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Cycle Speedway Club

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Cycle Speedway practice under way

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club start their pre-season practice sessions this Sunday.

Training starts at 2 pm at the track, located at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Astley.

The Sunday sessions will run for four weeks until the opening match of the season – the first North

round of the British Youth and Junior League on Saturday, April 9.

Floodlit sessions start on Tuesday at 7pm and these midweek sessions will run until the end of the season in October.

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CYCLE SPEEDWAY Back in action

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For further details, visit the club's website at www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

Gin Pit speedway captured on film

THE thrills and spills of cycle speedway racing at the Gin Pit track will be seen on screen tomorrow.

Film maker Fiona Collins produced a short documentary two years ago, based on cycle speedway activities at the Miners Welfare track, featuring members of the Astley and Tyldesley and Edinburgh clubs.

The film is titled *Match Day* and has had showings all across North America as part of the *Bicycle Film Festival Tour* and will be screened during the *Urban Bike Shorts* programme on Friday (7pm) at FACT in Liverpool.

The BFF's immense popularity and continued growth has evolved hand-in-hand with the unprecedented boom in urban cycling internationally.

From its roots in New York City, the festival has grown into a global event that travels from Milan to Tokyo, Minneapolis to Sydney.

Now in its tenth year, the festival is held in 30 cities worldwide and 300,000 people are expected to attend in 2011.

Fiona, from Lytham St Annes, explained: "Cycle speedway



■ An A & T teamster takes the outside line at Gin Pit

started in the UK after the Second World War at former bomb sites and is based on motorcycle speedway on bikes without gears or brakes, but minus an engine."

The cycle speedway track at Gin Pit has proved a popular attraction with international

events adding flavour to the sports scene at the A & T site which boasts, cricket, bowling, dog racing and tennis facilities around the club which was built by striking miners in 1926 and opened the following year.

■ For more visit astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

Youngsters to bring curtain up on speedway season

ASTLEY and Tyldesley stage their opening cycle speedway meeting of the 2011 season at Gin Pit on Saturday when they host the first Northern round of the British Youth and Junior League Series.

The racing will feature youngsters up to 18 years old in six age categories as well as a girls' category.

Racing starts at 1pm and spectators are welcome, with free admission and car parking. The track is located at Astley and

Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

Astley and Tyldesley have been successful in acquiring some fresh funds.

They have been awarded a grant of £1,550 by the Nine Lives Community Fund.

The money is to fund equipment to improve race-day organisation, aid coaching of riders and filming of competitions.

Funding has also been provided

to buy equipment that can improve the security of the Gin Pit circuit.

A grant of £736 has also been approved by Wigan Council's Community Chest, enabling the club to buy two junior and two intermediate cycle speedway bikes.

In addition, the Rotary Club of Astley have agreed to donate £400 to buy two intermediate size bikes.

Meanwhile, a short film featuring members of the Astley and Tyldesley club will be screened in Liverpool tomorrow, Friday.

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● Turn to page 16 to read more about *Match Day*.

A&T host opener

ASTLEY and Tyldesley opened their 2011 cycle speedway season by hosting the opening round of the British Youth and Junior League Series at Gin Pit on Saturday.

There were some good performances recorded by A&T's youngsters.

Six-year-old Thomas Whitwam not only won the under eights Grand Prix Final, but beat several under 10s riders in the qualifying heats.

Adam Turnbull won all his four qualifying races before taking victory in the under 10s Grand Prix Final, with Max Evans taking second place. Both Adam and Max also beat their personal best times.

Reece Pollitt finished third in the under 14s Grand Prix Final, while Bethan Braithwaite took second place in the girls' Grand Prix B showdown.

Team positions: Junior (under 12s): 1 Sheffield, 2 A&T, 3 Bury, 4 Stockport. Youth (12s and over): 1 Sheffield, 2 Stockport, 3 A&T, 4 Bury.

A&T host the opening round of the Astley and Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix series on Sunday at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners Welfare Club, Meanley Road.

The series will feature eight rounds throughout the season and is aimed at providing local racing for new riders of all ages and abilities. Registrations close at 1.30pm, with racing starting at 2pm.

