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## CYCLE SPEEDWAY: Astley and Tyldesley



ASTLEY & Tyldesley will stage their opening cycle speedway match of the 2012 season at the Gin Pit Raceway on Sunday, March 25.

The club has re-entered the Northern Combination League and will be staging a double header meeting, taking on Hull at 2 pm, followed by Sheffield Phantoms at 3.30 pm.

A & T welcome back several returning riders to provide experience to the squad in Martin Phillips, Roy Heslop, Beccy

Heslop and Ron Makin. These will team up with the older junior riders in Sacha Street, Joel Partington, Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt.

The club's younger end have impressed in pre-season training and Stefan Whitelegg, Daniel Burns, Max Evans, Tom Whitwam and Matt Snell will be valuable members of the A & T squad this season.

Spectators are welcome at the opening race meeting, with a good range of facilities available.

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

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

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## A&T open new season in style

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club opened their 2012 season in style at Gin Pit on Sunday.

On a glorious sunny spring afternoon, A&T rode to a comfortable 82-67 victory over Hull to mark their return to the Northern Combination League after a two-season absence.

Joel Partington and new captain Reece Pollitt led the way for A&T, both riders dropping just two points each.

Comeback riders Roy Heslop, Ron Makin and Martin Phillips all performed well, while A&T were able to blood juniors Daniel Burns and Matt Snell to give them valuable match experience.

A&T shuffled the squad for the second match of the day against Sheffield Phantoms, running out convincing 90-60 winners. Another comeback rider Beccy Heslop, along with Pollitt and Partington, led the way for A&T.

They dropped just one point each, while Martin Phillips was unbeaten in his three races. Stefan Whitelegg was in the points.

Juniors Max Evans and Tom Whitwam competed and will have benefited from moving up a level.

The next race meeting at Gin Pit is this Saturday, 1pm start, when A&T host the opening North Regional Round of the British Youth and Junior League series. Spectators are welcome. The track is located at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW. Club training takes place every Tuesday at 7pm. Existing club and prospective new members are welcome to attend the sessions.

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

# Brothers in form

ASTLEY & Tyldesley riders enjoyed a busy weekend of cycle speedway racing, turning in some excellent results.

A & T hosted the opening North Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League series on Saturday, with 54 riders from six teams competing. In the U12 team event, A & T finished second behind Sheffield and in the 12+ team event, A & T took third place behind Sheffield and Stockport. In the Individual Grands Prix Finals, racing in their first ever regional match, brothers Luke and Jamie Hill took second and third places respectively in the U8 Grand Prix Final. Max Evans and Tom Whitwam made it an A & T first and second in the U10 Grand Prix Final and this feat was repeated by Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt in the U14 Grand Prix Final.

A & T made the short trip to Stockport for a Northern Combination League match on Sunday, took the lead with a 6-4 heat win in the first race and never looked back. A really good solid team display saw A & T run out 83-65 winners.

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## Busy weekend

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In the under 12s team event, A&T finished second behind Sheffield and in the 12-plus team event, A&T took third place behind Sheffield and Stockport.

The local A&T riders enjoyed plenty of success in the individual Grand Prix finals.

Racing in their first ever regional match, brothers Luke and Jamie Hill took second and third places respectively in the under eights Grand Prix final.

Max Evans and Tom Whitwam made it an A&T one-two in the under 10s Grand Prix final and this feat was repeated by Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt in the under 14s Grand Prix final.

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Adam Phillips and Joel Partington led the way, each dropping just one point from their five races, while Reece Pollitt dropped just two points.

Stefan Whitelegg, Beccy Heslop, Ron Makin, Roy Heslop and Max Evans all weighed in excellent support to the top trio, to make it a real team effort.

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## Brave defeat

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club can feel satisfied with their efforts in a Northern Combination League defeat at Edinburgh on Sunday.

Edinburgh fielded an experienced line-up for this level and they made that count, banging in two 7-3 heat wins in the opening three races to take command of the match.

Reece Pollitt took a good win from the back in heat four to steady the ship for A&T, but Edinburgh moved into a 16-point lead after heat seven.

A&T rallied in the second half, as Reece Pollitt won two more races and Adam Phillips bounced back to win his last three races.

However, Edinburgh held on to run out 86-64 winners and inflict A&T's first defeat of the season in this league.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt, 17, Adam Phillips, 17, Beccy Heslop, 11, Roy Heslop, 8 (1), Ron Makin, 5 (1), Max Evans, 3, Daniel Burns, 3.

Earlier in the day, Max Evans turned in a great performance in winning all four races as he guested for Heckmondwike against Edinburgh in an under 10s team challenge match. His points helped Heckmondwike win 32-28.

## Cycle speedway club's youngsters perform well

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's young riders turned in a terrific display of racing in round two of the British Youth and Junior League North Regional Series at Hull on Saturday.

Despite taking two falls through trying too hard, Luke Hill recovered to take first place in the under eights B final, with brother Jamie taking second place.

A&T riders dominated the under 10s category, with Max Evans scoring a 16 points maximum in the qualifying heats.

Callum Maguire was impressive in his first match, dropping just one point, while Matt Snell scored 14 points and Tom Whitwam 11.

Tom went on to win the B final, with the other three A&T riders lining up in the A final.

Max Evans passed Callum Maguire at the end of the second lap to win the A final, with Matt Snell finishing fourth.

Racing at Heckmondwike on Sunday, Tom Whitwam took second place in the Northern Under 10s Grand Prix round.

On Sunday, A&T take on Edinburgh in a Northern Combination League match at Gin Pit, noon start.

That is followed at 1.45pm by the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix first round.



## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

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Racing at Heckmondwike on Sunday, Tom Whitwam took 2nd place in the Northern U-10 Grand Prix Round.

A & T host the Manchester League Grand Prix Round 1 event at Gin Pit, this Wednesday, 7 pm start. On Sunday, A & T take on Edinburgh in a Northern Combination League match at Gin Pit, 12 noon start. This is followed at 1.45 pm by the A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix Round 1. For further details, visit the club's website at [www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk](http://www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk)

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley hosted Round 1 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Wednesday evening.

A & T ran out winners in the Division 2 (junior) match, finishing ahead of Bury, with last year's winners, Stockport, in third place. Max Evans rode to a fine 16 points maximum in the U-10 match, with strong back-up from Callum Maguire and Tom Whitwam, who both dropped just two points each, to finish on 14. Stefan Whitelegg was A & T's to scorer in the U-13 match, finishing on 13 points, whilst Daniel Burns was A & T's fifth scoring rider on the night, in taking 11 points.

Manchester League Division 2 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 68 Bury 63 Stockport 56.

Bury won the Division 1 (senior) match, finishing ahead of last year's winners, Stockport, with A & T third. Both Ron Makin and Roy Heslop can feel well satisfied with their haul of points against much younger opposition.

