outside the long-standing Gin Pit track record. Sheffield's Andy Angell and Boaler kept themselves in contention as the match approached an exciting finish.

Aris and Angell both won their last races to put the marker down but Heard's chances were strongly placed when Wheeler went with a last place in heat 19 before disaster struck.

He clipped the outside kerb on the home straight, fell heavily and although he was valuable points dropped, that left Boaler to come out for heat 20 knowing that a win would clinch his first British title.

He made a fast start and rode a steady race at the front to take the win and the title, with a 17 points score.

There was one extra race to be held to determine second and third places after three riders had tied on 16 points.

In a terrific race, Angel pulled off a spectacular pass on Aris to take the win and second place overall from the race and Wheeler third in the race and out of the top three overall.

The final placings were: 1, Mark Boaler (Horspath) 17; 2, Andy Angell (Sheffield) 16; 3, Lee Aris (Wednesfield) 16.



## Title for Adam

ASTLEY and Tyldesley riders competed in the final round of the Northern Junior League series in Bury on Sunday.

Adam Turnbull scored 13 points in the under 10s category, which was sufficient for him to take the Northern under 10s Grand Prix title.

Joel Partington scored 14 in the under 13s category and he finished in second place in the overall Grand Prix series.

Matthew Turnbull scored 13 in the under 19s category and that was sufficient for him to win the Northern under 19s Grand Prix title.

Stockport were convincing winners of the Junior Team event overall, but A and T just pipped Bury and Sheffield, to finish second out of the seven teams involved in the six rounds competition.

The fourth and final national round is at East Newport on September 25. Astley and Tyldesley take on Bury in a junior challenge match at Gin Pit on Sunday. First race is at 2pm, followed by the sixth and final round of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix series.

## Cycle club holds championships

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club staged the annual Club Individual Championships under the Gin Pit floodlights.

Under 10s rider Adam Turnbull raced to a 16 points maximum score and he recorded the two fastest times of the match.

Younger competitor Max Evans dropped just one point to finish on 15 and Tyler Koch scored 13 in the same age group.

Six-year-old Thomas Whitwam was the third highest scoring under eights rider with 11 points, just pipping Matthew Snell, while under 10s rider Ross Green notched 14.

Unbeaten under 13s riders Adam Phillips and Joel Partington were impressive throughout and clashed in heat 15.

Under 16s rider Sacha Street took third place in the open with 18 points.

Reece Pollitt scored 16 points and he defeated Stefan Whitelegg in a run-off for third place in the under 13s category.

Under 19s rider Matthew Turnbull put in a good showing to score 15 points.

\*MAX Evans put in a great display in the final national round of the British Youth and Junior League Series at East Newport.

In the under eights category, Evans battled through to the Grand Prix A Final and a hard-fought third place in the final was sufficient to secure third place in the overall series.

In the under 12s category, Adam Phillips qualified for the Grand Prix A final.

Practice sessions are being held at Gin Pit for the next two Tuesdays at 7pm.

## A&T convincing

**SPEEDWAY:** ASTLEY and Tyldesley took on local rivals Bury in a junior challenge match at Gin Pit on Sunday.

The match was closely fought for the first eight races, as A and T edged into a 43-37 lead.

The second half was a different proposition, with A and T winning five of the seven races to run out convincing winners, 87-63.

Joel Partington, Adam Phillips and Luke Jamson all raced unbeaten for A and T.

The sixth and final round of the North West Go-Race Grand Prix series followed, with an excellent turn out of 23 riders.

A and T's Adam Phillips and Bury's Ryan Livesey ran out as joint winners of the round, both winning all their four races each to score 16 points, with Reece Pollitt finishing third on 15 points.

Series leader Max Evans scored 13 points on the day, which was sufficient for him to secure overall victory, after scoring 73 points.

Adam Phillips' score of 16 moved him onto 69 points and second place overall, whilst Adam Turnbull's tally of 14 points brought him up to 68 points and third place overall. A total of 48 riders contested the series.

## Adam unlucky not to be on podium

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway club's Adam Phillips was the sole representative at the British Indoor Championships in Eccles.

Easily qualifying for the under 13s final, he won four races but was excluded from a fifth for an infringement.

This might have cost him a medal placing, as he finished just outside the top three, despite beating the eventual winner and runner up.