Blackmoor winners

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club staged round one of the A&T Go-Ride Racing League on a dry Gin Pit circuit.

Riders were split into teams and a handicapping system used to cater for the range in ages.

Blackmoor ran out winners on the night, narrowly pipping Gin Pit and Hindsford.

Walkden's Stefan Whitelegg raced unbeaten, with Blackmoor's Max Evans and Hindsford's Adam Turnbull dropping only a point each.

Personal best times were recorded by Stefan Whitelegg, Max Evans and Reece Pollitt.

Racing at Sheffield in the second Northern regional round of the British Youth and Junior League series, A&T's youngsters again led the way.

Thomas Whitwam won the under eights Grand Prix final, followed by Turnbull winning the under 10s event, with Evans runner-up.

To complete a successful weekend, Turnbull raced unbeaten in the second round of the Northern under 10s Grand Prix series at Hull on Sunday.

First round of grand prix held

THE first round of the Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club Go-Ride Grand Prix Series took place at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Riders were handicapped according to age and experience in the qualifying heats, which resulted in all riders having to work hard for their points.

Thomas Whitwam turned in a great performance to win all his four qualifying races to reach the A final.

Joel Partington, making his first appearance of the season, won the B final from Max Evans and Matthew Turnbull.

Adam Phillips raced away to win the A final, finishing ahead of Stefan Whitelegg, Adam Turnbull and Whitwam.

The first round of the A&T League takes place tonight, Thursday, with registrations at 6.30pm and racing starting at 7pm.

Existing club members and prospective newcomers are welcome to compete.

Gin Pit win round

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted the second round of their Go-Ride Racing League at Gin Pit on Thursday.

Gin Pit pipped Hindsford to the win, with Blackmoor and Walkden tying for third place.

Reece Pollitt raced to a fine 16 points maximum score to lead Gin Pit to victory, with fine back up from Bethan Braithwaite.

Max Evans (Blackmoor) and Stefan Whitelegg (Walkden) each bagged 14 points, while Adam Turnbull was top scorer for Hindsford, with 12.

Result: Gin Pit 34, Hindsford 30, Blackmoor 23, Walkden 23.

Astley and Tyldesley then hosted the second round of their Go-Ride Grand Prix Series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

The track was in great condition, with some close finishes arising from the handicapping system used.

Turnbull withheld a strong challenge from Adam Phillips to win heat two.

Pollitt overhauled Turnbull on the last lap to win heat nine.

Pollitt needed to win heat 12 to seal the win overall, but Phillips took full advantage of the gap left as Pollitt passed Evans, to take the race win and ensure a three-rider run-off, after all had finished with 15 points from four races each.

In the run-off, Pollitt passed Turnbull on the last lap to take victory, with Turnbull holding off Phillips on the run to the chequered flag to finish second.

Result: Reece Pollitt 15, Adam Turnbull 15, Adam Phillips 15, Max Evans 13, Stefan Whitelegg 12, Ellis Halford 11, Thomas Whitwam 10, Danny Kirkham 9.

The club have been beneficiaries of some funding recently.

A grant for £736 was received from Wigan Council's Community Chest Fund for buying four cycle speedway bikes, along with a grant for £400 from the Rotary Club of Astley for buying two bikes.

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Home success for Gin Pit riders

ASTLEY and Tyldesley hosted Round 2 of the A & T Go-Ride Racing League at Gin Pit recently.

Gin Pit pipped Hindsford for the win on the night, with Blackmoor and Walkden tying for third place. Reece Pollitt raced to a 16 points maximum score to lead Gin Pit to victory, with fine back up from Bethan Braithwaite. Max Evans and Stefan Whitelegg each bagged 14 points for Blackmoor and Walkden respectively, whilst Adam Turnbull was top scorer for Hindsford, with 12.

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Astley & Tyldesley also hosted Round 2 of the A &

T Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit. On a cold, wet and blustery afternoon, the track was in great condition, with some close finishes arising from the handicapping system used. Adam Turnbull just withheld a strong challenge from Adam Phillips to win heat 2. Reece Pollitt overhauled Turnbull on the last lap to win heat 9. Pollitt needed to win heat 12 to seal the win overall, but Adam Phillips took full advantage of the gap left as Pollitt passed Max Evans, to take the race win and ensure a three rider run-off, after all had finished with 15 points, from four races each. In the run-off, Pollitt passed Turnbull on the

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Pictured above: Grants were gratefully received by the club recently – one for £736 from Wigan Council's Community Chest fund for the purchase of four cycle speedway bikes, and another for £400 from the Rotary Club of Astley, for the purchase of two bikes.