Manchester League Division 1 match result: Bury 54 Stockport 39 Astley & Tyldesley 17.

Astley & Tyldesley took on Edinburgh in a Northern Combination League match at Gin Pit on Sunday. The match was ridden in extremely unpleasant cold conditions, with continual driving rain and strong winds.

Edinburgh controlled the match throughout to run out emphatic 97-50 winners. Christopher Lee was the



only unbeaten visiting rider, with solid scores from the rest of the side. Reece Pollitt was A & T's only race winner, when winning heat 12. Roy Heslop, Ron Makin and Beccy Heslop all beat opponents, whilst young Max Evans gave it his all. Stefan Whitelegg pulled out after two rides, feeling unwell. With two riders already missing from the planned line-up, this meant that A & T had to go with a rider short in three races.

The 1st Round of the A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix series was cancelled due to the bad weather.

Astley & Tyldesley are staging the U10 British Club Championship this Saturday (May 5). A & T will be competing against five other teams: the holders Kesgrave (Suffolk), Ipswich, Poole, Wednesfield (Wolverhampton), Sheffield. The Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Joy Birch, will be attendance to present the awards to the competing riders. First race is at 2 pm, at the cycle speedway circuit at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley. M29 7DW. For further details, visit the club's website at [www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk](http://www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk)

## Gin Pit hosts Manchester League Grand Prix event

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted round one of the Manchester League Grand Prix series at Gin Pit in midweek.

They won the junior Division Two match, finishing ahead of Bury and last year's winners Stockport.

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The first race will be at 2pm at the cycle speedway circuit at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley.



## Under 10s event

ASTLEY & Tyldesley staged the opening round of the under 10s British Club Championships at Gin Pit.

Defending champions Kesgrave were pushed all the way by Astley & Tyldesley before the Suffolk team clinched victory with a win in the last race.

Those two teams were well ahead of the opposition, with Kesgrave riders winning 14 and A&T riders winning 13 of the 30 races.

A&T's captain, Max Evans, scored a 20 points maximum.

Callum Maguire and Tom Whitwam each recorded three wins and two second places, while Matt Snell had two wins and three third places.

A total of 70 points for A&T would usually be more than enough to seal a victory in this six-team, 30-heats race formula but Kesgrave's 72 points total ensured that they retained the trophy.

Result: Kesgrave 72, Astley & Tyldesley 70, Ipswich 47, Sheffield 45, Wednesfield 40, Poole 20.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Sunday when Astley & Tyldesley take on Newcastle in a veterans' team challenge at 1pm, followed by A&T taking on Bury in a Northern Combination League match at 3pm.

## Windy Gin Pit hosts Geordies

ASTLEY & Tyldesley staged a double header meeting at a bright, but very windy Gin Pit on Sunday.

First match up saw A&T take on the reformed Newcastle Nomads in a veterans' challenge match.

The Geordies took the lead 6-4 in heat one and steadily pulled away throughout the match to run out convincing 87-63 winners.

A&T's Will Evans took a heavy fall after colliding with Fred Mitchell in heat seven, resulting in a hospital trip after sustaining a cut eye and lip.

Fred Rothwell top scored for the home team, with George Hughes winning two races in the second half of the match.

The second match was a Northern Combination League square-up between A&T and Bury.

The home side suffered a blow when Adam Phillips was excluded at the start in heat one and Bury took the lead with a 7-2 heat win.

The visitors extended their lead to 11 points after heat five, with most races resulting in shared heats after that.

Bury held on to win 79-70.

For A&T, Phillips was unbeaten after his exclusion, with good support from Reece Pollitt and Joel Partington.

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**Veterans Challenge match result**

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**Northern Combination League match result**

**Astley & Tyldesley 70 Bury 79.**

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

### Top show

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's youngsters were in action at Stockport on Saturday, in the third North Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League series. A & T put in some great performances to take 2nd place on the day in the U12 match and keep on track to qualify for the national rounds later this summer.

John White took 2nd place in the U8 'A' Final. In the U10 category, Max Evans raced unbeaten in his qualifying heats and went on to win the U-10 'A' Final. Tom Whitwam took 3rd place in that final, with Matt Snell winning the 'B' Final. Adam Phillips went through the card unbeaten, to win the U-14 'A' Final. Reece Pollitt had also qualified for that final, but pulled out, feeling the effects of a wrist injury sustained when he fell in an earlier heat.

A & T riders enjoyed a successful afternoon's racing in the Northern Junior Grand Prix series at Sheffield on Sunday. Max Evans scored a 16 points maximum, in the U-10 event, whilst Tom Whitwam scored 14 with some good overtaking moves. There were good showings too from Matt Snell and Daniel Burns, in the U-10 and U-13 events respectively.

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## Youngsters put on a great show

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's youngsters contested the third North round of the British Youth and Junior League Series in Stockport at the weekend.

A&T put in some great performances to take second place in the under 12s match and keep on track to qualify for the national rounds later this summer.

John White was second in the under eights 'A' final.

In the under 10s category, Max Evans raced unbeaten in his qualifying heats and went on to win the 'A' final, with Tom Whitwam third and Matt Snell winning the 'B' final.

Adam Phillips went through the card unbeaten to win the under 14s 'A' final.

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There were good showings too from Snell and Daniel Burns in the under 10s and under 13s events respectively.

A&T are continuing their weekly club practice sessions on Tuesdays, starting at 7pm, at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

The sessions are open to prospective newcomers as well as existing club members, with bikes and helmets available for hire.

## Grand prix action

ASTLEY and Tyldesley travelled to Stockport for round two of the Manchester League Grand Prix series.

Defending champions Stockport took the win in the Division Two junior match.

A&T just pipped Bury to take second place and retain their leadership of the series after two rounds.

Max Evans raced unbeaten in the under 10s match, with double-figure scores coming from Tom Whitwam and debutant Daniel Smith-Makin, while young John White rode his heart out in each race.

Stefan Whitelegg scored 9 in the under 13s match, while Reece Pollitt continued his recent improvement by taking four second places in the under 16s match.

Stockport made it a second team win on the night in the senior Division One event.

Roy Heslop and Ron Makin battled hard for third-placed A&T against younger and faster opposition.

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

### A&T's mixed fortunes

ASTLEY & Tyldesley travelled to Stockport for Round 2 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday evening.

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A & T's Max Evans raced unbeaten in the U-10 match, with double figure scores from the ever trying Tom Whitwam and debutant Daniel Smith-Makin, whilst young John White rode his heart out in each race. Stefan Whitelegg scored 9 in the U-13 match. Finally, Reece Pollitt continued his recent improvement by taking four second places in the U-16 match.

Manchester League Division 2 match result (top 5 scorers only count to team total)

Stockport 71 Astley & Tyldesley 59 Bury 55

Stockport made it a second team win on the night in the senior (Division 1) event. Roy Heslop and Ron Makin battled hard for A & T against much younger and faster opposition.