The club also celebrated their 2010 season with their 20th annual awards presentation and social evening at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club.

As well as the many awards handed out on the night for winning races on the track, the club also handed out annual honours, with Max Evans awarded the prize for young rider of the year and Reece Pollitt picking up the Rory Blackwell Cup for best newcomer.

Sacha Street won the prize for best novice, and Stefan Whitelegg won the most improved rider award.

The club has slowly been building its base of volunteers over the past year, with 17 of them picking up a present as a thanks for their hard work.

But the ultimate prize of 'Volunteer of the year' was jointly awarded to husband and wife pair of Lee and Angela Phillips, for their consistent help throughout the season.

## Young A&T team give their all in final outing of 2010

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club rounded off the 2010 season with a junior challenge match at Bury on Sunday.

A&T fielded a young team who gave it their all in a competitive match.

Bury fielded two much older juniors and a veteran rider and that trio raced unbeaten, as Bury ran out 89-

61 winners, a reversal of the scores in the corresponding match at Gin Pit last month.

Best for A&T was Reece Pollitt, who was the visitors' only race winner, and he recovered well after taking a fall last time out.

Stefan Whitelegg and Sacha Street were always in the thick of the action and both scored well.





Receiving awards from Dave Bunting are, left to right, Cameron Foster, Mike Hack and Laura Riches

# Cameron steals show at awards

By BRIAN GOMM

**UNSUNG** sporting heroes were duly honoured at the 10th annual Wigan Borough Sports Awards.

Coaches, teams and sports clubs gathered at the DW Stadium on Friday night for the award ceremony where Everest expedition leader and ex-British Forces mountaineering specialist Dave Bunting was guest of honour.

A staggering 85 nominations were received with eight awards presented on the night with Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's Mike Hack picking up the Coach of the Year trophy.

For Westleigh High pupil Cameron Foster it was a triple celebration.

The 15-year-old was awarded the Wilf Brogan Unsung Hero In Sport Award for his work with disabled children as a volunteer coach with Wigan Sports Development Unit.

It follows the Westleigh High pupil's British Red Cross Humanitarian Citizen Award he picked up earlier when he was also named their fundraiser of the year.

When Cameron was nine-years-old he fell 40ft out of a ski lift in Italy dislocating both ankles, breaking both legs and his left arm.

Since then Cameron has taken

## WIGAN BOROUGH SPORTS AWARDS WINNERS WERE:

**Club of the Year 2010** – Highfield Cricket Club, runner-up Tyldesley Swimming and Water Polo Club;

**Coach of the Year 2010** – Mike Hack, Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club, finalist – Joe Galvin – Leigh Harriers; **Volunteer in Sport Award** – Martin Gaskell – Highfield Cricket Club, runner-up – Cameron Foster;

**Sports Achiever of the Year** – Laura Riches – Leigh Harriers, runner-up – Daniel Greaves, City of Liverpool Gymnastics Club, finalist – Grace Morley – Tyldesley Swimming and Water Polo Club; **The Wilf Brogan Unsung Hero in Sport Award** – Cameron Foster,

The British Karate Academy / Westleigh Basketball Club and Wigan Sports Development, finalist – Lev Baddley – Atherton and Leigh Swimming Club; **Team of the Year 2010** – Standish All-Stars Cheerleading Team, runners-up Runner Up – Tyldesley Swimming and Water Polo Club, girls water polo team, finalist – Tyldesley Lightning U16 netball team; **The Martin Lynn Special Contribution to Sport Award** – Stuart Isherwood – Aspull Primary School, finalist – Anne Waltho – Wigan School Sport Partnership/Westleigh Hockey Club and Astley Tennis Club.

part in countless fundraisers raising £10,000 for a variety of causes including Wigan Disability Sports Forum.

Cameron, who has since made a full recovery, said: "It's been quite a week.

"It's great to be given these awards but it's not something I do for the recognition.

"I was in a wheelchair for six weeks after the accident and I realised that some people aren't as lucky as me.

"I felt they should have an equal chance as the rest of us to

take part in sport."

The event was organised by Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust's Sports Development Unit.

Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust Executive Director for Sport and Healthy Living, Martin Eden said: "The stories we have heard tonight have been truly inspirational.

"These awards recognise the wealth of talent and commitment in community sport in Wigan and Leigh which make this borough one of Greater Manchester's true hotspots for sport."