National competition joy for Astley & Tyldesley's Adam

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's Adam Phillips was crowned the British under 13s individual cycle speedway champion at East Newport circuit on Saturday, finishing on 19 points.

Phillips took a second place off grid four in his first race, finishing behind Stockport's Matt Turner.

He won all his remaining four races after that, winning convincingly ahead of Exeter's Will Tidball. A&T staged the fourth

round of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series staged at the Three Sisters Motor Racing Circuit, as part of the Wigan family cycling day on Sunday.

Adam Phillips took a fall in heat five in the slippery conditions, but pulled off a last bend pass on Adam Turnbull to win heat eight.

Turnbull took advantage of a slip by Sacha Street to win heat 10, which put him on 15 points, along

with Phillips, with Street one point adrift on 14.

Stefan Whitelegg, Thomas Whitwam and Matthew Turnbull all finished fourth with 12 points.

In the run-off for first place, Turnbull held off Phillips to take the trophy for this round.

After round four, Phillips is still top of the leader board on 88 points, Turnbull is chasing on 63 and Max Evans is on 61.

Phillips overcame half lap handicap

THE third round of the Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club Grand Prix Series took place at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Riders were handicapped according to age and ability in the qualifying heats, which resulted in all riders having to work hard for their points.

Adam Phillips overcame his half lap handicap to overhaul Max Evans and Thomas Whitwam in heat four.

All three riders were unbeaten in their other races, so Phillips finished as the overall winner.

The third round of the Astley and Tyldesley Racing League took place on Thursday.

Walkden edged out hosts Gin Pit for the win, with Blackmoor finishing third.

Thomas Whitwam and Stefan Whitelegg each grabbed 14 points for Blackmoor and Walkden respectively, while Alex Green was top scorer for Gin Pit with 11.

The venue for Round four of the A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix series has been switched and will be held as part of Wigan family Cycling Day on a temporary grass track at the Three Sisters Racing Circuit in Ashton-in-Makerfield on Sunday June 12.

Registration is at 11.30am, with the first race at 12 noon.

The A&T club has also announced that they have successfully obtained Sport England Clubmark re-accreditation until 2015, along with British Cycling's Go-Ride re-accreditation.

Whitwam remains unbeaten

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's Thomas Whitwam remained unbeaten on his way to victory in the fourth northern regional qualifying round of the British Youth and Junior League series on Saturday.

Whitwam won the under 8s category at Heckmondwike and has now won every race in all four regional rounds of the competition, all in his first year of speedway competition.

Whitwam is now on 100 Grand Prix points and in a

strong position for the four national rounds this summer.

In the same competition, Adam Turnbull raced unbeaten in the under 10s category, scoring 16 points in the qualifiers and taking 25 points in the GP final.

Max Evans scored 12 points in the qualifiers and took third place in the GP final.

All three riders have consequently qualified for the four national rounds later this year thanks to their high scores from the four regional rounds.

Speedway medals

THREE Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club riders won medals at the Northern Championships in Bury on Sunday.

Adam Turnbull won the under 10s championship, scoring a 16 points maximum, with Max Evans finishing on 14 to take third place.

In the under 13s championship, Reece Pollitt finished with 19 points in second place, one point adrift of Stockport's Matt Turner.

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

Turnbull top scored in the under 10s category, losing once.

A&T's Adam Phillips, the new British under 13s champion, raced unbeaten in the under 13s match.

Both Tom Whitwam and Reece Pollitt put in some good rides.

Stockport ran out winners in the junior and senior matches, with A&T second and third respectively.

Voting for sport stars

By BRIAN GOMM

COACHES, teams and sports clubs are being urged to send in their nominations for the 11th Annual Wigan Borough Sports Awards.

There are only three weeks left to make your nominations for the awards organised by Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust's Sports Development Unit.