Manchester League Division 1 match result (top 5 scorers only count to team total)

Stockport 71 Bury 51 Astley & Tyldesley 12.

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## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

### Wheels keep turning for A&T

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club fielded a team in the British Veterans Club Championship at Leicester on Saturday.

A&T were one of six teams who lined up in the first semi-final.

It quickly became split into two matches, with Horspath, Leicester and East London locked in battle for the two final qualifying places, while A&T, Edinburgh and Swindon were aiming to take fourth place in the match.

Edinburgh held a slender lead over A&T at the end of the second, third and fourth round of races, with Swindon adrift in sixth place.

However, A&T finished strongly, with three successive race wins over Edinburgh riders sufficient to clinch the target of fourth place on the day.

A&T moved on to 32 points and are in seventh place in the overall British Club Championships series after five of the seven rounds ridden.

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

### Veterans up to test

ASTLEY & Tyldesley fielded a team in the British Veterans Club Championship at Leicester on Saturday.

A & T were one of six teams who lined up in the 1st semi-final. It quickly became split into two matches, with Horspath, Leicester and East London locked in battle for the two final qualifying places, while A & T, Edinburgh and Swindon were aiming to take fourth place in the match. Edinburgh held a slender lead over A & T at the end of the second, third and fourth round of races, with Swindon adrift in 6th place.

However, A & T finished strongly, with three successive race wins over Edinburgh riders sufficient to clinch the target of 4th place on the day for A & T.

This was a good solid performance by A & T, with all the team chipping in with vital points.

Leicester and East London narrowly edged out Horspath to progress to the final. Leicester were convincing winners of the final, finishing ahead of Wednesfield, East London and Poole respectively.

A & T moved onto 32 points and are in 7th place in the overall British Club Championships series, after five of the seven rounds ridden.

Veterans British Club Championship results

1st Semi-Final  
Leicester 69 East London 65 Horspath 63 Astley & Tyldesley 36 Edinburgh 35 Swindon 24.

A & T scorers: Ron Makin 11, Roy Heslop 10, Mike Hack 8, Will Evans 7.

2nd Semi-Final  
Wednesfield 48 Poole 43 Norwich 40 Birmingham 37 Sheffield 29.

Final  
Leicester 54 Wednesfield 39 East London 33 Poole 31.

## Top weekend for cycle speedway

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Speedway riders enjoyed an excellent weekend of racing at the North Regional Fourth round of the British Youth and Junior League at a rain-soaked Bury.

Astley took second place in the under 12s section to qualify for the National Series as a team for the first time since regional qualification was introduced in 1999.

The club also fielded three debutants in the under eight match and all three girls recorded a race win each, with Jasmin Waterworth and Mia Wibberley going on to take third and fourth places in the Grand Prix A Final, with Manisha Waterworth winning the B Final.

Max Evans continued his excellent form to win the under 10 Grand Prix A final, holding off a strong challenge from second-placed Callum Maguire.

Matt Snell won the B Final, ahead of Tom Whitwam.

Dan Burns belied his inexperience to take fourth place in the under 12 A final, with Reece Pollitt recording a great win in the under 14 A Final.

Astley and Tyldesley also had three members in the Northern under 10 Individual Championships at Heckmondwike on Sunday, with all three riders performing brilliantly to narrowly miss a clean sweep for the club.

Max Evans rode to a 20-point maximum score to take the title, one place ahead of Tom Whitwam, who dropped his only point to Max when finishing on 19.

Matt Snell scored 17 points, which was sufficient to put him in a three-rider run-off for third place, but unfortunately he ended up in fifth.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Sunday, when Astley and Tyldesley take on Stockport in a Northern Combination League match, first race at 4.30 pm.

This match is followed by an Astley and Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix Round, with registrations at 5.45 pm and the first race at 6.15 pm.

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## SPEEDWAY

### Trio of wins

RACING in the 4th North Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League at a rain soaked Bury, Astley & Tyldesley took second in the U-12s, to qualify for the National series, as a team, for the first time since regional qualification was introduced in 1999.

A & T fielded three debutants in the U-8 match and all three girls recorded a race win each, as Jasmin Waterworth and Mia Wibberley went on to take 3rd and 4th places in the Grand Prix 'A' Final, with Manisha Waterworth winning the 'B' Final.

Max Evans continued his excellent form to win the U-10s Grand Prix 'A' Final, holding off a strong challenge from 2nd placed Callum Maguire. Matt Snell won the 'B' Final, ahead of Tom Whitwam.

## Cycle speedway beat Stockport

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycling Speedway Club took on Stockport in a Northern Combination League match at Gin Pit on Sunday.

A solid team performance led to A&T winning 89-80, despite the visitors providing the majority of race winners.

All six A&T riders scored well as the team recorded their fourth win in the league this season.

Captain Reece Pollitt top scored, with solid scores also clocked up by Ron Makin, Max Evans, Roy Heslop, Beccy Heslop and Stefan Whitelegg.

Following the Stockport match, A&T staged the third round of their Go-Ride Grand Prix Series.

In the girls' event, Jasmin Waterworth was victorious in her four races to win the event, finishing ahead of younger sister Manisha, with Mia Wibberley third.

Max Evans won his four races to secure the boys' event, finishing ahead of Reece Pollitt, with Daniel Burns third.

The next match at Gin Pit is this Sunday when A&T host a round of the Northern Fours and Junior League Series. First race is at 12.30pm and spectators are welcome at the track at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley.

# Good wins at Gin Pit

ASTLEY & Tyldesley took on Stockport in a Northern Combination League match at Gin Pit on Sunday.

A & T won 89-80s. All six A & T riders in the main body of the team scored well, as the team recorded their fourth win this season in this league.

Captain Reece Pollitt top scored for A & T with solid scores from Ron Makin, Max Evans, Roy Heslop, Beccy Heslop and Stefan Whitelegg.

Following the Stockport match, A & T staged Round 3 of the Astley & Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix series. Girls event winner Jasmin Waterworth won all her four races, finishing ahead of younger sister Manisha Waterworth, with Mia Wibberley third. Max Evans won all his four races to win the Boys event.

The next match at Gin Pit is Sunday visit the club's website at [www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk](http://www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk)

## Cycle speedway

ROUND three of the Manchester League Grand Prix Series was staged at Bury on Wednesday evening.

Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's Max Evans and Matt Snell won their four races each in the under 10s match, with Tom Whitwam dropping just one point.

Newcomers Jack and Ben Robinson both rode well, with Daniel Smith-Makin taking valuable points from the opposition.

Daniel Burns put in a steady performance in the under 13s match to score 10 points, as did Reece Pollitt in the under 16s match.

Joel Partington's terrific last-lap pass on Bury's Ryan Livesey in the last race of the under 16s competition proved vital for A&T.