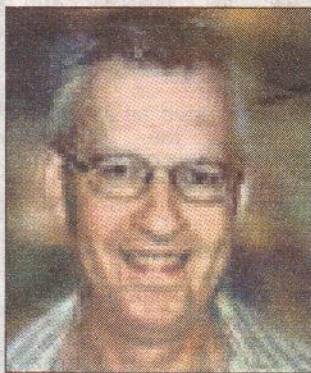
The borough's unsung sporting heroes will be rewarded at a formal presentation held at Leigh Sports Village on September 30.

There are eight categories for nominations: club of the year as well as coach, volunteer, sports achiever, disabled sports achiever, unsung hero, team of the year and an award for special contribution to school sport.

Organiser Helen Browne, from Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust, said: "This is one of the most thriving and exciting sporting hotspots within the region and it is now time to thank, recognise and reward the tremendous dedication and commitment of all those people that have been involved over the last 12 months.

"The annual awards are invaluable when it comes to demonstrating the strength of our sporting community and it provides a unique opportunity to showcase the borough's talent of today and the future.

"The nominations campaign is a crucial part of the sports awards and the



Last year's award winning coach Mike Hack

more people that get involved in the nominating process, the higher the quality the borough winners will be."

Each nominee will receive a complimentary ticket to the awards evening as well as being presented with a certificate at the ceremony. Winners then go forward to represent Wigan at the Greater Manchester Sports Awards in November.

Helen added: "Wigan has had a number of Greater Manchester winners over previous years, including A&T Cycle Speedway Club's Mike Hack and Martin Gaskell 2010 Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year respectively, as well as Jenny Meadows 2009 Sports Achiever of the Year and we'd love a couple more at this year's awards."

To make a nomination visit greaterport.co.uk/awards or download a form from wbsc.org.uk.

You can also contact Wigan's Sports Development Unit on 01942 828 510. Forms must be completed and returned by Friday, July 29.

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Success for the race aces



ASTLEY and Tyldesley (pictured above) lined up along with eight other clubs in the U13 British Club Championships at Hull on Saturday.

A & T were drawn in the tougher of the two semi-finals. It quickly turned into a three horse race for the two final places. At the halfway stage, A & T were joint leaders with Poole on 23 points, ahead of East Newport 22, Hull 18 and last year's winners Ipswich 14. A & T finished in magnificent style, winning their last three races to win the match with a 49 points score. East Newport and Poole tied on 44 points, with the Welsh side winning a run-off to qualify for the final as runners-up. Captain Adam Phillips was in a class of his own, racing to an untroubled 16 points maximum. Reece Pollitt won two races for a 13 points total. The real revelation though was Freddie Hewitt, who won his last two races in his debut match to also score 13. Ross Green worked hard for his 7 points and they were vital in the team's win.

U13 British Club Championship Semi-Final 1 result

Astley & Tyldesley 49, East Newport 44, Poole 44, Hull 37, Ipswich 25.

A & T lined up for the first BCC final that they have qualified for since 2000, in buoyant mood. At the half way stage, East Newport led with

22 points, Horspath (Oxford) 21, A & T 19, Bretford (Rugby) 16. The scores were even closer after heat 12, with just five points separating the four teams - East Newport 32, Horspath 30, A & T 29, Bretford 27. Reece Pollitt's win in heat 14 put A & T very much back in contention.

Heat 15 was a decisive race as both Bretford and Horspath put in their big gun reserve replacements. Horspath won to put them on 41 points and in a strong position. Adam Phillips won the last heat to complete another untroubled maximum score. Final score was: Horspath 44 East Newport 40 Astley & Tyldesley 39 Bretford 35.

A & T gave it their all and the riders can rightly be proud of a terrific performance. Adam Phillips was an inspirational captain, not just leading from the front, but encouraging his team mates throughout, with a strong team spirit very much in evidence. Reece Pollitt rode terrifically well, dropping just two points, with Freddie Hewitt always in the mix and Ross Green's points keeping the team in contention.

U13 British Club Championship Final result: Horspath 44, East Newport 40, Astley & Tyldesley 39, Bretford 35.



Mike saddles up for London to Paris ride for Kidney Research

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club coach Mike Hack, **pictured in France**, cycled 294 miles, over four days, from London to Paris to raise funds for Kidney Research UK.

Five months hard training by Mike and the City West Housing Trust team members paid off, as the aches and pains quickly wore off after the finish. Seventy riders took part and collectively raised in the region of £100,000 for the charity.

"Thanks go to those people who have already contributed to the kidney research charity," said Mike.

Sponsors can contribute via kidneyresearchukevents.org/the_london_to_paris_15.

Speedway juniors enjoy their win

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's juniors rode to victory in round five of the Manchester League Grand Prix series at Bury.

A&T's Adam Turnbull raced to a 16 points maximum score in the under 10s match, as did his teammate Adam Phillips in the under 13s event.

Excellent scores from Max Evans, Thomas Whitwam, Reece Pollitt and Luke Jamson sealed a win for A&T. Result: Astley and Tyldesley 71, Stockport 67, Bury 40.

A&T were well beaten in the senior match. Result: Bury 54, Stockport 44, Astley and Tyldesley 16.

The club had three riders in the first national round of the British Junior League series at Horspath in Oxford on Saturday.

Thomas Whitwam scored 15 out of 16 points in his qualifying races before taking third place in the under eights 'A' final.

The great performance sees Whitwam retain his lead in the under eights series, with points scored from the four regional rounds making up the overall series total.

In the under 10s category, Adam Turnbull scored 13 in his qualifiers, before taking second place in the 'B' final.

Max Evans scored 10 in his qualifiers, before finishing second in the 'D' final.

A&T host round five of the Go-Ride Racing League tonight, Thursday, 7pm start, with round five of the Go-Ride Grand Prix series taking place on Sunday, 2pm start.

Riders are requested to register 30 minutes prior to the start times.

Youngsters shine

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's youngsters gave a good account of themselves when Stockport hosted the sixth and final round of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday.

A&T's Adam Turnbull raced to a 16 points maximum score in the under 10s category, to clinch the overall series in fine style.

Thomas Whitwam narrowly missed out on taking third place in the overall under 10s category.

British under 13s individual champion Adam Phillips scored a 16 points maximum in the under 13s event, to go through the entire six round series without dropping a single point.

Reece Pollitt's tally of 14 points secured him third place overall in the under 13s series.

Luke Jamson held on to his third place overall in the under 19s series, despite missing the round.

Stockport won both the Division One (senior) and Division Two (junior) matches, to take the overall series wins in the team events.

Astley and Tyldesley continue to hold weekly club practice sessions at the Gin Pit circuit on Tuesdays at 7pm.

For a free trial, go to the race track at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Tyldesley.



■ Adam Phillips in action for Astley and Tyldesley Speedway Cycle Club

Adam celebrates

ADAM Phillips is celebrating a unique achievement.

He has won both the Manchester League Under 13s and Under 19s Individual Championships in the same season.

Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted the Championships at Gin Pit, with Phillips racing to an untroubled maximum score on his home track to win the under 13s event.

Stockport's Matt Turner was runner-up, dropping just one point, with A&T's Reece Pollitt a further point behind.

The eventual under 19s top three riders all met in the decisive penultimate race.

Phillips made a good start and got away for the win, with A&T's Luke Jamson diving inside Stockport's Jake Read going into the pits bend and then hanging on to take second place.

That race secured the title for Phillips, with the British under 13s champion becoming the youngest ever winner of the long-standing championship.

Read and Jamson lined up for a run-off for second place, which saw Jamson make the start from the outside gate and then hang on to take the race win and second place on the night.

Astley and Tyldesley also staged two Go-Ride Racing events. In the league's round six match, Gin Pit took the win easily with 31 points, with Hindsford pipping Blackmoor and Walkden for second place.

Handicapping was used for the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix round six.

Phillips won six of his eight races to score 28 points and take the win on the day, with Adam Turnbull second on 26 and impressive newcomer Daniel Burns on 24.

Pollitt makes light of handicap to score a maximum

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted round five of the Go-Ride Racing League at Gin Pit on Thursday.

Walkden edged out Hindsford by one point, with Blackmoor a further point behind.

Reece Pollitt was the lone Gin Pit rider and he overcame a handicap in each race to record a fine 16 points maximum score.