The extra point gained put A&T level with Stockport to take a joint win on the night, with Bury four points adrift.

Stockport won the Division One (senior) match from Bury, with A&T third. Roy Heslop and Ron Makin put in a valiant showing.

A&T hosted round three of the Northern Fours and Junior League Series at Gin Pit on Sunday, with their under 10s riders taking the first four places.

Evans rode to a comfortable 16 points maximum score, while the only two points Whitwam dropped were to Evans.

Snell and Jack Robinson both won a race each, with Ben Robinson and John White putting in plenty of effort in their races.

At under 13s level, Burns continued his steady improvement, with Matthew Sweeney gaining valuable experience.

Pollitt impressed in the under 19s match, finishing as joint top scorer with 15 points.

Bury took the overall win in the Northern Junior League match, with A&T second.



## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

# Snell rouses A&T

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Astley & Tyldesley's Max Evans and Matt Snell won all their four races each in the Under-10s match, with Tom Whitwam dropping just one point. Newcomers Jack and Ben Robinson both rode well in their first match, with Daniel Smith-Makin taking valuable points from the opposition.

Daniel Burns put in a steady performance in the Under-13s match to score 10 points, as did Reece Pollitt in the Under-16s match.

Joel Partington was also in action and his terrific last-lap pass on Bury's Ryan Livesey in the last race, proved vital for A&T. The extra point gained put A&T level with Stockport in the match, to take a joint win on the night, with Bury four points adrift. This means that at the halfway stage of the series, A&T are top of the table.

**Manchester League Division Two match result (top five points scorers only count to team totals): Astley & Tyldesley 69 Stockport 69 Bury 65**

Stockport won the Division One (senior) match from Bury, with A&T third. Roy Heslop and Ron Makin put in a valiant showing against good senior opposition.

**Manchester League Division One match result (top five points scorers only count to team totals): Stockport 66 Bury 58 Astley & Tyldesley 13**

Astley & Tyldesley hosted Round Three of the Northern Fours & Junior League series at Gin Pit on Sunday. Despite much heavy rain the track was in good condition.

A&T riders dominated the Under-10s match, taking the first four places on the day. Max Evans rode to a comfortable 16 points maximum score. Tom Whitwam put in his usual determined performance, dropping just two points to Max. Matt Snell and young Jack Robinson both won a race each, with Ben Robinson and John White putting in plenty of effort in their races. Daniel Burns continued his steady improvement with a race win in the Under-13s match, with Matthew Sweeney gaining valuable experience at this level of racing.

## Burns on fire

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club staged round four of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit this week.

A handicapping system was used, taking into account riders' ages, abilities and experience and Daniel Burns made light of starting half a lap behind in each race, scoring a 16 points maximum to win the round.

Three riders tied for second spot after each finished with 14 points. Matthew Sweeney and Daniel Smith-Makin were off 20m handicaps, while Tom Whitwam was off a half-lap handicap.

Whitwam chased, caught and passed Smith-Makin to finish second in the race and third on the night, while Sweeney raced away to take the win and overall second place on the night.

Series leading positions: Daniel Burns 43, Jasmin Waterworth 39, Tom Whitwam 34, Manisha Waterworth 31, Daniel Smith-Makin 30, Max Evans 25.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Wednesday, 7pm start, when A&T host round four of the Manchester League Grand Prix Series.

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

# Entertaining encounters

ASTLEY & Tyldesley took on Sheffield in a Northern Combination League double header event at the Cookson Park track in Sheffield on Sunday. Ridden in blustery conditions, two very entertaining matches took place with plenty of good racing.

A & T lined up against the Sheffield Raiders in the first match, on a heavy track and took the lead in heat 2 when Beccy and Roy Heslop took a 7-3 heat win, but Sheffield immediately hit back with a 7-3 of their own. A run of 5-5s followed, before a Reece Pollitt on Makin 6-4 heat win gave A & T an interval lead. The second half saw Sheffield come out stronger and two quick 7-3s put them 6 points ahead. A 6-4 heat win to Joel Partington/Max Evans reduced the gap to 4 points. Sheffield went into the last heat holding a 4 points lead and scored another 7-3 heat win after a very hard fought race to seal the points: Sheffield Raiders 79 Astley & Tyldesley 71.

A & T scorers: Joel Partington 15, Ron Makin 14, Reece Pollitt 12 (1), Beccy Heslop 12, Roy Heslop 10 (4), Max Evans 6 (1), Daniel Burns 2, Matt Snell dn.

Sheffield Phantoms lined up with a much strengthened side from the one heavily beaten at Gin Pit on the opening day of the season. The home team took three 7-3 heat wins in the opening four races to take control of the match.

In an amazing heat 5, Ron Makin and Joel Partington both came through on the last lap to pass both Sheffield riders to take a 7-3 heat win. 6-4s to either side saw Sheffield go into the interval with a 10 points lead.

Four drawn heats followed, before Sheffield took two more 7-3 heat wins to seal the points. In the last heat Reece Pollitt and Beccy Heslop took a well deserved 7-3 heat win to make the final score Sheffield Phantoms 82 Astley & Tyldesley 68.

A & T took the opportunity to give youngsters Max Evans, Daniel Burns and Matt Snell a full run out at this level and the experience will be invaluable for them, as they all had their moments on the day.

A & T scorers: Reece Pollitt 16 (1), Joel Partington 12 (1), Beccy Heslop 11 (1), Ron Makin 10, Max Evans 7, Matt Snell 6 (1), Roy Heslop 3 (1), Daniel Burns 3.

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

# Grand prix action

ASTLEY & Tyldesley staged Round 4 of the A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Thursday evening. A handicapping system was used, taking into account riders' ages, abilities and experience.

Daniel Burns made light of starting half a lap behind in each race, to score a 16 points maximum and win the round. Three riders tied for 2nd place, after each finishing with 14 points. Matthew Sweeney and Daniel Smith-Makin were off 20 metres handicaps, whilst Tom Whitwam was off a half lap handicap. Whitwam chased, caught and passed Smith-Makin to finish 2nd in the race and 3rd on the night, whilst Sweeney raced away to take the win and overall 2nd place on the night.

**A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix series - leading positions**  
Daniel Burns 43, Jasmin Waterworth 39, Tom Whitwam 34, Manisha Waterworth 31, Daniel Smith-Makin 30, Max Evans 25.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Wednesday, July 18, 7 pm start, when A & T host Round 4 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series. Visit [www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk](http://www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk)

## A&T lose out

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycling Speedway Club could not inflict a first defeat of the season on Northern Combination League leaders Bury.

Adam Phillips lost only to Will Owens in the third heat and to former A&T regular Joe Allen later on. Reece Pollitt recorded four second places for Astley, while Ron Makin and Roy Heslop supported well their respective race partners.

Youngster Matt Snell defeated a home rider on two occasions.

A&T's Max Evans placed fourth in the under-10s Grand Prix A final at the second round of the British Youth and Junior League series.

It leaves him in second overall.



# Riders bravely tackle track slippery after heavy rain

ATHERTON and Tyldesley riders competed in round five of the Manchester Cycling Speedway League Grand Prix series hosted by Stockport.

Heavy rain during the day left the track raceable but slippery in places, including the starting grids, which made for some eventful races.

In the under 10s match, A&T's Max Evans raced to his fifth consecutive maximum score in the series to clinch first spot.

Callum Maguire and Matt Snell pulled off some great passes as they turned in some determined and impressive races, while the Waterworth sisters rode gamely for their points.

Daniel Burns turned in another steady display in the under 13s match, while Ciaran Collins made a most impressive debut which included a race win, beating much more experienced opponents on his way to an 11-points score.

Reece Pollitt scored a hard-earned total of nine points in the under 16s match, taking vital points off opposing riders.

The collective efforts of all A&T's junior riders meant that they finished second on the night and enter the last round of the series with a two-point lead over Stockport.

Division Two result (top five points scorers only count to team totals): Stockport 68, Astley and Tyldesley 60, Bury 58.

Under 19s: Mat Lush (Stockport) 15, Jack Lush (Stockport) 14, Ben Higham (Stockport) 10, Will Owens (Bury) 7, Laura Watson (Bury) 3.

Under 16s: Jake Read (Stockport) 16, Joe Pickford (Stockport) 10, Ryan Livesey (Bury) 10, Reece Pollitt (A&T) 9, Tom Clare (Stockport) 5.

Under 13s: James Elston (Bury) 16, Daniel Taylor (Bury) 12, Adam Watson (Bury) 11, Ciaran Collins (A&T) 11, Daniel Burns (A&T) 10, Adam Turnbull (Bury) 9, Rebecca Mason (Bury) 6.

Under 10s: Max Evans (A&T) 16, James Barry (Stockport) 13,



**Atherton and Tyldesley riders**

Callum Maguire (A&T) 12, Matthew Snell (A&T) 11, Tom Whitwam (unattached) 10, Louis Turner (Bury) 8, Jasmin Waterworth (A&T) 6, Manisha Waterworth (A&T) 4.

League positions (after five rounds): Astley and Tyldesley 12.5, Stockport 10.5, Bury 7.

Stockport were easy winners in the Division One senior match as they clinched the Division One title.

Former British champion Terry Norman raced unbeaten.

Ron Makin, Roy Heslop and Steve Waterworth all battled gamely for A&T, as they notched up their highest points score of the season.

Division One result: Stockport 64 Astley and Tyldesley 28, Bury 0.

Seniors: Terry Norman (Stockport) 16, Jake Read (Stockport) 13, Mat Lush (Stockport) 12, Ben Higham

(Stockport) 12, Ron Makin (A&T) 11, Jack Lush (Stockport) 11, Joe Pickford (Stockport) 10, Roy Heslop (A&T) 9, Steve Waterworth (A&T) 8.

League positions (after five rounds): Stockport 13, Bury 8, Astley and Tyldesley 6.

Astley and Tyldesley staged a Go-Ride Games event at Gin Pit to celebrate the Olympic Games.

The riders enjoyed a two-hour session, with a mix of races and fun events.

British Cycling's north west manager Alex Scoular was present, with the local youngsters receiving an assortment of goodies, including t-shirts, drinks bottles, wrist bands, certificates and medals for the top three in each Devil Take The Hindmost race.

Reece Pollitt won the older riders' Devil, while Jasmin Waterworth won the younger riders' Devil.

## Racing stars

SOME of Astley and Tyldesley's best youngsters were in action at the British Individual Championships in South Wales at the weekend.

Racing in the under 10s championships at East Newport, both Max Evans and Matt Snell came through the qualifying rounds to reach the final.

Both received the worst possible draw, each having to take two outside start positions on a tiny circuit aptly nicknamed 'The Polo'.

To compound matters for Max, one of the pre-match favourites, he was drawn outside each of his main rivals when he came up against them. Given the circumstances, Max put in a terrific performance to score 17 out of 20 points and take third place overall. Eight-year-old Matt put in a good showing in his first British individual final, scoring nine points to finish in 11th place.

Fourteen-year-old Adam Phillips was in action in the under 16s championships. He won the British under 13s title last year but understandably he found the opposition tougher in his first year at this level. Adam qualified for the final and turned in a creditable performance to score 11 points and finish in 10th place.



# A&T in thick of it

THE Bury club hosted the sixth and final round of the Manchester League Grand Prix series.

Astley & Tyldesley's youngsters put in a great performance to take the win on the night and end the Division 2 (junior) League series as clear winners, ahead of Stockport, with Bury third. Max Evans raced unbeaten for the 6th successive match in the U-10s category, with Callum Maguire and Matt Snell turning in top performances. Dan Smith-Makin, John White and debutant Rhys Burgess all scored valuable points on the night to set A & T on their way. The U-13s were next up and both Daniel Burns and Ciaran Collins turned in steady performances to increase A & T's score on the night. Reece Pollitt put in two good second places in his two races in the U-16s match.

Many congratulations go to the A & T youngsters on winning the Manchester League Division 2 series and to Max Evans on winning the U-10 Grand Prix series, winning every race in the series.

Manchester League Division two match result: Astley & Tyldesley 64 Bury 60 Stockport 34.

Final Division 2 League positions - Astley & Tyldesley 15.5 Stockport 11.5 Bury 9.

In the Division 1 (senior) League

match, Stockport edged out Bury by five points to win on the night, having already won the League a round earlier. Ron Makin was A & T's lone rider and he scored 4 points.

Manchester League Division 1 match result (top 5 points scorers only count to team totals):

Stockport 43 Bury 38 Astley & Tyldesley 4.

Final Division 1 League positions - Stockport 16 Bury 10 Astley & Tyldesley 7.

Astley & Tyldesley took their place in the 3rd National Round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Sheffield. Racing in the U-12s match, Astley & Tyldesley took 6th place out of 8 teams on the day. Max Evans raced unbeaten in the U-10s qualifying races and finished 3rd in the Grand Prix 'A' Final. This keeps Max in 2nd place overall in the series, with one round remaining. Matt Snell, Dan Burns and John White all turned in battling performances.

British Youth & Junior League U-12s National Round 3 result

Sheffield 228, Kesgrave 209, Poole 105, Bretford 94, Ipswich 85, Astley & Tyldesley 46, Birmingham 30, East Newport 23.

The Manchester League Individual Finals were held at Stockport. Astley

& Tyldesley's Max Evans continued his amazing run of success by winning the U-10 Individual Championship with an unbeaten 16 points score.