League positions after five

rounds: Gin Pit 11, Walkden 10.5, Blackmoor 9.5, Hindsford 9, Lowton 1.

A&T hosted round five of the Go-Ride Racing Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Twenty-one riders from the Lionheart Explorer scouts and guides group from Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

For the Explorer Scouts, Morgan O'Connell won the

Grand Prix A final in the fastest time of the match, 49.82secs, from Ben Johnson, Alex Nilson and Johnny Berry.

Reece Pollitt made light of his handicap to record a 16 points maximum.

Leading positions after five rounds: Adam Phillips 88, Adam Turnbull 83, Max Evans 79, Thomas Whitwam 76, Reece Pollitt 50, Stefan Whitelegg 48.

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Showpiece event heads for the Gin Pit raceway

ASTLEY & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club are gearing up for their biggest event of the season this coming Sunday.

The Gin Pit raceway will host the British Team Championship Finals, featuring four of the top teams in the country, who will battle it out to win the magnificent British Team Cup, a huge cup that has been contested annually since 1950.

This is the fourth time that A & T have hosted these prestigious championships – cycle speedway's equivalent of the FA Cup Final. Racing promises to be fast and furious around the small oval shale circuit, with no holds barred. Cycle speedway is like no other cycle sport, with physical contact an integral part of the sport.

Racing starts at 11am, with the first semi-final between East Newport and Leicester. This is followed by the second semi-final, at 12.45 pm, between

Wednesfield (Wolverhampton) and Poole. The winners of each semi-final will meet in the final, starting at 3 pm.

Don't miss the action, which takes place at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW. Admission is free, with spectator seating, hot refreshments and a licensed bar all available. The meeting is being sponsored by J Fisher & Sons, Heavy Haulage, of Atherton.

For further details, visit the club's website at www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

A & T's youngsters have been in top level action in East Anglia during the past week. Adam Turnbull scored 12 points to finish joint eighth in the British U10 Individual Final at Hethersett, Norfolk.

British U-13 Champion Adam Phillips scored 10 points in the British U16



Individual Final at Norwich. Racing in the third national round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Ipswich, Adam Turnbull took third place in the U10s Grand Prix 'B' Final, while Thomas Whitwam maintained his overall third place in the series by

finishing fourth in the U8s Grand Prix 'A' Final.

The last round is at East Park (Wolverhampton) later this month.

PICTURED ABOVE: Action from last year's finals

Speedway finals a huge success

ASTLEY and Tyldesley cycle speedway clubs organised a hugely successful British Cycle Speedway Team Championship Finals at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Members' hard work produced an excellent racing track and venue for the top team event of the season, with a young Poole team defeating holders Leicester in the final.

Poole textended their record of British Team Championship victories to 13, with skipper Pete Young receiving the magnificent cup from Leigh MP Andy Burnham.

The match was broadcast live on the internet and can be viewed at www.ustream.tv/channel/british-cycle-speedway-finals-2010

Gearing up for race

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The last round is at East Park, Wolverhampton, later this month.

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Top class action

GIN PIT was the venue for the 2011 British Cycle Speedway Team Championship Finals on Sunday.

Hard work by Astley & Tyldesley club members in the weeks leading up produced an excellent racing track and venue for the top team event of the season. J Fisher & Sons, Heavy Haulage, of Atherton were the meeting sponsors.

Five of Poole's octet were teenagers and they thoroughly deserved their victory on the day extending their record of British Team Championship victories to a new record of 13. Poole skipper Pete Young, ironically the only veteran on their team despite his name, received the magnificent cup from Leigh MP Andy Burnham.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Sunday, when A & T host the final round of the Northern Fours League and Grand prix series. First race is at 12.30 pm.

Whitwam and Turnbull in finals

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's top youngsters were in action at Wolverhampton on Saturday in the final national round of the British Youth & Junior League series.

Thomas Whitwam took his place in the Under-8 event, despite being ill for a few days beforehand. He scored 13 points out of 16 in the qualifying races, to reach the 'B' Final, where he finished fourth.

This gave him fourth place overall in the British Under-8 Grand Prix series, a terrific achievement for a rider in his first full season.