Team mates Matt Snell and Dan Smith-Makin finished just outside the frame, scoring 13 and 11 points respectively. Max also competed in the U-13 Championship and took an excellent 2nd place overall, dropping just a point to the winner, Adam Watson, of Bury.

Matt Snell again impressed, returning a 12 points score at this level. Astley & Tyldesley's Adam Phillips took 2nd place in the U-16s Championship, scoring 14 points and finishing just a point behind the winner, Stockport's Jake Read.

Astley & Tyldesley's Reece Pollitt lost a run-off for third place. Adam Phillips also raced in the U-19s Championship and he turned in a creditable performance to score 12 points, as Stockport's Ben Higham won with a maximum score.

Astley & Tyldesley's Ron Makin competed in the Senior Individual and finished with a score of eight points, as home rider Terry Norman won the title for the seventh time, with a 15 points score.

For further news of Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club, visit the club's website at [www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk](http://www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk)

## Top honours for cycle speedway club's youngsters

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's junior riders claimed the top honours in the sixth and final round of the Manchester League Grand Prix series to secure their Division Two title.

The club's youngsters travelled to Bury and Max Evans raced unbeaten for the sixth successive match in the under 10s category to secure his Grand Prix series title, with Callum Maguire and Matt Snell also turning in top performances.

Dan Smith-Makin, John White and debutant Rhys Burgess all scored valuable points on the night to set Astley and Tyldesley on their way, with Daniel Burns and Ciaran Collins adding points with strong performances in the under 13 category.

Reece Pollitt completed the night with two good second places in his two races in the under 16s match.

In the senior Division One match, Tyldesley's only rider was Ron Makin, who scored four points.

The juniors were also in action at the third national round of the British Youth and Junior League series in Sheffield, where they finished sixth of the eight teams involved.

Max Evans raced unbeaten in the under 10s qualifying races and finished third in the Grand Prix A final, keeping him in second place overall with one round remaining.

Matt Snell, Dan Burns and John White all turned in battling performances to help their club finish above Birmingham and East Newport in the competition.

Evans was also in action with some teammates at the Manchester League individual finals held at Stockport.

The under 10 rider continued his amazing run of success by winning

the under 10s individual championship with an unbeaten 16-point score, with teammates Matt Snell and Dan Smith-Makin finishing just outside the frame, scoring 13 and 11 points respectively.

Evans even managed an impressive second-placed finish in the under 13 category, too, dropping just one point to the winner, Adam Watson, of Bury.

Snell again impressed, returning with a 12-point score.

Tyldesley's Adam Phillips took second place in the under 16s championship, scoring 14 points and finishing just one point behind the winner, before racing in the under 19s and turning in a creditable performance of 12 points.

Finally, senior Ron Makin competed in the senior individual competition and finished with a score of eight points, as home rider Terry Norman won the title for the seventh time.





#### **VETERAN RIDER:**

Mike after completing the challenge

# Mike enjoys three cities bike ride

A LOCAL speedway stalwart has completed a marathon cycle challenge to raise funds for charity.

Astley Rotarian and Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club Coach Mike Hack completed riding the Three Cities Cycle Challenge, in aid of Kidney Research UK charity.

Mike was a member of a team of 36 riders from City West Housing Trust, who joined a 76 rider field.

At 57 years of age, he was the oldest rider in the event.

**BY ANDREW NOWELL**

The group rode the 350 miles from London to Amsterdam to Brussels in four days.

The riders enjoyed heavy rain, strong winds, hot sunshine, great cycling routes, and a few drinks.

Mike said: "There was a fantastic group of people throughout the whole trip."

The Three Cities charity cycle is a cycle challenge from London to Brussels via Amsterdam but is

not just about distances covered, the bike ride is about group effort, friendship and charity spirit.

Mike added: "Many thanks to those people who have made a charity donation.

"If anyone hasn't done so yet, but would like to, donations can be made on-line at the following link:

<http://www.kidneyresearchuk-events.org/3CsCyclingClub> So far, the City West team have raised £55,000 from the ride for the charity so far."



## Mike hacks it as a Three Cities charity cyclist

SPEEDWAY coach and Rotarian Mike Hack completed the Three Cities Cycle Challenge, in aid of the Kidney Research UK.

The Astley Rotary Club member and Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club coach was a member of a team of 36 riders from City West Housing Trust.

They were part of a 76-rider field.

At 57, Mike, from Astley, was the oldest rider in the event, which involved pedalling 350 miles from London to Amsterdam to Brussels in four days.

"We enjoyed heavy rain, strong winds, hot sunshine, great cycling routes, a few drinks and a fantastic group of people throughout the trip," said Mike.

He thanked those who have

already made charity donations – still being accepted at kidney researchukevents.org/3Cs CyclingClub.

So far, the City West team has raised £55,000 from the ride for Kidney Research UK.

● Mike is pictured, right, at the Grand Place in Brussels at the end of the journey.



## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

# A&T out to shoot down Rockets

ASTLEY & Tyldesley will host Sheffield Rockets in a Northern Combination League match this Sunday (September 23).

A & T will be looking to avenge a narrow defeat they suffered at Sheffield in July and improve their mid table position in the league.

The racing will take place at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

First race is at 2 pm.

The match will be followed by the sixth and final round of the Astley & Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix series. Registrations for that event will be at 3.15 pm.

In the meantime, A & T continue their popular weekly club practice nights, every Tuesday. The sessions are open to all existing club members and prospective newcomers. Riders are requested to check in for the sessions at 6.45pm.





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## Weakened cycle speedway club lose to Rockets

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club were missing several first-choice riders when they were beaten 87-63 by Sheffield Rockets in a Northern Combination League match at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Newcomers Steve Waterworth and Marc Osmand showed plenty of energy and effort, with Roy Heslop and Ron Makin in the mix, but generally A&T's youngsters found it hard going against the older Sheffield riders.

A&T scorers: Steve Waterworth 12 (2), Ron Makin 11 (1), Marc Osmand 11 (1), Roy Heslop 11, Max Evans 8, Matthew Snell 4 (2), Stefan Whitelegg 4 (1), Daniel Burns 2.

The match was followed by the sixth and final round of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix Series.

Jessica Burgess raced to a 20 points maximum score in her first Go-Ride event and recorded the fastest time of the match, 42.01 seconds.

Match result: Jessica Burgess 20, Rhys Burgess 19, Emily Burgess 17, Matthew Snell 17, Daniel Burns 15, Ben Dickinson 14, Jasmin Waterworth 14, Max Evans 14, Dan Smith-Makin 12, Connor Alfalahi 11, Daisy Osmand 11, Manisha Waterworth 10, McKenzie Firth 7, Charlie Burgess 7, Thomas Wibberley 6, Thomas Finney 5.

Daniel Burns was crowned the overall A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix Series winner, with a total of 77 points. Runner-up was Max Evans on 55 points, with Dan Smith-Makin taking third place on 53.

A&T stage the eighth and final round of the Transpennine Grand Prix series at Gin Pit this Sunday. There are several age categories and the event is open to all A&T riders, along with those from other Northern clubs.

Registrations are at 1.30pm, with the first race at 2pm.

# CYCLE SPEEDWAY

## Defeat for A&T

ASTLEY and Tyldesley entertained Sheffield Rockets in a Northern Combination League match at Gin Pit on Sunday. Missing several first choice riders, A & T were well beaten 87-63 and managed only one heat win all match. Newcomers Steve Waterworth and Marc Osmand showed plenty of energy and effort, with Roy Heslop and Ron Makin in the mix. However, A & T's youngsters found it hard going against the older Sheffield riders. Sheffield had their top three riders, Matt Parrott, Kyle Holland and Rich Hudson, all racing unbeaten, with Niall Morton scoring three race wins and Rob Mawhood unbeaten in his two outings.

Northern Combination League match result: Astley & Tyldesley 63 Sheffield Rockets 87. A & T scorers: Steve Waterworth 12 (2), Ron Makin 11 (1), Marc Osmand 11 (1), Roy Heslop 11, Max Evans 8, Matthew Snell 4 (2), Stefan Whitelegg 4 (1), Daniel Burns 2.

The match was followed by the sixth and final round of the Astley and Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix series. This was contested by recent newcomers to the weekly Tuesday night sessions at Gin Pit. The four more experienced riders (Max Evans, Daniel Burns, Matthew Snell, Dan Smith-Makin) were handicapped, with the remainder starting off the gate.

Jessica Burgess raced to a 20 points maximum score in her first Go-Ride event and recorded the fastest time of the match, 42.01 seconds. Runner-up was Rhys Burgess (no relation), who dropped his only point to Jessica in heat 2. In a run-off for 3rd place, Emily Burgess, younger sister of Jessica, held off the challenge of Matt Snell, riding off a half lap handicap, to make it a Burgess 1-2-3!

A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix Round 6 result: Jessica Burgess 20, Rhys Burgess 19, Emily Burgess 17, Matthew Snell 17, Daniel Burns 15, Ben Dickinson 14, Jasmin Waterworth 14, Max Connor 11, Manisha Waterworth 10, McKenzie Firth 7, Charlie Burgess 7, Thomas Wibberley 6, Thomas Daniel Burns is the overall A & T Go-Ride Grand Prix series winner, with a total of 77 points. He finished well clear of runner-up Max Evans on 55 points, with Dan Smith-Makin taking 3rd place on 53.

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## Max is unbeaten

ASTLEY & Tyldesley hosted the eighth and final round of the Transpennine Grand Prix Series at Gin Pit.

Max Evans raced unbeaten in the under 10s category and clinched the overall series title with a total of 112 and amassing the highest individual points score in all 10 categories.

Matt Snell's score of series total of 48 points and tying for first place overall in the veterans' category.

A&T had riders racing at Hethersett, Norfolk in the final national round of the British Youth and Junior League series, on Saturday.

Max Evans finished third in the under 10s Grand Prix A final, a result which saw him clinch second place overall. His 12 points saw him finish third overall in the under 10s series.

Racing in the veterans' category, Ron scored 13 points, as Heckmondwike's Darren Kent raced to a 16 points maximum score.



# Max third in finale

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley hosted the eighth and final round of the Transpennine Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

The track was in excellent condition, considering the amount of heavy rain in the preceding week. Unfortunately, it rained throughout the match, inevitably making conditions unpleasant for the riders.

A & T fielded three newcomers in the U8/U10 event and Rhys Burgess, Ashton Semtyshin and McKenzie Firth can all be well pleased with their efforts. A & T's Max Evans raced unbeaten in the U10s category, and clinched the overall series title with a total of 112, amassing the highest individual points score in all 10 categories. Matt Snell's score of 12 points was more than good enough for him to finish third overall in the U10 series. Young John White turned in a great performance, dropping just one point in the U8 category.

Alexandra Semtyshin made her debut for A & T in the U12/U14 event, and acquitted herself well. A & T's Reece Pollitt was in great form in the U14 category, dropping only one point and recording the fastest time of the match, 46.12 seconds, when winning heat three. Reece finished third overall in the U14 series. Daniel Burns was also in good form and he dropped just one point to another U12 rider.

Ron Makin was A & T's lone rider in the Older Categories match. Racing in the Veterans category, Ron scored 13 points, as Heckmondwike's Darren Kent raced to a 16 points maximum score. This put both riders on a series total of 48 points, and tying for first place overall in the Veterans category.

A & T had riders racing at Hethersett, Norfolk in the final national round of the British Youth & Junior League series, on Saturday. Max Evans finished third in the U10s Grand Prix A final, a result which saw him clinch second place overall in the British U10 Grand Prix series. This caps a tremendous season for Max, having won the Northern and Manchester League U-10 Individual titles, as well as the Northern, Manchester League and Transpennine U-10 Grand Prix series, racing unbeaten in the U-10 British Club Championship final and finishing third in the British U-10 individual final. Matt Snell also turned in a typically battling performance and was leading the U10s Grand Prix C final, before slipping his pedals and being relegated to second place in that race.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Tuesday, October 9, when the Astley & Tyldesley Club Individual Championships are held. All categories will be held, with registrations at 6.30 pm and racing starting at 7 pm.

## June is an Unsung Hero



ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club Catering Manager June Phillips won the Unsung Hero in Sport Award at the Wigan Sports Awards Evening at the DW Stadium.

She received her award from former Olympic 800 metres athlete Jenny Meadows, who was the guest speaker at the evening.

June has been a loyal, reliable and hard working volunteer for the club for 13 of the last 16 years and this recognition is richly deserved. June will now represent Wigan at the Greater Manchester Awards Evening.

The club has also been honoured as Joel Partington has been selected for a place on British Cycling's Olympic Talent Team.

Fifteen-years-old multi-discipline cyclist Joel has been an A & T club member for the past six years and this is a tremendous achievement to be selected for a place on the team.



## Cycle speedway club's record number of entries for individual event

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club held their individual championships under the Gin Pit floodlights.

A record 36 entries contested championships that were split into three matches – under eights, under 12s and 13s and over. Fifteen riders contested the under eights event.

Newcomer Rhys Burgess beat another newcomer Ben Dickinson in a run-off for first place, after both had finished on 19 points.

There was another run-off to determine third place, which was won by Jack Robinson over the highest scoring girl Emily Burgess, after both riders had scored 18 points.

Special mention goes to John White, who, at five-years-old, was the youngest rider in the field, but scored an impressive 16 points.

Result: Rhys Burgess 19, Ben Dickinson 19, Jack Robinson 18, Emily Burgess 18, John White 16, Daisy Osmand 15, Catherine Sweeney 13, Jasmin Waterworth 12, Charlie Burgess 11, Mia Wibberley 11, Manisha Waterworth 10, McKenzie Firth 10, Connor Alfalahi 9, Tom Finney 8, Thomas Wibberley 6.

Fourteen riders contested the under 12s event.

Northern under 10s champion Max Evans raced to a 20 points maximum to win the event.

Newcomer Ciaran Collins was runner-up, dropping his only point to Max, after leading the race for

two laps when the two riders met in heat seven. Third place went to Daniel Burns, who dropped his only points in heat seven.

Special mention goes to Matthew Snell who, at eight-years-old, was the youngest rider in the field, but scored an impressive 17 points and to Jessica Burgess, who was the highest-placed girl, after scoring 15 points.

Result: Max Evans 20, Ciaran Collins 19, Daniel Burns 18, Matthew Snell 17, Jessica Burgess 15, Callum Maguire 14, Matthew Sweeney 14, Ben Robinson 13, Dan Smith-Makin 12, Georgina Burley 11, Alex Semtyshin 10, Thomas Burley 9, Ashton Semtyshin 9, Gemma Hunt 8.

Last up was the 13s and over

event, with seven riders competing. Defending champion Reece Pollitt was in no mood to relinquish the title and he won every race convincingly to retain his title, with a 16 points maximum score.

Ron Makin held off Roy Heslop to win the last race to take second place overall, with Roy finishing third overall and newcomer Marc Osmand just out of the frame.

Result: Reece Pollitt 16, Ron Makin 15, Roy Heslop 14, Marc Osmand 13, Max Evans 12, Stefan Whitelegg 11, Ciaran Collins 10.

Juniors will have another practice session on Tuesday at 7pm, with older squad members having sessions tonight, Thursday, and October 25 at 7pm.



Jenny Meadows presents June with her medal

## A&T's June is an unsung hero

ASTLEY and Tyldesley travelled to Hull for the final Northern Combination League match of the season.

A 7-3 heat win to the Reece Pollitt/ Daniel Burns pairing put A&T in front for a lead they never lost.

Ron Makin took a heavy fall at the first bend in heat six but bravely carried on for the rest of the match.

Pollitt raced to a fine 20 points maximum score, going off outside grids in four races.

Roy Heslop was unbeaten after his first ride, with Makin, Daniel Burns and Matt Snell all scoring well.

A&T's win ensures that they have finished in fourth place out of seven teams in this competition.

Northern Combination League result: Hull 62 Astley & Tyldesley 88: Reece Pollitt 20, Roy Heslop 18 (1), Ron Makin 16 (1), Dan Burns 14 (3), Matt Snell 13 (2), Dan Smith-Makin 7 (1).

Astley & Tyldesley's catering manager June Phillips won the Unsung Hero in Sport Award at the Wigan Sports Awards Evening at the DW Stadium on Friday.

She received her award from former Olympic 800 metres athlete Jenny Meadows, who was the guest speaker at the event.

June has been a loyal, reliable and hard working volunteer for the club for 13 of the last 16 years.

She will now represent Wigan at the Greater Manchester Manchester Awards Evening next month.

The club's under 10s team were nominated for Wigan Team of the Year and Max Evans was nominated for Wigan Sports Achiever of the Year.

Joel Partington has been selected for a place on British Cycling's Olympic Talent Team.

The 15-year-old multi-discipline cyclist has been an A&T club member for the past six years.



# Gearing up for the new cycle speedway season

IT may be the cycle speedway close season, but Astley & Tyldesley are busy preparing for the 2013 season.

The club are pleased to announce that they will be making a return to the Northern League Division One, as well as retaining a team in Division Two (formerly known as the Combination Division) and entering a team of youngsters in the newly formed Division Three.

The welcome return of several senior and veterans riders during the past year – Roy Heslop, Becky Heslop, Ron Makin – along with the continuing progress of impressive youngster Reece Pollitt and promising new seniors Steve Waterworth and Marc Osmand paved the way for the return of a senior Astley & Tyldesley team.

The squad has been further bolstered by the returns of three Astley & Tyldesley club stalwarts during the transfer window which closed last Tuesday.

Gin Pit track record holder and current World number five, Polish star Przemek Binkowski, has transferred back to Astley & Tyldesley after a spell with Horspath (Oxford).

His compatriot Tomasz Włodarczyk, another top Polish International racer, has also returned to the Astley & Tyldesley senior squad. Both riders first made their bow in Astley & Tyldesley colours in 2002 and have been consistently high scorers when racing for the club.

Veteran rider George Hughes is another returnee, having moved back to the Manchester area after living in London for the past few years. George first raced for Astley & Tyldesley in 1992 and last rode in 2007, before joining the East London club and then transferring back to Astley & Tyldesley before last week's deadline.

Astley & Tyldesley Club officials are delighted to welcome back three wholehearted riders who have given great service to the club over a long period, as the club looks forward to their return to racing in the Northern League Division One.



The thrills and spills of cycle speedway are pictured above



# Cycle speedway awards extravaganza

Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club hosted its annual presentation and social evening at the Miners' Welfare Club at Gim Pit.

Some 75 people attended the event, which consisted of music, DVD footage of the club's matches during the year, an appearance by Wigan's Olympics Ambassador Trevor Barton MBE as guest speaker, a splendid buffet and of course, the presentation of many awards to the club's riders, officials and volunteers.

Forty four rider awards were presented, with many of the club's new riders present to receive their awards on the night.

In addition to the presentation of trophies for competitions already won on the track, there were four



**Winners at the cycle speedway presentation evening**

special awards presented:

- Callum Maguire won the North

West Trophies Cup for being the Best Novice

- Ciaran Collins won the Rory Blackwell Cup for being the Best Newcomer

- Matthew Snell won the Most Improved Rider Award

- Max Evans won the J Fisher & Sons Cup for being the Young Rider of the Year.

The A & T club has long appreciated the value of its officials and volunteer helpers and 17 people received their customary present from the club in recognition of their efforts during the past year.

This year's winner of the Ron Hack Memorial Cup for the Volunteer of the Year was Will Evans. A special presentation was made to the Wigan Unsung Hero in Sport winner June Phillips, who is retiring after many years as Catering Manager.

## CYCLE SPEEDWAY

The Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club have announced a new club sponsor in CWTS Ltd.

The Atherton based company's full title is Commissioning Water Treatment Specialists Ltd and they have agreed to be the club's main sponsor for the next three years.

Thanks go to the club's new Social Secretary Alison Dickinson for arranging this sponsorship deal.

Astley & Tyldesley welcome four new members to the Club Committee: Becky Heslop (Development Officer and Welfare Officer), Jayne Sweeney (Assistant Treasurer), Alison Dickinson (Social Secretary and Go-Ride Club Contact), Janine Murphy (Assistant Social Secretary).

The Club wishes all members, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.