Adam Turnbull followed Tom's performance by also scoring 13 points in the Under-

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10s qualifying races, to reach the 'B' Final, and was fourth.

This also gave him fourth place overall in the British Under-10 Grand Prix series, another very good season's racing from Adam. Max Evans finished in fourth place in the Under-10s C Final, and can look forward to another season's racing at this level.

Astley & Tyldesley host Round 7 of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit this forthcoming Sunday (October 2). Registrations are at 1.30pm first race is at 2pm.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY: Astley & Tyldesley

Whitwam proves his class with four wins

ASTLEY & Tyldesley hosted the eighth and final round of the A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Once again, handicapping of riders was adopted to cater for the range of age and ability in the line-up.

Tom Whitwam rode with his usual determination and he won all his four races to take the round winner's trophy. Series

leader Adam Turnbull dropped his only point in heat 1, to Whitwam.

His final tally of 15 points was more than enough to win the overall series.

The handicapping proved to be perfect in heat 5, when Max Evans made up his quarter of a lap handicap on Matt Snell, for both riders to cross the finish line together making the race a dead

heat! Reece Pollitt took a heavy fall in his third ride and bravely carried on, but was understandably below par from then on.

Astley & Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix Round 8 result: Tom Whitwam 16, Adam Turnbull 15, Max Evans 13.5, Reece Pollitt 13, Matthew Snell 12.5, Daniel Burns 11, Stefan Whitelegg 10, John White 9.

Referee - Bill Phillips.

Final series leading positions - Adam Turnbull 141, Max Evans 127, Thomas Whitwam 121, Adam Phillips 113, Reece Pollitt 93, Stefan Whitelegg 86. A total of 39 riders contested the series.

Trophies to the top three riders in this series will be presented at the A & T Club Annual Presentation & Social Evening on Sunday, November 13.

Go-Ride Grand Prix

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted the eighth and final round of the Go-Ride Grand Prix Series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Handicapping of riders was adopted to cater for the range of ages and abilities in the line-up.

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Speedway date

ASTLEY and Tyldesley stage the final match of the season this Saturday at Gin Pit.

The ninth and final round of the Euro Vets Grand Prix series takes place, starting at 1pm.

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

Spectators are welcome, with free admission to the racing.

Season ends for cycle speedway

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club wrapped up the 2011 season by hosting the ninth round of the Euro Vets Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Saturday.

Wednesfield's Mark Griffiths once again demonstrated his liking for the Gin Pit circuit by racing to a 20 points maximum score in the qualifying heats.

Leicester's Norman Venson and East London's Dennis Hubble both scored 18 points apiece and were joined in the over 40s A final by Wednesfield's Steve Mullinder, who recovered from last place first time out to score 16.

In the over 40s A final, Griffiths was fast away from grid one to take the win in the fastest time of the day, 43.60secs.

In the age group finals, Southampton's Colin Wheeler won the over 60s final.

East London's Kevin Smith went round Rothwell on the last lap to win the over 50s B final.

Dennis Hubble won the over 50s A final.

Riders received the awards for the day's racing along with the presentation of the overall series awards.

1977 and 1979 British champion Wheeler won the over 60s series, while 1986 British champion Hubble won the over 50s series.

Griffiths received the Brian Moston Memorial Cup for winning the over 40s series.

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In the age group finals, Southampton's Colin Wheeler won the over 60s Final, finishing ahead of Pedalsport's Fred Rothwell and Edinburgh pair Dave Baxter and Chic Mackie. East London's Kevin Smith went round Rothwell on the last lap to win the over 50s 'B' Final. Dennis Hubble won the over 50s 'A' Final, with Wheeler passing Sandwell's Phil Hemming to take 2nd place.

There was a good race in the over 40s 'B' Final, as Wheeler again passed Hemming to win, whilst Coventry's Joe McLaughlin passed Southampton's Pete Chant to take 3rd place. In the over 40s 'A' Final, Mark Griffiths was fast away from grid one to take the win in the fastest time of the day, 43.60 seconds. Hubble pulled off a smart gate from grid three to gate across Norman Venson and finish 2nd, with Steve Mullinder unable to make an impression from grid four.

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Spectators are welcome with free admission to the racing. For further details, visit the club's website at www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk