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**Joe Allen,
right, in
action for
A&T**

Cycle speedway club announces two new signings

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club have announced two new signings in readiness for the new racing season.

They are 23-year-old Joe Allen and

21-year-old Luke Jamson, who have both rejoined the club after a spell at Bury when the A&T club were not competing in senior racing.

Both started their cycle speedway

careers with A&T, Joe in 2005 and Luke in 2008. They will strengthen the first team to make A&T a more competitive side in this year's Northern League.

Luke Jamson, racing in green, is one of two new signings for Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club this week. For more details, turn inside.
Picture by Len Priestley



Pre-season starts for cycle speedway riders



Astley & Tyldesley's Danny Hughes leading Luke Jamson

Astley & Tyldesley will begin their official cycle speedway pre-season training sessions this forthcoming Sunday, February 2.

First up at 2pm, will be the juniors U13s, followed by the O13s and seniors at 3pm. The sessions will be held on the track at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW and are open to all existing A&T club members and prospective new members.

The Astley & Tyldesley club will also begin their weekly

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Following this will be the Division Two match, with A&T likely to field a mix of experienced riders and promising juniors.

The day's racing will be concluded with the Division Three match, as A&T's squad of under 13s riders start the defence of the league title.

Spectator admission and car parking is free to the afternoon's racing, which takes place at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

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Great start to A&T new season

ASTLEY and Tyldesley opened their Northern League season by beating Bury in all three matches at Gin Pit.

In Division One, A&T took a 7-3 maximum heat win in the first race through Adam Phillips and Paul Graham.

Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt extended the lead, despite a starting exclusion to Lee Phillip, to lead 50-38 at the interval.

Danny Hughes and Lee Phillips took a 7-2 heat 10 win and Adam Phillips took heat 12 before three of the next five races were shared.

The final score was 96-79.

Adam Phillips marked his return with a 20-point maximum score, Pollitt also in excellent form.

Lee Phillips went unbeaten except for a gate exclusion.

A&T: Adam Phillips 20, Reece Pollitt 16 (plus two bonus), Joe Allen 14 (1), Danny Hughes 14 (1), Lee Phillips 11 (1), Paul Graham 10 (1), Mark Graham 7 (1), Ciaran Collins 4.

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The last six heats saw three 7-3 A&T wins for an 81-67 victory.

Reece Pollitt and Adam Phillips both raced unbeaten, aided by George Hughes.

A&T: Reece Pollitt 19 (1), Adam Phillips 18 (2), George Hughes 14 (2), Max Evans 13, Matthew Snell 8 (1),



Astley and Tyldesley's Adam Phillips leading Reece Pollitt. Picture: Sue Tydd

Ciaran Collins 7, Ben Dickinson 2, Alex Semtyshin 0.

A&T began their defence of the Northern League Division Three title, with a convincing 112-48 win over Bury.

Max Evans raced unbeaten, with Matthew Snell losing only in heat seven.

Emily Burgess and Ben Dickinson scooped 13 points apiece for a 112-48 win.

A&T: Max Evans 16, Matthew Snell 15, Emily Burgess 13, Ben Dickinson 13, Joe Quarmby 11, Alex Semtyshin 11, John White 10, Charlie Burgess 10, Charlie Dickinson 8, Max Quarmby 5.

A winning start to the season for A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Astley & Tyldesley enjoyed the best possible opening day of the season, by beating Bury in all three Northern League matches at Gin Pit.

On a glorious warm, sunny day, in front of a large crowd, the hard work put in by club members over the winter paid off with the track and facilities in top condition.

In the Division 1 match, A&T got off to a great start with a well taken 7-3 maximum heat win in the first race, by Adam Phillips and Paul Graham over Kris Ramsden and Neil Howarth. A&T extended their lead to 9 points after heat 5.

A terrific heat 7, saw Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt pull in a 7-3 heat win over Will Owens and Bury's top rider Chris Parish, for his only defeat of the match.

A&T kept up the pressure and despite a starting exclusion to Lee Phillips in heat 9, led 50-38 at the interval. Heat 10 was a disaster for Bury as James Elston and Dawid Renc tangled with each other, for Danny Hughes and Lee Phillips to take a 7-2 heat win and put A&T in an unassailable 57-40 lead. In heat 12, Adam Phillips pulled off a storming gate from the outside grid 4 to clear Bury's Ben Scranage, off the inside grid 1 and take a convincing race win. Three of the next five races were shared, before Chris Parish and Neil Howarth took a last heat 7-3 heat win for Bury over Danny Hughes and Joe Allen, to make the final score Astley & Tyldesley 96 Bury 79.

A&T were much sharper and fitter than Bury, who only

really had Chris Parish riding to his best form.

For A&T, Adam Phillips marked his return with a tremendous 20 points maximum score, with Reece Pollitt in excellent form, losing only to Parish and Ben Scranage. It was a really good team display by A&T, with Lee Phillips unbeaten except for a gate exclusion.

● Northern League Division 1 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 96 Bury 79

A&T: Adam Phillips 20, Reece Pollitt 16 (plus 2 bonus), Joe Allen 14 (1), Danny Hughes 14 (1), Lee Phillips 11 (1), Paul Graham 10 (1), Mark Graham 7 (1), Ciaran Collins 4.

Bury: Chris Parish 17, Ben Scranage 14, Neil Howarth 11 (2), Kristian Ramsden 11 (1), Will Owens 9 (2), James Elston 9, Danny Taylor 5 (1), Dawid Renc 3.

● The Division 2 match was nip and tuck for the first nine races, with the lead changing hands on three occasions, as A&T held a slender 45-43 lead at this stage. A&T then moved up a gear in the last six heats, to take three 7-3 heat wins, with the other three races shared, to win the match by 81-67. Reece Pollitt and Adam Phillips both raced unbeaten, with some good team riding by George Hughes. Unlucky rider was Ciaran Collins, who was taken to hospital with a foot injury after tangling with an opponent on the first bend in heat 9. Bury had a solid scoring team, but their downfall was in providing only four of the fifteen race winners. James Elston was the visitors' best rider, losing only to Pollitt and Phillips.

Northern League Division 2 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 81 Bury 67

Tough day for A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley made the short trip to Stockport for a Northern League fixture.

A&T knew they were in for a tough afternoon, with Stockport having won the Division 1 title for the past four seasons.

However, the visitors enjoyed little good fortune, being on the wrong end of some tough incidents. A&T battled hard throughout, but had to wait until the final race before taking their first race win of the day, when Luke Jamson and George Hughes took a 7-2 heat win over Joe Pickford, after Mat Lush picked up an exclusion. Joe Allen top scored for A&T, with Reece Pollitt taking three second places in the match. Jack Lush, Ben Higham and Terry Norman all raced unbeaten for the home team.

Northern League Division 1 match result
Stockport 107 Astley & Tyldesley 68
A&T scorers: Joe Allen 11 (plus 2 bonus),
Reece Pollitt 11, Luke Jamson 10, Lee Phillips
9, Ron Makin 8 (2), George Hughes 7 (1), Mark
Graham 7, Paul Graham 5.

A&T enjoyed better fortune in the Division 2 match, taking their second win of the season. Stockport conceded 20 points after fielding an ineligible rider, Jake Read. The home team banged in four 7-3 heat wins in the opening six races, to reduce A&T's lead to six points. A&T then stemmed the tide, with three 6-4 heat wins, to move into a 12 points lead after heat 11. The visitors rounded off the match with two maximum scores, to take a 95-73 win. Reece Pollitt led the way for A&T, winning four of his five races.

Northern League Division 2 match result
Stockport 73 Astley & Tyldesley 95
A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 18, Ron Makin 11 (2),
George Hughes 10 (1), Max Evans 10, Matthew
Snell 9 (2), Ben Dickinson 8 (1), Mark Graham
6, Emily Burgess 3 (1).

Heavy loss for A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ON AN overcast, cold misty day, A&T took a line-up strong in numbers to the other side of the Pennines to contest 3 Divisions of Cycle speedway at Hull CS.

In the Division 1 match, a weakened A&T Team lined up with plenty of youth, due to work commitments. Hull took six maximum 7-3 heat wins early on to move into a 26 point lead after 7 heats. It was young whippet Reece Pollitt who would break the Hull strangle hold taking a win in Heat 7. Hull never looked like relinquishing a big lead though in a match which had plenty of the 'colour' which the weather lacked. Hull went on to all score strongly whilst Reece Pollitt and Joe Allen were the only A&T scores in double figures.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Hull 118 Astley & Tyldesley 58

A&T: Reece Pollitt 14, Joe

Allen 11 (1), Lee Phillips 7, Max Evans 7, Ciaran Collins 7, Matthew Snell 6, Emily Burgess 4, Paul Graham 2.

The Division 2 match was close for the first three races, as teams shared wins with 5-5 heat scores. Heat 4 saw the first 6-4 go to Hull though and the match never really looked in doubt.

The slightly more experienced Hull Team kept just working away with 5-5 all heat share. In the end only six of the 15 Heats would be won 6-4 or 7-3 but crucially it was Hull who took 5 of these 6. Young pairing of Reece Pollitt and Max Evans took A&T's only Heat win with a 7-3 in the very last race.

The young team acquitted themselves very well in speed and attitude though and it was great to see some first time 2nd Division riders.

Northern League Division 2 match result: Hull 80, Astley & Tyldesley 69; Northern League Division 3 match result: Hull 13 Astley & Tyldesley 98

Edged out

THE British Youth and Junior League North Regional round one took place at Astley and Tyldesley's Gin Pit on Saturday.

A&T pushed Sheffield hard but Stars edged to the team win.

John White and Max Evans raced unbeaten in their qualifying groups, taking second places in their grand prix finals. Ben Dickinson and Reece Pollitt won their grand prix finals.

A&T scorers: John White 16, Max Evans 16, Reece Pollitt 15, Emily Burgess 14, Ben Dickinson 14, Matthew Snell 13, Charlie Burgess 12, Jack Murray 11, Joe Quarmby 10, Jonah Clare 9, Max Quarmby 9, Ciaran Collins 9, Alex Semtyshin 9, Charlie Dickinson 7, Lucy Grantham 4.

Grand Prix A final results:

Under 16s: R Pollitt (A&T), N Morton (Sheffield), A Watson (Sheffield). Girls: C Adams (Sheffield), A Semtyshin (A&T), N Morton (Sheffield). Under 12s: T Whitwam (Bury), M Evans (A&T), M Snell (A&T). Under 10s: B Dickinson (A&T), E Burgess (A&T), Jack Brownell (Sheffield). Under eights: B Sullivan (Bury), J White (A&T), L Perkins (Sheffield), C Burgess (A&T).

In the Fours League match at Bury on Sunday, Reece Pollitt top-scored for A&T, with support from Max Evans, Mark Graham and Ciaran Collins. A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 14, Max Evans 12, Mark Graham 8, Ciaran Collins 6.

In the Junior League, youngsters Ben Dickinson, John White and Emily Burgess led the way in the under 10s match with unbeaten 16, 15 and 14 points respectively. Charlie Burgess added eight points.

Max Evans raced unbeaten in the under 13s match, with Matt Snell scoring 13.

In the under 16s, Reece Pollitt top-scored with 15 points, Ciaran Collins contributing six.

A&T results

ASTLEY and Tyldesley travelled to Hull CS and lined up in strong numbers to compete across three divisions.

In the Division One match, whippet Reece Pollitt broke the Hull stranglehold with a win in heat seven.

Pollitt and Joe Allen were the only A&T scorers in double figures.

Northern League Division One match result: Hull 118 Astley & Tyldesley 58.

A&T: Reece Pollitt 14, Joe Allen 11 (1), Lee Phillips 7, Max Evans 7, Ciaran Collins 7, Matthew Snell 6, Emily Burgess 4, Paul Graham 2.

The Division Two match saw young pairing Pollitt and Max Evans take A&T's only heat win, 7-3, in the last race.

Northern League Division Two match result: Hull 80, Astley & Tyldesley 69.

A&T: Reece Pollitt 19 (1), Max Evans 15 (2), Ciaran Collins 11, Matthew Snell 7 (2), Ben Dickinson 7 (1), Emily Burgess 5, Joe Quarmby 1, Charlie Dickinson 1.

A&T's under 13s riders, unbeaten so far this season, turned out in force once again for the Division Three match with their Hull counterparts.

Northern League Division Three match result: Hull 13 Astley & Tyldesley 98.

A&T: Max Evans 16, Matthew Snell 14, Ben Dickinson 13, Joe Quarmby 12, Emily Burgess 10, Charlie Burgess 9, John White 8, Max Quarmby 8, Charlie Dickinson 8.

Gn Pit hosts a great day of action in the rain

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

BRITISH YOUTH & JUNIOR LEAGUE NORTH REGIONAL ROUND 1. AT ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY.

DESPITE heavy overnight rain and rain throughout the first part of the afternoon, which rendered the track on the heavy side, a great day's racing took place at Gin Pit on Saturday.

Sheffield ran away with the Northern section last year, but A&T pushed them really hard throughout, before the Stars just edged it, to take the

team win on the day. All the A&T youngsters impressed, with special mentions to John White and Max Evans, who both raced unbeaten in their qualifying groups, before taking 2nd places in their grand prix finals, and to Ben Dickinson and Reece Pollitt, who won their respective grand prix finals.

Team Result: Sheffield 181 Astley & Tyldesley 168 Bury 99 Hull 27.

A&T scorers:
John White 16, Max Evans 16, Reece Pollitt 15, Emily Burgess 14, Ben Dickinson 14, Matthew Snell 13, Charlie Burgess 12, Jack Murray 11, Joe Quarmby 10, Jonah Clare 9, Max Quarmby 9, Ciaran Collins

9, Alex Semtyshin 9, Charlie Dickinson 7, Lucy Grantham 4.

Grand Prix 'A' Final results:
U-8: B. Sullivan (Bury), J. White (A&T), L. Perkins (Sheffield), C. Burgess (A&T).

U-10: B. Dickinson (A&T), E. Burgess (A&T), Jack Brownell (Sheffield), K. Adams (Sheffield).

U-12: T. Whitwam (Bury), M. Evans (A&T), M. Snell (A&T), S. Haines (Sheffield).

U-14: J. Elston (Bury), R. Stockton-Garner (Hull), J.

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Bunting (Sheffield), E. Morton (Sheffield).

U-16: R. Pollitt (A&T), N. Morton (Sheffield), A. Watson (Sheffield), S. Schofield (Hull).

Girls: C. Adams (Sheffield), A. Semtyshin (A&T), N. Morton (Sheffield).

NORTHERN FOURS & JUNIOR LEAGUE ROUND 1. AT BURY.

On a wet day on Sunday, A&T made the short trip to Bury.

In the Fours League match, Reece Pollitt top scored for A&T, with a battling performance from Max Evans and support from Mark Graham and Ciaran Collins.

Northern Fours League result:

Bury Comets 70 Stockport

69 Heckmondwike 44 Bury Meteors 40 Astley & Tyldesley 40 Hull 35.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 14, Max Evans 12, Mark Graham 8, Ciaran Collins 6.

In the Junior League, A&T's youngsters once again excelled, with Ben Dickinson, John White and Emily Burgess leading the way in the u-10s match, with an unbeaten 16, 15 and 14 points respectively.

Charlie Burgess scored a battling eight points. Max Evans raced unbeaten in the u-13s match, with Matt Snell second top scorer with 13 points. In the u-16s event, Reece Pollitt top scored with 15 points, supported by Ciaran Collins with 6.

Falcons swoop to success at A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY and Tyldesley welcomed the Edinburgh Falcons for a Northern League meeting at Gin Pit.

Very strong winds all afternoon, blowing down the home straight, quickly nullified the pre-match track watering that had taken place, leaving the track dry and slippery. Full credit to all riders who got on with the racing in difficult conditions.

Two of the opening three heats were shared, but Ed-

inburgh took a grip on the match, with heat wins in races four and six to move into a 10 points lead. There was a run of drawn heats in the mid part of the match, before Edinburgh finished off with three heat wins, as Pollitt picked up his second starting exclusion of the match in heat 17 and Joe Allen was a non finisher in the last race.

A solid scoring Edinburgh side fully deserved their win, showing good team work throughout. Mikey Hewitson was fast away from the tapes in every race, on his way to an unbeaten score. Luke

Jamson was best for A&T, losing only to Kamil Greszla and Hewitson, with his best support coming from Danny Hughes.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 78 Edinburgh 96

A&T scorers: Luke Jamson 17 (plus 1 bonus), Danny Hughes 15 (1), Joe Allen 12 (2), Lee Phillips 10 (1), Reece Pollitt 10, George Hughes 6, Ron Makin 4, Ciaran Collins 4.

A much more experienced Edinburgh team ran out easy winners over a largely young Astley & Tyldesley

side in the Division 2 match. Reece Pollitt offered the most resistance, losing only to Mark Lee in heat 10. Pollitt gained his revenge after Lee was excluded in heat 13, when the two riders clashed.

Once again, Edinburgh were solid scoring, right through the team line-up.

Northern League Division 2 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 60 Edinburgh 89

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 19, George Hughes 9, Ciaran Collins 9, Max Evans 8 (1), Matthew Snell 7, Ron Makin 5, Joe Quarmby 2, Melissa

Boyle 1. Astley & Tyldesley finally got a win in the Division 3 match.

There were two excellent races when Max Evans twice passed Callum Cairney to win heats five and eight. Evans raced unbeaten, twice defeating Matthew Snell in the process.

Northern League Division 3 match result

Astley & Tyldesley 54 Edinburgh 14

A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Matthew Snell 14, Joe Quarmby 10, Melissa Boyle 8, Max Quarmby 6.

Big day for youngsters

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley fielded a team of youngsters for the Northern Fours League match at Hull on Sunday. Not surprisingly, the team finished in sixth and last place, but the youngsters all lapped up the valuable experience, to supplement their efforts in the preceding Northern Junior League match.

Reece Pollitt top scored for A&T, taking three second places and two thirds from his five races. Bury Comets and Stockport tied on points for 1st place on the day.

Northern Fours League match result: Stockport 65 Bury Comets 65 Hull 59 Heckmondwike 41 Bury Meteors 39 Astley & Tyldesley 30. A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 13, Ben Dickinson 6, Max Evans 6, Alex Semtyshin 5.

Riding in the earlier Northern Junior League matches, Ben Dickinson and John White scored 13 and 10 points respectively in the u-10s match. Alex Semtyshin and Max Evans scored 13 and 11 points respectively in the u-13s match, while Reece Pollitt bagged 12 points in the u-16s event.

A&T riders were in action at Bury in the North Regional Round 2 of the British Youth & Junior League series on Saturday. Top performer was John White who won the u-8 Grand Prix final, whilst Ben Dickinson took 2nd place in the u-10 Grand Prix Final.

Poor conditions fail to thwart A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley travelled to Bury for Round 2 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series at a very wet and miserable Goshen on Wednesday evening.

A&T's youngsters made light of the conditions and romped to a record-breaking victory in the Division 2 (juniors) match, with the five top scoring riders bagging 77 points out of a possible maximum of 80 points!

A&T riders dominated the U-10 match, taking five of the top six places. Ben Dickinson raced to a 16 points maximum score, with Joe Quarmby and Emily Burgess dropping just a point each. Max Evans put

in a great performance to top the scores in the u-13s match. Reece Pollitt scored a 16 points maximum in the u-16s category.

Manchester League Division 2 match result (top 5 scorers only count to team totals) Astley & Tyldesley 77 Bury 64 Stockport 40 Sheffield 14

A&T scorers: Ben Dickinson 16, Reece Pollitt 16, Joe Quarmby 15, Emily Burgess 15, Max Evans 15, John White 13, Charlie Burgess 12, Claran Collins 12, Matt Snell 9, Max Quarmby 7, Alex Semtyshin 6.

Reece Pollitt was A&T's lone rider in the Division 1 (seniors) match and he rode well for a hard earned nine points.

Manchester League Division 1 match result (top 5 scorers only count to team totals) Stockport 67 Bury 25 Sheffield 10 Astley & Tyldesley 9.

Astley & Tyldesley hosted the Northern Knock-out Cup meeting at Gin Pit on Sunday.

The holders Edinburgh got off to a disastrous start in the



Astley & Tyldesley's Reece Pollitt on his way to a race win at Gin Pit, leading Jason Keith of Northumbria, Mat Lush of Stockport (partly hidden) and Darren Kent of Heckmondwike. Photo courtesy of Sue Tydd.

1st semi-final, as Sheffield and Hull tied on 47 points to qualify for the final.

Northern K.O. Cup 1st Semi-Final

Sheffield 47 Hull 47 Bury 37 Edinburgh 26

Stockport and Northumbria both qualified comfortably from the 2nd semi-final, with

Heckmondwike just edging out a young Astley & Tyldesley team for third place. For A&T, Reece Pollitt took two impressive race wins, with the others trying their best throughout the match.

Northern K.O. Cup 2nd Semi-Final Stockport 52 Northumbria 42 Heckmondwike 33 Astley & Tyldesley 32 A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 12, Joe Allen 9, Claran Collins 6, Max Evans 5.

Sheffield ran out comfortable winners of the Junior Cup, finishing 12 points ahead of runners-up Bury.

Northern K.O. Cup Junior Final Sheffield 54 Bury 42 Edinburgh 35 Hull 28

Stockport led throughout to win the Northern K.O. Cup Final, finishing six points ahead of Hull.

Northern K.O. Cup Final Stockport 48 Hull 42 Sheffield 38 Northumbria 27

Tight contest edged by A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

HULL were the visitors to Gin Pit for a Northern League fixture against Astley & Tyldesley on Sunday.

In the Division 1 match, Astley & Tyldesley moved in to a 33-26 lead after six races. Hull hit back immediately to level the scores two races later. A&T responded with successive 7-3 heat wins either side of the interval, to open up a 53-45 lead.

However, as before, Hull immediately hit back, moving ahead 59-58 after heat 12. The match again swung dramatically, as A&T banged in three successive maximum scores, to finally put the match beyond Hull's reach, as A&T went 79-66 ahead.

The last three heats were played out without change, as A&T ran out 94-80 winners. The final scoreline doesn't reflect the closeness of a hard fought match, as Hull made A&T fight all the way. A&T were solid scoring from 1 to 8, with Danny Hughes top scoring and the rest all scoring well.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 94 Hull 80

A&T scorers: Danny Hughes 16 (plus 2 bonus), Reece Pollitt 14, Luke Jamson 12 (3), Adam Phillips 12 (2), Ciaran Collins 11, Mark Graham 10 (1), Lee Phillips 10 (1), Paul Graham 9 (2).

The Division 2 match was even closer, as no more than two points separated the two teams until the last race! A&T went into the last race one point ahead. The Reece Pollitt/Adam Phillips pairing raced away to take an easy 7-3 heat win, to give A&T a 77-72 win. Reece Pollitt and Adam Phillips both raced unbeaten for A&T, with the others all chipping in with valuable points.

Northern League Division 2 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 77 Hull 72

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 20, Adam Phillips 19 (1), Ciaran Collins 12 (3), Max Evans 10 (1), Ben Dickinson 8, Matthew Snell 6 (1), Joe Quarmby 2.

Astley & Tyldesley had no such fears in the Division 3 match, as Hull failed to field a single rider.

Max Evans raced unbeaten, with Ben Dickinson losing only to Matthew Snell in heat 1.

Northern League Division 3 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 72 Hull 0

A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Ben Dickinson 15, Matthew Snell 12, Joe Quarmby 11, Jonathan Clare 10, Max Quarmby 8.

Young duo shine for A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley travelled to Stockport for Round 3 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday evening. The school half term holidays resulted in numbers being down on previous rounds.

For A&T, Ben Dickinson scored 15 points in the u-10 match, whilst Emily Burgess dropped just two points. Good back up came from Charlie Burgess and Charlie Dickinson. Max Evans was A&T's lone rider in the u-13's match and he bagged a well earned 13 points. The five juniors all scored well, but A&T slipped to their first defeat of the series, finishing 5 points behind Bury. Despite this, A&T remain top of the Division 2 (juniors) table.

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

Bury 68 Astley & Tyldesley 63 Stockport 49 Sheffield 16

A&T scorers: Ben Dickinson 15, Emily Burgess 14, Max Evans 13, Charlie Burgess 11, Charlie Dickinson 10.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Sunday 8th June, when Astley & Tyldesley take on Stockport in a Northern League fixture. The meeting will consist of three matches, with the first race at 2 pm. Racing is at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW. For further details, visit the club's website at www.astley-cyclespeedway.org.uk

Leaders are too strong

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley welcomed Stockport for a Northern League fixture at Gin Pit, on a warm and windy day.

In the Division 1 match, A&T made a good start and opened up a 26-22 lead after 5 heats. The visitors promptly banged in two successive 7-3 heat wins, to re-take the lead. From then on, Stockport controlled the match, to run out 100-78 winners, and extend their unbeaten run at the top of the table. Jack Lush and Terry Norman both raced unbeaten for the visitors, whilst Reece Pollitt and Paul Graham were A&T's only race winners. Only two race winners proved to be A&T's downfall, as all their riders were solid scoring.

Northern League Division 1 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 78 Stockport 100
A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 13 (plus 2 bonus),
Danny Hughes 13 (1), Joe Allen 11 (1), Luke
Jamson 10 (2), Paul Graham 10, Ciaran Collins
8, Mark Graham 7 (1), Max Evans 6 (1).

Stockport fielded two ineligible riders in the Division 2 match, so conceded 39 penalty points. Ciaran Collins and Reece Pollitt won two races apiece for A&T, with strong support from Max Evans and Ben Dickinson. Ryan Harrison raced unbeaten for Stockport.

Northern League Division 2 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 111 Stockport 77
A&T scorers: Ciaran Collins 16 (2), Reece Pollitt 16 (1), Max Evans 13 (1), Ben Dickinson 12 (2), Alex Semtyshin 7, Joe Quarmby 4, Emily Burgess 3, Charlie Dickinson 1.

Astley & Tyldesley easily overcame Stockport in the Division 3 match, to maintain their lead at the top of the table. Max Evans raced unbeaten for A&T with solid support from the rest of the team. James Barry raced unbeaten for Stockport.

A small band of A&T juniors put in a great performance in the 4th North Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Edinburgh on Saturday. Although finishing behind Sheffield on the day, by finishing ahead of Hull and Bury, A&T secured their place in the National Rounds series later this summer. Sheffield and A&T are the two Northern qualifiers, who will race against six other clubs in the four National rounds. All five A&T riders reached their respective Grand Prix 'A' Finals, with John White winning the u-8s category. Max Evans took 2nd place in the u-12s section, whilst Ben Dickinson and Ciaran Collins finished 3rd in the u-10s and u-14s matches respectively. Reece Pollitt was 4th in the u-16s event.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Wednesday 18th June, 7pm start, when Astley & Tyldesley host Round 4 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series.

Max keeps nerve for win

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley staged Round 2 of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on a wet Tuesday evening. Seventeen youngsters lined up for the event, which was run on a handicap system.

Max Quarmby and Lucy Grantham both raced unbeaten in the qualifying races and it was young Max who took the overall win after a tie breaker. Three riders finished on 13 points, so a run-off for 3rd place was required. This was won by Emily Burgess, ahead of John White and Charlie Burgess.

A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix Round 2 results:
Max Quarmby 16, Lucy Grantham 16, Emily Burgess 13, John White 13, Charlie Burgess 13, Charlie Dickinson 12, Luke Hill 12, Dylan Ingham 12, Melissa Boylin 12, Jamie Hill 11, Jack Murray 10, Ben Dickinson 9, Ethan Grimshaw 9, Jack Littler 8, Alex Semtyshin 8, Joe Quarmby 8, Frank White 5.

A&T continue to stage their popular weekly club training nights at the track located at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

Sessions start at 6 pm and 7 pm for u-13s and at 8 pm for teenagers and seniors. For further details, visit the club's website at www.astley-cyclespeedway.org.uk

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Unbeaten night

MAX Quarmby enjoyed an unbeaten night of racing for Astley and Tyldesley in Round Two of the Go-Ride Grand Prix Series at Gin Pit.

Quarmby and teammate Lucy Grantham raced unbeaten in the qualifying races, before the former took the overall win after a tie-breaker.

Three riders finished on 13 points, so a run-off for third place was required and won by Emily Burgess, ahead of John White and Charlie Burgess.

Results: Max Quarmby 16, Lucy Grantham 16, Emily Burgess 13, John White 13, Charlie Burgess 13, Charlie Dickinson 12, Luke Hill 12, Dylan Ingham 12, Melissa Boylin 12, Jamie Hill 11, Jack Murray 10, Ben Dickinson 9, Ethan Grimshaw 9, Jack Littler 8, Alex Semtyshin 8, Joe Quarmby 8, Frank White 5.

Astley and Tyldesley continue to stage their popular weekly club training nights at the track located at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley.

Sessions start at 6pm and 7pm for under 13s and at 8pm for teenagers and seniors. See astleycyclespeedway.org.uk.

Weekend of success for A&T teams

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley riders have enjoyed a busy and very successful week of cycle speedway racing.

A&T's youngsters travelled to Hull on Saturday to compete in the u-10 British Club Championships.

Racing in the second semi-final, A&T finished behind the defending champions Kesgrave (Suffolk), but ahead of last year's runners-up Ipswich, to comfortably qualify for the final.

Result: Kesgrave 59 Astley & Tyldesley 47 Ipswich 38.

A&T made a slow start in the final, although Ben Dickinson won heat 3.

Kesgrave quickly pulled clear, with A&T and Sheffield battling it out for 2nd place and Leicester trailing at the back. Sheffield pulled four points clear of A&T, but a storming start from Emily Burgess off the outside grid in heat 8 saw her take the win and put A&T just one point adrift of Sheffield at the half way stage.

With just three races to go A&T and Sheffield were level. The Team Green riders finished strongly, as Ben Dickinson took his second win of the match in heat 14, to secure 2nd place in the Final, finishing four points ahead of Sheffield.

This was a great team performance by all five A&T riders, who did brilliantly for the club, to take 2nd place in this

championship for the second time in three years.

U-10 British Club Championship, Final result: Kesgrave 56 Astley & Tyldesley 42 Sheffield 38 Leicester 22.

A&T scorers: Emily Burgess 13, Ben Dickinson 13, Joe Quarmby 10, John White 3, Charlie Burgess 3.

On a very hot sunny afternoon on Sunday, A&T got off to a poor start in their Northern League Division 1 match at Heckmondwike.

The deficit was 6 points at the interval. A&T improved dramatically after the interval, with the Luke Jamson / Joe Allen pair bagging a 7-3 in heat 9 to reduce the deficit to 2 points. The next three heats were all drawn, before the Reece Pollitt / Joe Allen pair took a 6-4 win in heat 13 to level the scores. A great start by

Paul Graham, saw him round the field to join Luke Jamson for a 7-3 heat win, to put A&T in front for the first time with just one race remaining. In the last race, Adam Phillips secured the 2nd place necessary for A&T to secure a narrow 76-74 win.

A&T really had to dig deep to fight back from being behind for most of the match, to snatch a late dramatic win. Luke Jamson was in terrific form, losing only to Heckmondwike's maximum man Pawel Idziorek in heat 3.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Heckmondwike 74 Astley & Tyldesley 76 A&T scorers: Luke Jamson 18 (plus 1 bonus), Reece Pollitt 15, Adam Phillips 13 (1), Joe Allen 12 (2), Danny Hughes 5 (2), Paul Graham 8 (2), Mark Graham 2, Ciaran Collins dnr.

A&T's u-13 riders kept up their

winning ways by racing to a convincing 96-61 win at Heckmondwike, to remain top of the Northern League Division 3 table. Max Evans raced unbeaten, as all the youngsters scored valuable points. Special mention to young Charlie Burgess who pulled off two great passes.

Northern League Division 3 match result: Heckmondwike 61 Astley & Tyldesley 96 A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Matt Snell 14, Joe Quarmby 13, Emily Burgess 12, Ben Dickinson 11, Alex Semtyshin 9, John White 9, Charlie Burgess 8, Max Quarmby 4.

Astley & Tyldesley hosted Round 4 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday evening.

A&T's junior riders were out in force and made it three wins out of four in the Division 2 competition. In the u-

10s match, Ben Dickinson and Joe Quarmby dropped just one point apiece, with Emily Burgess a further point behind. Max Evans raced to a 16 points maximum in the u-13s match.

Manchester League Division 2 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 74 Bury 65 Stockport 53 Sheffield 14.

A&T had their best turn out of the season in the Division 1 (seniors) match and took 2nd place behind Stockport. All four A&T riders put in a decent shift, with Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt both winning a race each. Stockport took their fourth successive win of the series to maintain their position at the top.

Manchester League Division 1 match result: Stockport 61 Astley & Tyldesley 36 Bury 9 Sheffield 9.



The Astley & Tyldesley u-10 riders with their British Club Championship runner-up awards. Photo courtesy of Mike Hack.

Cycle speedway Youngsters celebrate second spot



Under 10s with their British Club Championship runner-up awards

Picture by Mike Hack

YOUNG riders from Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club bagged second spot in the British Club Championships on Saturday.

The under 10s finished in the runners-up spot behind Kesgrave at Hull to claim their second top-two finish in three years.

Ben Dickinson won heat three in the final, while a storming start from Emily Burgess off the outside grid in heat eight saw her take the win and put A&T one point adrift of Sheffield at the half way stage, with Kesgrave having pulled clear in the lead.

The Team Green riders finished strongly, with Dickinson taking his second win of the match in heat 14.

A&T scorers: Emily Burgess 13, Ben Dickinson 13, Joe Quarmby 10, John White 3, Charlie Burgess 3.

The club got off to a poor start in their Northern League Division One match at Heckmondwike, before the Luke Jamson/Joe Allen pair bagged a 7-3 in heat nine to reduce the deficit to two points.

Reece Pollitt and Allen took a 6-4 win in heat 13 to level the scores.

A great start by Paul Graham saw him round the field to join Jamson for a 7-3 heat win and Adam Phillips then secured the second place necessary for A&T to secure a narrow 76-74 win.

A&T scorers: Luke Jamson 18 (plus 1 bonus), Reece Pollitt 15, Adam Phillips 13 (1), Joe Allen 12 (2), Danny Hughes 8 (2), Paul Graham 8 (2), Mark Graham 2.

A&T's under 13s riders kept up their winning ways with a 96-61 victory at Heckmondwike to remain top of the Northern League Division Three table.

Max Evans raced unbeaten, while young Charlie Burgess pulled off two great passes.

A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Matt Snell 14, Joe Quarmby 13, Emily Burgess 12, Ben Dickinson 11, Alex Semtyshin 9, John White 9, Charlie Burgess 8, Max Quarmby 4.

The junior riders made it three wins from four in the Manchester League Grand Prix Division Two.

In the under 10s match Dickinson and Joe Quarmby dropped only one point apiece, with Emily Burgess a further point behind. Max Evans raced to a 16-points' maximum in the under 13s match.

All four A&T riders put in a decent shift, with Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt won a race each in the seniors' Division One match.

Youngsters impress again for A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's junior riders were out in force at Stockport for Round 3 of the Northern Fours & Junior League series on Sunday.

In the u-10s match of the Northern Junior League, Emily Burgess, Joe Quarmby, Ben Dickinson and John White all scored heavily. Max Evans raced unbeaten in the u-13s category. Adam Phillips top scored in the u-16s event, with 14 points, 1 ahead of Reece Pollitt. A&T's 2nd place finish means that they remain in 2nd place in the table.

Northern Junior League match result
Bury 134 Astley & Tyldesley 119 Stockport 57
Heckmondwike 54 Hull 45.

A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Emily Burgess 14, Joe Quarmby 14, Ben Dickinson 14, Adam Phillips 14, John White 13, Reece Pollitt 13, Matt Snell 10, Max Quarmby 7, Claran Collins 4.

Astley & Tyldesley fielded a team of juniors for the Northern Fours League match.

The youngsters all rode brilliantly, pushing an experienced Bury Comets team all the way, before losing out by a single point for 2nd place in the match.



Luke Jamson and Danny Hughes of A&T against Sheffield pairing of Richard Hudson and Kyle Holland. Photo courtesy of Sue Tydd.

Stockport were in control all match to take the win, as A&T pulled clear of Heckmondwike, before chasing Bury Comets for 2nd place. Adam Phillips and Reece Pollitt won five races between them, with A&T riders beating opponents in every race bar heat 3, in a really strong team performance. This performance moved A&T off the bottom of the table and into 4th place.

Northern Fours League match result
Stockport 71 Bury Comets 59 Astley & Tyldesley 58 Heckmondwike 50 Bury Meteors 33 Hull 27.

A&T scorers: Adam Phillips 18, Reece Pollitt 17,

Claran Collins 11, Max Evans 10, Matt Snell 2.

GO-RIDE TOUR BRINGS BIKE RACING TO ASTLEY AND TYLDESLEY

In celebration of the Tour de France visiting our shores, the Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club is hosting a Go-Ride Tour racing event, to give young people the chance to get involved with cycle sport.

All youngsters across the area are welcome to turn up and take part in the bike race, which will take place on Tuesday, July 8 at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club,

Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

The Go-Ride Tour has been co-ordinated by British Cycling, to give local children the opportunity to emulate their cycling heroes and try their first bike race.

On the day, young riders will have the chance to take part in a number of racing sequences, with the best performances winning medals and t-shirts in the colours of the Tour de France jerseys – white, green, yellow and polka dot.

Mike Hack from the Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club is expecting a big turnout for the event.

"He said: 'It's such an exciting summer for cycling, with the greatest road race in history coming to the UK.'

"We saw from the Olympics that events like this inspire so many young people to get on their bikes and we want to provide an opportunity for them to experience the thrill of racing. We look forward to welcoming lots of new riders to our Go-Ride Tour race, which will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of the year for the club."

Registrations close at 6.30 pm and the entry charge is £3.50, which includes bike and helmet hire. Riders need to wear a helmet and be fully covered from the neck down and be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For further details visit the club's website at www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

To sign up to take part in the event, please contact Mike Hack at m.hack@blueyonder.co.uk or simply enter on the day.

The Go-Ride programme is British Cycling's development programme for young people, providing a fun and safe way to experience the world of cycle sport.

There are 300 Go-Ride clubs across the country in communities and schools, where young people are able to sample the various cycle sport disciplines and start enjoying one of the fastest growing sports in the UK.

More than 60% of riders on the Great Britain Cycling Team have progressed from Go-Ride clubs. For more information, please visit britishcycling.org.uk/go-ride

Cycle speedway Exciting summer for racing



Luke Jamson and Danny Hughes of A&T against Sheffield pairing of Richard Hudson and Kyle Holland.

Photo courtesy of Sue Tydd

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club will host a Go-Ride Tour on Tuesday in a bid to get youngsters involved in the sport.

Co-ordinated by British Cycling and in celebration of the Tour de France, the event aims to give local children a chance to try their first bike race.

A&T's Mick Hack said: "It's such an exciting summer for cycling, with the greatest road race in history coming to the UK.

"We saw from the Olympics that events like this inspire so many young people to get on their bikes

and we want to provide an opportunity for them to experience the thrill of racing."

"We look forward to welcoming lots of new riders to our Go-Ride Tour race, which will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of the year for the club."

Registration closes at 6.30pm and costs £3.50 including bike and helmet hire. All riders must be fully covered from the neck down and accompanied by an adult.

Youngsters can turn up at Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley on the day.

For further details visit astleycyclespeedway.org.uk or contact m.hack@blueyonder.co.uk.

On Sunday in the under 10s Northern Junior League, Emily Burgess, Joe Quarmby, Ben Dickinson and John White all scored heavily.

Max Evans raced unbeaten in the under 13s category, while Adam Phillips top scored in the under 16s event with 14 points, one ahead of Reece Pollitt.

In the Northern Fours League match, Phillips and Pollitt won five races between them.

New watering system proves a splash hit

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley welcomed the Northumbria Vikings to Gin Pit on Sunday for a Northern League fixture. On a hot day, the new track watering system was used to good effect to produce an excellent racing strip.

In the Division 1 match, A&T had no less than six squad members missing for various reasons, so knew they faced an uphill task. This was made worse with two start exclusions in the

opening three heats, allowing the visitors to open up an eight points lead. Having done this, Northumbria's tactics were straightforward - hang on to this lead by sharing the points in each race. With ten of the last thirteen races drawn, the Vikings came away with the spoils, 96-82, after securing two late heat wins.

Adam Phillips was in great form for A&T, losing only once, with Reece Pollitt dropping just two points. Team manager Paul Graham, riding at reserve, put in a solid showing. Special

mention to debutant Gareth Paine and u-13 riders Max Evans and Matt Snell, who all filled in for the missing A&T riders. Northumbria were solid scoring throughout the team and were good value for their win.

Northern League Division 1 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 82 Northumbria 96
A&T scorers: Adam Phillips 18 (plus 1 bonus),
Reece Pollitt 18, Paul Graham 14 (1), Luke Jam-
son 9 (2), Max Evans 9, Gareth Paine 8, Mark
Graham 4, Matt Snell 2.

Northumbria took the points in the Division 2 match as well. The first two races were drawn, before the Vikings took two successive 7-3 heat wins and were

always in control after that. Reece Pollitt rode to a fine maximum for A&T, with Adam Phillips also unbeaten up to a last heat gate exclusion. Northumbria once again were solid scoring throughout the team, with just two last places in the fifteen heats.

Northern League Division 2 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 64 Northumbria 85
A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 20, Adam Phillips
15 (1), Gareth Paine 8, Matt Snell 7, Ben Dick-
inson 5, Max Evans 5, Emily Burgess 3, Joe
Quarmby 1.

Ten riders lined up for A&T in the Division 3 match, but unfortunately Northumbria were unable to field

any riders. Max Evans raced unbeaten, with strong scores from Matt Snell and Ben Dickinson.

Northern League Division 3 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 110 Northumbria 0
A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Matt Snell 14, Ben
Dickinson 13, Charlie Burgess 11, Joe Quarmby
11, Charlie Dickinson 10, Jack Murray 9, Kieran
Fallon 9, Emily Burgess 9, Max Quarmby 8.

The club holds their popular weekly club nights every Tuesday evening, with junior sessions at 6 pm and at 7 pm, followed by the seniors at 8 pm.

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

A&T battle through the rain

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley staged Round 3 of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Tuesday evening.

This event was a special one to coincide with the Tour de France coming to these shores and the riders received some TDF related awards from British Cycling. A heavy downpour of rain made conditions wet and unpleasant, but a tremendous turnout of 27 riders, many competing for the first time, thoroughly enjoyed themselves on the night.

The field was split into two matches, with the younger 11 riders going into one event and the older 16 riders into another. Max Quarmby won the Younger event with a maximum score, finishing

ahead of Lucy Grantham and Frank White. John White raced unbeaten to win the Older event, finishing ahead of Ben Dickinson and Jamie Hill.

Astley & Tyldesley Go-ride Grand Prix Round 3 results: Younger category: Max Quarmby 16, Lucy Grantham 13, Frank White 12, Ryan Fallon 11, Amelia Sharples 11, Kieran Fallon 11, Callum Shaw 10, Ben Hindley 9, Laura Snell 9, William Sharples 8, Emily Redmond 2. Older category: John White 16, Ben Dickinson 13, Jamie Hill 13, Joe Quarmby 12, Luke Hill 11, Emily Burgess 11, Charlie Burgess 11, Dylan Ingham 10, Jonah Clare 10, Dylan Paulden 10, Denby Ashurst 9, Charlie Dickinson 8, Kayleigh O'Neill 8, Jack Murray 7, Jack Littler 6, Finn Boland 4.

A&T made the short journey to Bury to compete in Round 5 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday evening. U-10 British Club Championship runners-up, A&T showed their strength by dominating the u-10s match. Ben Dickinson scored a 16 points maximum, Emily Burgess

dropped her only point to Ben, with Joe Quarmby and John White both scoring 14 apiece and solid back-up from the others. Max Evans rode hard for his 14 points in the u-13s match, whilst Reece Pollitt scored 11 in the u-16s match, a gate exclusion costing him points. A&T ran out easy winners on the night, to make it four wins out of five in this series, with one round of the series remaining.

Manchester League Division 2 match result (top 5 scorers only count to team totals)
Astley & Tyldesley 73 Bury 56 Stockport 40 Sheffield 10. A&T scorers: Ben Dickinson 16, Emily Burgess 15, Joe Quarmby 14, John White 14, Max Evans 14, Charlie Dickinson 11, Charlie Burgess 11, Reece Pollitt 11, Max Quarmby 8, Kieran Fallon 6, Ryan Fallon 5, Jack Murray 5.

Manchester League Division 1 match result: (top 5 scorers only count to team totals)
Stockport 40 Bury 12 Sheffield 11 Astley & Tyldesley 9.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Grand Prix event

ASTLEY and Tyldesley staged round three of the Tour de France-inspired Go-Ride Grand Prix series at Gin Pit in conjunction with British Cycling.

Of the 27 riders, many were competing for the first time with the field split into two matches.

Max Quarmby won the younger event with a maximum score, finishing ahead of Lucy Grantham and Frank White.

John White raced unbeaten to win the older event, finishing ahead of Ben Dickinson and Jamie Hill.

Younger category: Max Quarmby 16, Lucy Grantham 13, Frank White 12, Ryan Fallon 11, Amelia Sharples 11, Kieran Fallon 11, Callum Shaw 10, Ben Hindley 9, Laura Snell 9, William Sharples 8, Emily Redmond 2.

Older category: John White 16, Ben Dickinson 13, Jamie Hill 13, Joe Quarmby 12, Luke Hill 11, Emily Burgess 11, Charlie Burgess 11, Dylan Ingham 10, Jonah Clare 10, Dylan Paulden 10, Denby Ashurst 9, Charlie Dickinson 8, Kayleigh O'Neill 8, Jack Murray 7, Jack Littler 6, Finn Boland 4.

Under 10s British Club Championship runners-up A&T dominated round five of the Manchester League Grand Prix at Bury.

Ben Dickinson scored a 16-points maximum, Emily Burgess dropped one point while Joe Quarmby and John White both scored 14.

Max Evans rode hard for his 14 points in the under 13s match, while Reece Pollitt scored 11 in the under 16s match.

A&T scorers: Ben Dickinson 16, Emily Burgess 15, Joe Quarmby 14, John White 14, Max Evans 14, Charlie Dickinson 11, Charlie Burgess 11, Reece Pollitt 11, Max Quarmby 8, Kieran Fallon 6, Ryan Fallon 5, Jack Murray 5.

Pollitt's nine points in the seniors' match could not stop Stockport clinching the Division One title.

A&T juniors shine in Hull

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

THE Astley & Tyldesley team enjoyed a great day of racing in the 1st Final Round of the British Youth & Junior League at Hull. The weather consisted of just about everything, but this didn't put any of the youngsters off.

In the u8s event, Max Quarmbury showed excellent form and chased all day. Max's hard work is paying off, in his 1st National round he battled to 3rd in the C Final. John White, a young but seasoned rider in this class, showed how his hard work at training is paying off by racing unbeaten all day, including winning the A Final. John now leads the Under 8s Grand Prix series in the country.

In the u10s match, Joe Quarmbury competed in his first National and took a well earned 1st place in the C final, after battling hard in the dry conditions. Ben Dickinson rode one of his best set of races, but just couldn't get any luck, twice having unfortunate tangles whilst pushing hard for the win. Ben finished third in the B Final but his riding had deserved much more.

The u12s took the track as the weather took on a biblical theme, with torrential rain. Max Evans and Matt Snell both made the best of tricky draws to secure places in the B Final, only one point off reaching the A Final. The Team Green pair ran away with the B Final, taking 1st and 2nd spots home.

The u14s riders were next and Ciaran Collins showed his much improving speed in this competitive class. With his usual mix of tumbles and incidents, Ciaran was eventually 3rd in the B Final.

Last up for A&T was Reece Pollitt, who scored an excellent 14 points in the heat races of the u16s category. He qualified for the A Final and finished in 3rd position.

Collectively, the eight Astley & Tyldesley riders came third in the team standings, which is a massive achievement, making an impression in every age category.

British Youth & Junior League Final Round 1 result: 1. Kesgrave 188; 2. Sheffield 129; 3. Astley & Tyldesley 95; 4. Leicester 77; 4. Poole 77; 6. Ipswich 73; 7. Wednesfield 71; 8. Exeter 65

A&T rider makes the grade at Liverpool

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's ace cycle speedway rider Adam Phillips has long combined being successful at both cycle speedway and football.

The 16-year-old first turned out for Astley & Tyldesley as a four year old and since then has won three British Individual titles, as well as starring for Astley & Tyldesley's first team.

Last year saw Adam become an established member of the Liverpool FC U18 Academy team, as well as captaining the England football team at U16 level. In view of this footballing success, Adam always intended that this cycle speedway season would be his last, with Adam setting his sights on winning the U16 British Individual Final next month as his swansong.

However, these plans took a sudden change on Saturday when Adam was called up into the Liverpool FC first team squad. At just 16, Adam has leap frogged the U18 Academy squad and made his first team debut, playing the entire second half as a substitute in Denmark against Brondby last week.

He is in the USA this week, as a first team squad mem-



Adam Phillips on his bike and, below, playing for Liverpool. Above photo: Sue Tydd



ber, on Liverpool's pre-season tour.

A spokesman for the club said: "Clearly this has forced him to bring forward his intention to retire from cycle speedway with immediate effect. Obviously this is a blow for the Astley & Tyldesley team, but everyone at Astley & Tyldesley wishes Adam every success in his football career and thanks him for being such a pleasant, dedicated and successful club member since he was four years old."

"Adam's final appearance for A&T was in the home defeat to Northumbria on July 6, when he top scored with 19 points out of a possible 20."

The next match at Gin Pit is this forthcoming Sunday, when A&T stage the 4th Round of the Northern Fours & Junior League series.

First race is at noon, at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW. For further details, visit the club's website at www.astley-cyclespeedway.org.uk

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SHOOTING STAR



Adam moves up a gear

- He was supposed to be racing for Astley & Tyldesley's cycling club, but instead Adam Phillips took to the field for Liverpool FC at the weekend.
- The 16 year old first turned out for Astley & Tyldesley as a four year old and since then has won three British Individual titles, as well as starring for Astley & Tyldesley's first team.
- But after breaking into the Reds' squad Adam will have to put his racing ambitions on hold.
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The White stuff

ASTLEY and Tyldesley's John White is the country's leading rider in his age group after racing unbeaten in the British Youth and Junior League at Hull to win the A final.

The under eights rider was backed up in his age group by Max Quarmby, who battled to third in the C final, while Joe Quarmby topped the C final in the under 10s.

Ben Dickinson claimed third in the B final, with Team Green pair Max Evans and Matt Snell running away with the under 12s B final by taking the top two spots.

Ciaran Collins' eventful ride saw him place third in the under 14s B final, while last up for A&T was under 16s rider Reece Pollitt.

Pollitt scored an excellent 14 points in the heats to qualify for the A final, where he finished in third position.

Next match at Gin Pit is this Sunday, when A&T stage the fourth round of the Northern Fours and Junior League series. First race at noon.



Adam Phillips leading a race in a Northern League Division One match against Bury
Photo courtesy of Sue Tydd

Adam's Red-dy

A THREE-time British cycle speedway champion is set to retire from the sport after being called up for Liverpool's pre-season tour of the USA.

Astley and Tyldesley rider Adam Phillips has competed for the club since the age of four, but last year became an established member of Liverpool's under 18s side as well as captaining England at under 16s level.

The 16-year-old has won three British individual cycle speedway titles and had set his sights on winning the under 16s British individual final next month as his swansong.

However, having leapfrogged the under 18s academy squad and made his first team debut, playing the entire second half as a substitute in Denmark against Brøndby last week, Phillips has retired from the sport with immediate effect.

Phillips is currently in the USA as a first team squad member on Liverpool's pre-season tour.

An A&T spokesman said: "Everyone at A&T wishes Adam every success in his football career and thanks him for being such a pleasant, dedicated and successful club member since he was four-years-old.

"Adam's final appearance for A&T was in the home defeat to Northumbria on July 6, when he top scored with 19 points out of a possible 20."

A&T riders put in great displays again

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley hosted Round 4 of the Northern Fours & Junior League series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

On another very hot day, the track quickly dried out, despite plenty of heavy watering on several occasions. Despite this, there was plenty of good racing, with several fast times recorded.

Stockport raced to victory in the Fours League match, to take the lead at the top of the league table. Although Stockport led all match, they were pushed all the way by Astley & Tyldesley, who put in a great display of gutsy riding. Reece Pollitt was in top form for Astley & Tyldesley and he lost only once, with good solid support from the rest of the team.

Northern Fours League result: Stockport 67 Astley & Tyldesley 61 Bury Comets 53 Heckmondwike 45 Bury Meteors 37 Hull 35. A&T



scorers: Reece Pollitt 13, Joe Allen 15, Claran Collins 11, Mark Mulvey 10, Max Evans 6.

Astley & Tyldesley took the overall win in the Junior League match, to reduce Bury's lead in the table to two points. A&T's Ben Dickinson dropped only 1 point in the u-10s match, with double figure scores from Charlie Burgess, Emily Burgess and Jack Murray. A&T's Max Evans joint top scored in the u-13s match, with 15 points, with Matt Snell losing twice to Evans. A&T's

Reece Pollitt raced unbeaten in the u-16s category, whilst Mark Graham joint top scored with 15 points, in the Division 2 riders category.

Northern Junior League result: Astley & Tyldesley 142 Bury 102 Hull 56 Heckmondwike 30 Stockport 10. A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 16, Ben Dickinson 15, Max Evans 15, Mark Graham 15, Matt Snell 14, Charlie Burgess 12, Emily Burgess 12, Jack Murray 11, Charlie Dickinson 9, Claran Collins 8, Ryan Fallon 7, Finlay Hodgson 4, Kieran Fallon 4.

The next race meeting at Gin Pit is on Tuesday 5th August, when A&T host the 4th and final round of the Astley & Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix series.

This is an entry level event, so if you are under 16 and fancy trying a different form of cycle racing, then go along to Gin Pit and have a go!

Registrations close at 6.30 pm on the night, with racing starting shortly afterwards. For further details, visit the club's website at www.astley-cyclespeedway.org.uk



Two A&T riders who have enjoyed great success in recent weeks. Above: John White with the u-18s winner's trophy, on the podium and left: Reece Pollitt. Photos courtesy of Catherine White and Janine Paine.

A&T riders have plenty to celebrate

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

STOCKPORT hosted the 6th and concluding round of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday evening.

Astley & Tyldesley enjoyed a double celebration with the junior team clinching the Manchester League Division 2 title and Emily Burgess winning the u-10s Manchester League Individual Grand Prix series.

In the Division 2 (junior) match, Astley & Tyldesley raced to their fifth win in the series, to clinch the league title in fine style, with all the team's riders scoring well.

Bury's Daniel Miller scored a 16 points maximum in the u-10s match, but A&T showed their strength, with all six A&T riders taking the next highest scoring places in the match.

Emily Burgess scored 15 points, to clinch the u-10s Manchester League Grand Prix series, while Charlie

Dickinson had his best match to date, also scoring 15, losing only to Emily last time out. Ben Dickinson also lost only to Emily, with a strong performance from Charlie Burgess.

Max Evans raced to an unbeaten 16 points in the u-13 match, with good support from Matt Snell on 13 points. Reece Pollitt was A&T's sole rider in the u-16s category, where he joint top scored with 14 points.

Manchester League Division 2 match result (top 5 scorers only count to team totals)
Astley & Tyldesley 75 Bury 62 Stockport 36 Sheffield 14

A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Charlie Dickinson 15, Emily Burgess 15, Ben Dickinson 15, Reece Pollitt 14, Charlie Burgess 13, Matt Snell 13, Jack Murray 11, Finlay Hodson 11, Ryan Fallon 10, Kieran Fallon 7.

Manchester League Division 2 Final Positions
Astley & Tyldesley 23 Bury 19 Stockport 12 Sheffield 6.

Stockport took their sixth win of the series in the Division 1 (senior) match. Reece Pollitt was A&T's lone rider, scoring an impressive 11 points, after suffering a gate exclusion first time out.

Manchester League Division 1 match result



(top 5 scorers only count to team totals)
Stockport 36 Bury 17 Astley & Tyldesley 11 Sheffield 8.

Manchester League Division 1 Final Positions
Stockport 23 Bury 15.5 Sheffield 9 Astley & Tyldesley 8.5.

Astley & Tyldesley junior team - Manchester League Division 2 champions 2014.

Determined effort from A&T riders

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's juniors made the long trip to Ipswich for the British Youth & Junior League Final Round 2 match on Saturday. A&T had a few riders missing due to holidays, but the four who rode all turned in great performances.

In the u-8s event, John White again qualified for the Grand Prix 'A' Final, where he finished fourth. This result was sufficient for him to retain his overall lead in the

series, with just two rounds remaining.

Max Evans made the Grand Prix 'B' Final in the u-12s event, where he finished in 2nd place, to maintain his 4th place in the overall series standing.

Ciaran Collins belied his lack of experience in national competitions, by reaching the u-14s Grand Prix 'B' Final, finishing fourth.

Last up was Reece Pollitt, who qualified for the u-16s Grand Prix 'A' Final. His fourth place in this event keeps him

in fifth place in the overall national standings.

A&T finished in 8th place on the day in the team standings in the Final Round series, to drop from 3rd to 6th place overall in the team standings, with two rounds to go.

British Youth & Junior League Final Round 2 result:
Kesgrave 245 Ipswich 169 Poole 85 Exeter 76
Leicester 76 Wednesfield 70 Sheffield 63
Astley & Tyldesley 58.
Current Standings:
Kesgrave 16 Poole 10.5 Ipswich 10 Sheffield 9
Leicester 9 Astley & Tyldesley 7 Exeter 5.5
Wednesfield 5.

Astley & Tyldesley hosted

the fourth and final round of this year's Astley & Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix series on Tuesday.

Laura Snell rode terrifically well to win all her four races, to win the event with a 16 points maximum score. Emily Redmond and Charlie Dickinson both tied on 13 points, with Emily winning the run-off to take 2nd place on the night.

Astley & Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix Round 4 results:
Laura Snell 16, Emily Redmond 13, Charlie Dickinson 13, Ben Dickinson 12, Louie Jarvis 12, Ben Hindley 12, Dylan Ingham 11, Kieran Fallon

10, Ryan Fallon 10, Jack Murray 9, Melissa Boylin 9, Denby Ashurst 8, Grace Worthington 8, Finlay Hodson 8.

Despite missing the final round, Max Quarmby had amassed enough points to take the overall series win, after scoring 47 points.

Securing runner-up spot was Charlie Dickinson, who finished with a score of 46. Charlie's cousin and last year's winner, Ben Dickinson, finished with a total of 44 points to take third place overall.

A&T riders on form in finals

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club riders excelled in Manchester League individual finals at Gin Pit.

Joe Quarmby was victorious in the under 10s match, with clubmate John White, seven, for close company.

And Reece Pollitt held off Tyldesley-based rider Adam Watson (Sheffield) for the under 16s title.

Astley and Tyldesley will host the British Individual Championship under 10s finals at Gin Pit on Saturday.

The girls' final starts at 2pm and will be followed by the boys' final, which gets under way at 3pm.

British Club Championship under 10s runners-up Astley and Tyldesley will have six Team Green riders competing in Saturday's finals.

Silver lining for A&T's Emily

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's Emily Burgess rode superbly to take the silver medal in the British u-10 Girls Individual Final at Gin Pit on Saturday.

She won her opening two races before lining up against two leading contenders in heat 9. Exeter's Rosie Tidball led from the gate, with Burgess in hot pursuit.

Disaster for Emily, as she slipped her pedals and Leicester's Sophia Sinclair-Black came through to second place behind Tidball.

Emily recovered from her earlier disappointment to win heat 11.

Rosie Tidball went on to win her last race and take the title, with a 16 points maximum score. Three riders tied for second place on 14 points apiece, so a run-off was held. Emily Burgess made a storming start across Sophia Sinclair-Black from gate 2, to win the run-off in the fastest time of the match, 39.24 seconds, with Kesgrave's Daisy Steward following round from grid 3, to finish second in the run-off.

Emily recorded the two fastest times of the match, but

was unfortunate to be drawn on the unfavourable outside start position in the crucial heat 9.

British u-10 Girls Individual Final result (sponsored by CWTSLtd.)

Rosie Tidball (Exeter) 16, Emily Burgess (Astley & Tyldesley) 14, Daisy Steward (Kesgrave) 14, Sophia Sinclair-Black (Leicester) 14, Jasmine Oddie (Poole) 12, Amanda Rigley (Leicester) 11, Shannon Harper (Swindon) 10, Sian Raynor (Leicester) 9, Angel Etheridge (Bury) 8.

In the British u-10 Boys Individual Final which followed, Astley & Tyldesley's Ben Dickinson turned in a determined performance, before narrowly missing out on a rostrum place.

Ben scored a fine 17 points to force a run-off for 3rd place with Hull's Charlie Wade, which was won by Wade. Poole's Nathan Goulden took the title, after scoring a 20 points maximum, inflicting the only defeat on Kesgrave's Oliver Wright in heat 5. A&T's other four riders in the final all raced well, with Joe Quarmby finishing joint 6th after scoring 14 points and spirited performances from Charlie



Astley & Tyldesley's Emily Burgess with her recent trophy haul, including the British u-10 Girls silver medal on the right.

Dickinson, John White and Charlie Burgess.

British u-10 Boys Individual Final result (sponsored by Hypnotherapy4you)

Nathan Goulden (Poole) 20, Oliver Wright (Kesgrave) 19, Charlie Wade (Hull) 17, Ben

Dickinson (Astley & Tyldesley) 17, Harry Stanbury (Exeter) 15, Archie Freeman (Northumbria) 14, Joe Quarmby (Astley & Tyldesley) 14, Oliver Reynolds (Kesgrave) 14, Daniel Miller (Bury) 12, Rory Hayward (Leicester) 12, John

White (Astley & Tyldesley) 10, Charlie Dickinson (Astley & Tyldesley) 10, Charlie Burgess (Astley & Tyldesley) 8, Charlie Braybrook (Exeter) 7, Thom Deakin (Bury) 6, Duncan Whalley (Bury) 5.

Astley & Tyldesley hosted three matches at Gin Pit on the Sunday of the British Finals Weekend.

First up was the Women's and u-16 Girls Pre-qualifier, to determine the 16 finalists to compete at Bury on the Monday. Next up was the 1st Open Repechage match and this turned out to be a very hard fought affair, with just four places up for grabs in the Open Individual Final.

Bury's Ben Scranage headed the scores, with a 19 points tally. The day's racing was concluded with the 2nd Open Repechage match, which was won by Horspath's former British Champion, Mark Boler, with a 20 points maximum score.

As ever, the Astley & Tyldesley club put on a very successful staging of British Championship racing on both days, in front of large crowds, with the racing top drawer on a superbly prepared racing strip.

British silver for talented young Emily

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's Emily Burgess was in superb form as she rode to the British under-10s girls' individual silver medal at Gin Pit on Saturday.

Burgess won her opening two races before lining up alongside two of the other leading contenders in heat nine.

Exeter's Rosie Tidball led from the gate, with Burgess in hot pursuit. However, the A&T rider slipped her pedals and Leicester's Sophia Sinclair-Black squeezed into second place.

Burgess recovered to win heat 11 and, with Tidball taking the overall crown, it left three riders tied for second place on 14 points.

A run-off was held and Burgess made a storming start across Sinclair-Black from gate two to win in the fastest time of the match, 39.24secs.

Burgess recorded the two fastest times of the match, but a loss to Tidball in heat nine saw her slip to second.

Ben Dickinson narrowly missed out on a top-three finish in the British under-10s boys' final.

A&T enjoy another week of success

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

IT has been another great week of results for the Astley & Tyldesley club's squad of talented local young riders, as the club has enhanced its standing as one of the top junior teams in the country, with John White the current top ranked u-8 in the U.K.

A&T took to the East Park track in Wolverhampton on Saturday and the team finished in 6th place in the 3rd National Round of the British Youth & Junior League series.

First up was the u-8s match and John White turned in another tremendous showing, taking 3rd place in the Grand Prix 'A' Final, which saw him extend his lead at the top of the British u-8 Grand Prix series, with just one round to go.

Max Evans reached another Grand Prix 'A' Final in the u-12s category, where he finished in 4th place.

Reece Pollitt raced unbeaten in the u-16 qualifying heats and stormed to victory in the Grand Prix 'A' Final, to cap a great day for the Astley & Tyldesley club.

British Youth & Junior League Final Round 3 result: Kesgrave 180, Poole 158, Sheffield 110, Wednesfield 89, Exeter 82, Astley & Tyldesley 79, Ipswich 55, Leicester 45.

Astley & Tyldesley's Max Evans and Matthew Snell turned in some great displays of riding to take 1st and 3rd places respectively in the Manchester League u-13 Individual Final at Stockport on Wednesday.

Max tied for 1st place on 19 points with Stockport's James Barry, so a run-off was held to decide the winner.

Max drew the favourable

inside start and held on to take the win and the title. Matthew Snell finished just 1 point behind, on 18 points, to take the third place award.

This result means that A&T have made it a hat-trick of Manchester League junior champions – Joe Quarmby (u-10), Max Evans (u-13), Reece Pollitt (u-16), as well as A&T winning the Division 2 (junior) team league.

The Astley & Tyldesley junior team with their Manchester League Division 2 winners trophies.



Depleted A&T do themselves proud

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley made the long trip to Cramlington on Sunday, for a Northern League fixture.

A&T had a whole host of senior riders missing, for various reasons. However, the patched up side put up a great effort in the Division 1 match and narrowly missed recording a first ever win against Northumbria.

The first five heats were all drawn, before Northumbria took a two point lead. A&T hit back in heat 8, with a well worked 7-3 by the Paul Graham/Przemek Binkowski pairing to take the lead, but

Northumbria levelled the scores at the break.

Northumbria to regained the lead in the next race, then four drawn heats followed, before a hard fought race extended the home team's lead to 4 points. Two more shared heats meant the A&T needed a last heat 7-3 to draw, but home rider Jason Keith took the race win, for another shared heat, as Northumbria hung on to win 92-88.

A&T's long serving Polish riders, Przemek Binkowski and Tomasz Włodarczyk, made their first appearances of the season and they were in great form, losing only to Gavin Parr. Binkowski inflicted Parr's only defeat of

the day, in heat 16. Reece Pollitt impressed with some excellent starting, losing only to Parr first time out and to Keith in the last heat, with strong support from Paul Graham. Youngsters Ciaran Collins and Max Evans were always in the thick of the action, as were George Hughes and newcomer Gareth Paine.

Northern League Division 1 match result
Northumbria 92 Astley & Tyldesley 88
A&T scorers: Przemek Binkowski 18 (plus 1 bonus), Tomasz Włodarczyk 18, Reece Pollitt 16 (2), Paul Graham 14 (1), George Hughes 9, Ciaran Collins 7, Max Evans 3, Gareth Paine 3.

Veteran George Hughes, who had ridden for the first time since April in standing in for the missing riders, took ill in the pits at the start of the Division 2 match and was sub-

sequently kept overnight in hospital. Our best wishes go to George for a full and speedy recovery.

When the Division 2 match eventually got underway, A&T's youngsters got off to a great start, winning four of the opening five races with a maximum 7-3 scoreline. Northumbria rallied after this, but A&T were well in control and emerged convincing 86-63 winners. Reece Pollitt rode to an untroubled maximum, with Ciaran Collins losing only to Dan Redshaw in heat 7. Matthew Snell, Max Evans and Gareth Paine were all in excellent form, with Jon Quarmby making his debut and son Joe completing the line-up. For

Northumbria, Dan Redshaw was in great form, losing only to Reece Pollitt in heat 11.

Northern League Division 2 match result
Northumbria 63 Astley & Tyldesley 86
A&T scorers: Ciaran Collins 19, Reece Pollitt 17 (3), Gareth Paine 15, Max Evans 14 (4), Matthew Snell 14 (1), Jon Quarmby 4, Joe Quarmby 3, George Hughes dnr.

A&T ran out convincing 60-19 winners in the Division 3 match.

Astley & Tyldesley take on Glasgow this forthcoming Sunday, for a Northern League Division 2 and 3 fixture. First race is at 2 pm, 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

Young guns fire A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's young guns put in a great showing to record a comfortable win over Glasgow, in a Northern League Division 2 match at Gin Pit.

The Scots were making their first ever trip to Astley and found themselves 46-21 down, as A&T slammed in five maximum heat wins in the first seven races.

The visitors rallied and picked up two maximum heat wins of their own later on, but the result was never in doubt, as A&T rode to an 87-60 victory.

Reece Pollitt raced unbeaten for A&T, with the other juniors and two inexperienced seniors all scoring solidly. For Glasgow, the experienced Andy McDougall recovered after a first race fall, to win two races, whilst Colin Gray, Joe Beuckmann and Shaun Webster all won a race each.

Northern League Division 2 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 87 Glasgow 60
A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 16 (plus 4 bonus), Max Evans 16, Gareth Paine 15 (2), Ben Dickinson 15 (1), Matthew Snell 14, Jon Quarmby 9 (2), Joe Quarmby 2 (1), Emily Burgess dnr.

The visitors didn't field any riders for the Division 3 match, while A&T lined up with 13 riders, even without Max Evans and Matthew Snell, following their efforts in the Division 2 match.

British u-10 Girls silver medallist Emily Burgess raced unbeaten in the match, inflicting the only defeats on Ben Dickinson and Joe Quarmby.

Northern League Division 3 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 145 Glasgow 0
A&T scorers: Emily Burgess 16, Ben Dickinson 15, Joe Quarmby 15, John White 13, Charlie Dickinson 13, Kieran Fallon 12, Charlie Burgess 11, Finlay Hodson 11, Jack Murray 9, Ryan Fallon 9, Max Quarmby 8, Laura Snell 7, Caillen Langlands 6.

Young guns on fire to pull off great win

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's young guns put in a great showing to record a comfortable win against Glasgow in a Northern League Division Two match at Gin Pit.

The Scots, making their first trip to Astley, found themselves 46-21 down as A&T slammed in five maximum heat wins in the first seven races.

The result was never in doubt as A&T rode to an 87-60 victory.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 16 (plus 4 bonus), Max Evans 16, Gareth Paine 15 (2), Ben Dickinson 15 (1), Matthew Snell 14, Jon Quarmby 9 (2), Joe Quarmby 2 (1), Emily Burgess dnr.

The visitors did not field any riders for the Division Three match, while A&T lined up with 13 riders, even without Max Evans and Matthew Snell, following their efforts in the Division Two match.

British under 10s girls' silver medallist Emily Burgess raced unbeaten.

Northern League Division Three match result: Astley & Tyldesley 145 Glasgow 0
A&T scorers: Emily Burgess 16, Ben Dickinson 15, Joe Quarmby 15, John White 13, Charlie Dickinson 13, Kieran Fallon 12, Charlie Burgess 11, Finlay Hodson 11, Jack Murray 9, Ryan Fallon 9, Max Quarmby 8, Laura Snell 7, Caillen Langlands 6.

News update on veteran rider George Hughes, who was taken ill at Northumbria last week, is that he suffered a heart attack.

George spent four days in hospital in Newcastle, before being transferred back to his Swinton home on Thursday.

He has been inundated with get well messages from throughout the sport.

On a brighter note, Adam Phillips was the winner of the Sports Achiever of the Year Award at the Wigan Sports Awards Evening at the DW Stadium, Wigan on Friday.

The award was richly deserved for Adam's exploits both in cycle speedway for Astley & Tyldesley's 1st team and as England u-16 football captain and Liverpool FC u-18 Academy player.

It's a double delight for young riders

THERE was a double success for Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway riders in the final national round of the British Youth and Junior League series at Newport on Saturday.

John White is the 2014 under eights British Youth and Junior League Grand Prix Champion.

The seven-year-old began with a commanding 11 points lead and clinched the title by virtue of qualifying for the A final.

With the pressure off, he finished in fourth place after starting from the grid four position to win the championship by nine points.

Reece Pollitt started the day in third position in the under 16s championship and turned in a brilliant performance to win the A final for the second successive round and that moved him up into second place in the 2014 final standings.

White's victory means that he has become the 15th British individual champion from the Astley and Tyldesley Club in the past 20 years - a terrific testimony to the riders and coaching methods at the club.

A&T's double success

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

THERE was a double success for Astley & Tyldesley club riders in the final national round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Newport on Saturday.

John White is the 2014 u-8s British Youth & Junior League Grand Prix Champion! John started the day with a commanding 11 points lead and he clinched the title by virtue of qualifying for the 'A' Final.

With the pressure off, he finished in 4th place, after starting from the disadvantaged grid 4 position, to win the championship by nine clear points. This was a terrific performance by 7 year old John, who has shown his consistency and ability, by qualifying for the 'A' Final in each of the eight rounds ridden throughout the season.

Reece Pollitt started the day in 3rd position in the u-16s championship. He turned in a brilliant



performance to win the u-16s 'A' Final, for the second successive round and that moved him up into 2nd place in the final standings of the 2014 u-16s British Youth & Junior League Grand Prix series.

A champion and a runner-up

from the Astley & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club!

Well done to both lads and the parents and club officials who have supported them all season.

John White's victory means that he has become the 15th British Individual Champion from the Astley & Tyldesley Club in the past 20 years - a terrific testimony to the A&T riders and to the recruitment

policies and coaching methods of the A&T Club.

Pictured: British u-8 Grand Prix Champion John White (left) and British u-16 Grand Prix runner-up Reece Pollitt (right).

Champion performances

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

THE Astley & Tyldesley club's run of success at junior level continued on Sunday, with two more riders crowned champions!

Ben Dickinson raced unbeaten in the final round of the Northern Fours and Junior League series at Bury to seal overall victory in the Northern u-10 Grand Prix series. Later in the afternoon, Reece Pollitt was confirmed as the Northern u-16 Grand Prix series winner, after scoring 13 points in the u-16 event.

In the Northern Junior League match, A&T were nar-

rowly pipped by Bury, who clinched the league title with A&T runners-up.

There were plenty of excellent performances by A&T riders on the day, with Joe Quarmby and Ben Dickinson both racing unbeaten in the u-10s match, John White dropping just one point and Charlie Burgess winning two races. Max Evans raced unbeaten in the u-13s match, followed by Reece Pollitt top scoring with 13 in the u-16s category.

Finally Gareth Paine scored a hard earned 13 points in the Division 2 riders event.

*Northern Junior League Round 6 match result:
Bury 160 Astley & Tyldesley 151 Hull 65 Heckmondwike 36 Stockport 0.
A&T scorers: Ben Dickinson 16, Joe Quarmby*

16, Max Evans 16, John White 15, Charlie Burgess 13, Reece Pollitt 13, Gareth Paine 13, Jon Quarmby 11, Emily Burgess 10, Ryan Fallon 10, Max Quarmby 8, Kieran Fallon 5, Ciaran Collins 5.

In the final Fours League match, A&T started the day in fourth place, half a match point behind Heckmondwike, so needed to beat the Yorkshire side to finish in 3rd place.

Heckmondwike were one point ahead of A&T after heat 12, but A&T fought back to move into a two point lead after heat 18 and this lead was maintained at heat 24, before entering the final round of races.

The match went to the last race and Mick Knowles took Heckmondwike's only race

win of the match in heat 30, to ensure that Heckmondwike pipped A&T by one point, to take third place on the day and in the overall series, with A&T 4th on both counts. Reece Pollitt won three races for A&T, with Gareth Paine scoring a well earned 10 points.

Bury Comets won the match, to draw level on match points with Stockport, but Stockport held on to take the title, beating Bury by 16 race points.

*Northern Fours League Round 6 match result:
Bury Comets 73 Stockport 65 Heckmondwike 44 Astley & Tyldesley 43 Bury Meteors 38 Hull 34.*

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 17, Gareth Paine 10, Ciaran Collins 7, Jon Quarmby 5, Max Evans 4.

● **Astley & Tyldesley stage their Club Individual Champi-**

onships at Gin Pit this forthcoming Sunday.

Registrations close at 1.30 pm, first race at 2.00 pm.

● This forthcoming Saturday (4th October) sees the second ride of the new Astley & Tyldesley Ladies Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey.

The ride sets off from the Bull's Head car park, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP, at 9.30 am.

An 18 miles ride to Glazebrook and back is planned, approximate ride time of two hours, with stops.

Contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk for details.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Racer Reece wins yet again

REECE Pollitt recorded a 16-points maximum to take Astley and Tyldesley's annual club individual championship title for the third successive year on Saturday.

Max Evans took overall runner-up slot, with first-year rider Gareth Paine taking third place.

Emily Burgess won the under 10s event, scoring a 20-points maximum, with Ben Dickinson taking runners-up slot on 19 points. Seven-year-old John White lost only to these two, as he finished with 18 points, the highest-scoring under eights rider.

Joe Quarmby was next up with 17 points, while the second highest-scoring under eights rider was Charlie Burgess on 15 points, with Luke Hill and Ryan Fallon tying for third place on 14.

Saturday, October 11, sees the third ride of the new A&T Ladies' Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey.

The ride sets off from the Bull's Head car park, 504 Manchester Road, at 9.30 am.

A 27-mile ride to Lymm and back is planned, approximately two-and-a-half hours, with a coffee stop.

Any women interested should contact denbailey@hotmail.co.uk.

Astley & Tyldesley's magnificent seven

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club has a tremendous record of recruiting new riders and training them into champions.

This year has been a very good one, even by A&T standards, as no fewer than seven junior riders have won individual championships, in the full range of age categories. Their ages range from 5 to 16

years old, all are locally based and have ridden solely for Astley & Tyldesley.

Max Quarmby won the Astley & Tyldesley Go-Ride Grand Prix series, an entry level competition for new and young riders. John White became A&T's 15th British individual title winner, when he won the British Youth & Junior League u-8 Grand Prix series. Joe Quarmby won the Manchester League u-10 Individual Final, while Ben Dickinson

won the Northern u-10 Grand Prix series. Emily Burgess won the Manchester League u-10 Grand Prix series and took the silver medal in the British u-10 Girls Individual Final. Max Evans won the Manchester League u-13 Individual Final.

Reece Pollitt won both the Northern u-16 Grand Prix series and the Manchester League u-16 Individual Final, as well as taking the silver medal in the British Youth & Junior League u-16 Grand

Prix series. In addition, these riders and several more have contributed to A&T winning the Manchester League 2nd Division title and finishing runners-up in the u-10 British Club Championship Final. All local riders proudly racing solely for their local team!

ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY CLUB INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Astley & Tyldesley staged the annual Club Individual Championships at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Nineteen riders contested the championships, as Reece Pollitt recorded a 16 points maximum to take the overall Club Individual title for the third successive year.

Max Evans took overall runner-up slot, with first year rider Gareth Paine taking third place.

Emily Burgess won the u-10 event, by scoring a 20 points maximum, with Ben Dickinson taking runners-up slot on 19 points.

A&T's riders impress north of the border

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley travelled to Scotland for a weekend of Northern League racing, visiting Glasgow on Saturday and Edinburgh on Sunday.

A&T made their first ever visit to Glasgow's Cathkin Park track and went down 86-63 in a Division 2 match. Ciaran Collins impressed with three race wins and suffered a harsh start exclusion in another race. Newcomer Gareth Paine continues to impress and he won his last race of the day.

Northern League Division 2 match result:
Glasgow 86 Astley & Tyldesley 63
A&T scorers: Ciaran Collins 15, Gareth Paine 12, Max Evans 11, Chris Snell 9, Matt Snell 9, Janine Paine 7.

Glasgow didn't field any youngsters for the Division 3 (u-13s) match, so Max Evans and Matt Snell completed one race to secure a 7-0 win and the match points for A&T.

A&T faced a strong Edinburgh side for the Division 1 match at Redbraes Park. Tomasz Wlodarczyk took an uncharacteristic fall, whilst leading heat 2, on a slippery track, but recovered well, to win all his remaining four races

and top the scores for A&T. Paul Graham made a welcome return to the team after being sidelined for a weeks with a knee injury and he dug in for a good score. Edinburgh were solid scoring throughout and rode to a 111-67 victory.

Edinburgh took the Division 2 match, as they kept up their title challenge in this division. A&T conceded 20 penalty points for using an ineligible rider, Tomasz Wlodarczyk, as they went down to a 98-71 defeat. He raced to a 20 points maximum score, while Max Evans and Gareth Paine

teamed up to take maximum points in a highly eventful heat 14, which provided the crowd with the best entertainment of the day.

The final match of the weekend saw A&T fielding two riders against Edinburgh's three, in the Division 3 match. The scores were level going into the last race. A&T's Max Evans and Matt Snell sped away from the tapes, to take 1st and 2nd places and secure a 27-23 win for A&T. This was an excellent showing from the two lads, in their 14th race of the day and keeps A&T very

much in contention to retain the Division 3 league title. Max Evans raced unbeaten in the match.

Astley & Tyldesley wrap up their 2014 season with a home fixture against Sheffield this forthcoming Sunday. There will be three Northern League Division matches, with A&T's juniors needing to win the Division 3 match, to retain the Division 3 league title.

First race is at 2 pm, at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

Ladies hit the road again

CYCLING

THE fourth ride of the new Ladies Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Saturday October 18, setting off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 9.30 am.

A 27 miles ride to Lymm and back is planned, to take around two and a half hours, with a coffee stop added.

Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so. For further details, please see the attached flyer, or contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk



The Astley and Tyldesley junior cycle speedway team, who are Northern League Division Three champions

Picture: Len Priestley

Team Green capture Third Division title

ASTLEY and Tyldesley wrapped up their Northern League season by clinching the Division Three title at Sheffield's expense on Sunday.

Sheffield led the division by two match points beforehand, but A&T had a better race points difference and made the better start, opening up a 32-28 lead after six races.

Sheffield had edged into a two-point lead at the halfway stage, but the next round of six races saw A&T reply to take a three-point advantage into the final races.

The home side finished strongly and ran out 124-114 winners to retain the title they won last year, with Sheffield again finishing runners-up.

For Team Green, Max Evans raced to a maximum score, with Matt Snell also unbeaten.

A&T were hammered 65-115 by Sheffield in the Division One match, Reece Pollitt and Luke Jamson the only home riders to win a race to seal A&T seventh place.

The Team Green riders were also beaten in the Division Two match, as Sheffield maintained their title challenge with 63-82 success.

Team effort secures success

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY and Tyldesley welcomed Sheffield to Gin Pit for the final Northern League match of the season on Sunday.

There was nothing at stake for either team in the Division 1 match, Sheffield needed to win the Division 2 match to keep up their title challenge, whilst the Division 3 match was a championship decider!

Sheffield led the Division 3 table by two match points going into the match, but A&T had a better race points difference. A&T made the better start to the match and opened up a 32-28 lead after six races. Back came Sheffield and they edged into a 61-59 lead at the halfway stage.

The next round of six races saw A&T regain their lead, the scores at 91-88, as the match moved into an exciting last round of races.

The home side finished strongly and ran out 124-114 winners. Only a match win would have secured the title for Astley & Tyldesley to retain the league title they won last year. The Team Green riders

duly obliged, with Sheffield runners-up as last year, race points deciding the winning margin on both occasions.

For A&T, Max Evans raced to a maximum score, with Matt Snell unbeaten by an opponent, but it was the efforts of all fourteen A&T riders on the day, which secured the Northern League Division 3 title, for u-13 riders.

Northern League Division 3 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 124 Sheffield 114
A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Matthew Snell 14, Ben Dickinson 12, Emily Burgess 12, Joe Quarmby 9, Kieran Fallon 9, John White 9, Luke Hill 8, Jack Murray 7, Charlie Burgess 7, Ryan Fallon 6, Jack Littler 6, Max Quarmby 5, Callen Langlands 4.

Earlier in the day, A&T were hammered by Sheffield in the Division 1 match, by 65-115. Reece Pollitt and Luke Jamson were the only A&T riders to win a race against the league runners-up. This result means that A&T finish in 7th place, above bottom club Heckmondwike.

Northern League Division 1 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 65 Sheffield 115
A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 13 (plus 1 bonus), Luke Jamson 12, Gareth Paine 9, Joe Allen 9, Jon Quarmby 8, Ben Dickinson 6, Ciaran Collins 5, Max Evans 3.

A&T were well beaten in the Division 2 match, 63-82, as Sheffield maintained their



ABOVE: The CWTS Ltd sponsored Astley & Tyldesley junior team, Northern League Division 3 Champions
Photo courtesy of Len Priestley

title challenge. Reece Pollitt raced unbeaten, with Max Evans, Gareth Paine and Ciaran Collins each winning a race for A&T. This result means that A&T finish in 4th place out of eight teams in this Division.

Northern League Division 2 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 63 Sheffield 82
A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 15 (plus 1 bonus), Gareth Paine 12, Jon Quarmby 11 (1), Max Evans 9, Ciaran Collins 6, Joe Quarmby 5, Ben Dickinson 3, John White 2 (1).

Changes for A&T riders

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club held their Annual General Meeting at Gin Pit last Wednesday evening.

The biggest change is that the club will now be known as Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club, to incorporate road and off road leisure rides in its programme of activities, as well as cycle speedway.

This follows on from the successful launch of the Ladies Road Cycling section this autumn, with eight rides completed to date.

The existing Club Committee was re-elected, with Lee Phillips filling the vacant post of Track Curator and Claire Knox becoming the club's third Welfare Officer.

It was with deep regret the club announced that Alan Farrell passed away last Wednesday morning, at the age of 65, after a lengthy illness.

Alan had a strong involvement with cycle speedway which lasted more than 40 years, firstly as a member of the Gorton and Tameside clubs and more recently at Astley & Tyldesley.

Alan was one of the three club members who built the Gin Pit circuit during the 1990/91 winter and had been the club's Track Curator since 2010. Alan was also an experienced referee and had been the Northern League's Treasurer for many years. Alan will be sadly missed and the club's deepest sympathies and thoughts go to Alan's family and friends at this difficult time.

The ninth ride of the new Astley & Tyldesley Ladies Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Saturday, November 22, setting off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am.

A leisure ride on the roads around Croft and Winwick will be organized, with a coffee stop added.

Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so.

For further details, please see the attached flyer, or contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk

Ladies are on the road again

CYCLING

THE eighth ride of the new Ladies Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Saturday November 15, setting off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am.

A 27 miles leisure ride on the roads to Lymm and back will be organized, with a coffee stop added.

Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so.

For further details contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk

Ladies plan next cycle ride

CYCLING

THE tenth ride of the new Ladies section of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Saturday 29th November, setting off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am

A leisure ride on the roads through Culcheth, Croft, Winwick to Burtonwood and back will be organized, with a coffee stop added.

CYCLING

New name

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club has undergone a name change.

The club will now be known as Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club to incorporate road and off-road leisure rides in its programme of activities, as well as cycle speedway.

This follows on from the successful launch of a ladies road cycling section.

At their annual meeting, the existing club committee was re-elected with Lee Phillips filling the vacant post of track curator and Claire Knox becoming the club's third welfare officer.

A ninth ladies ride will be held on Saturday, meeting at 8.30am at the Bull's Head on Manchester Road.

A&T CYCLING CLUB

Saturday bike ride

THE 10th ride of the new ladies section of the Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will take place on Saturday.

Riders will leave the car park at the Bull's Head, Manchester Road, Astley at 8.30am for a ride through Culcheth, Croft, Winwick to Burtonwood..

For details contact Denise Bailey at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk

A year to remember for A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycling Club staged their annual cycle speedway presentation event on Sunday afternoon.

Around 80 club members, family and friends piled into the function room at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club.

As ever, there was a splendid buffet to enjoy, video footage of racing from the past season, live entertainment provided by Chris Schofield, a guest speaker in former BMX professional and British Cycling Go-ride Coach, Dylan Clayton and numerous raffle prizes donated by club members, including a Liverpool football shirt signed by England u-17 captain Adam Phillips.

There was an impressive array of trophies, medals and certificates presented to the club's cycle speedway riders



Astley and Tyldesley's Northern League Division Three winning squad with their trophies. At the back are club founder Mike Hack (left) and British Cycling Go-Ride Coach Dylan Clayton (right). Photo courtesy of Len Priestley

ers for their successes during the past season, which included winning the Man-

chester League Division 2 and Northern League Division 3. The four special

awards were presented to: Kieran Fallon (Rory Blackwell Cup for the Best Newcomer);

Emily Burgess (North West Trophies Cup for Best Novice); Joe Quarmby (Most Improved Rider); John White (J. Fisher & Sons Young Rider of the Year).

Astley & Tyldesley encourage and develop new officials and volunteers each year and this time, no fewer than 26 volunteers received presents from the club, in recognition for their support during the past year.

The Ron Hack Memorial Cup for the Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Janine Paine, for her sterling efforts at many roles during the year.

It was a great way to round off a very successful year, which has seen the club's membership grow to 85 members, have another British Champion in u-8 Grand Prix winner John White, as well as British Championship silver medals won by the club's u-10s team and by Emily Burgess in the Girls u-10s Final.

Pro rider Clayton celebrates with Gin Pit track aces



Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club's Northern League Division Three-winning squad at the club's presentation evening, with founder Mike Hack, back left, and British Cycling Go-Ride coach Dylan Clayton, right. Picture courtesy of Len Priestley

CYCLING

Glittering prizes reflect season of success

FORMER BMX professional rider and British Cycling Go-ride coach, Dylan Clayton was the guest speaker at Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club's annual cycle speedway presentation afternoon.

Around 80 members, family and friends attended the event at the Astley and Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club at the club's Gin Pit base last Sunday, when the Black and Greens celebrated another successful year on the track, illustrated by the array of trophies,

medals and certificates presented to individuals and teams.

Among the honours the A&T club scooped were the Manchester League Division Two and Northern League Division Three titles.

Four special awards were presented to Kieran Fallon (Rory Blackwell Cup for the best newcomer), Emily Burgess (North West Trophies Cup for best novice), Joe Quarmby (most improved rider) and John White (J Fisher & Sons young rider of the year).

Twenty-six volunteers received gifts while the Ron Hack Memorial Cup for the volunteer of the year was awarded to Janine Paine.

Membership has expanded to 85 and among the latest successes added to the Gin Pit roll of honour are John White, who won the British Championship Under-eights Grand Prix, Emily Burgess, who reached the final of the British Championship under-10s category and the club's under-10s team, who were runners-up.

Mulvey looks to make his Mark at A&T in 2015

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley are delighted to announce the signing of Mark Mulvey, on a full transfer, for the 2015 cycle speedway season.

The experienced 46 year old Radcliffe based rider makes the switch to A&T, after two successful seasons racing for the Northumbria Vikings. Mulvey started his racing career with Tameside and was a 1st team regular in the 1990's, before taking a break from the sport. Mark trained with the A&T squad on occasions last



year, so is well versed with the Gin Pit track and squad of riders.

A&T have more signings in the pipeline, as they look

to climb up the Northern League table in their 25th anniversary season.

Former A&T captain George Hughes has announced his retirement. The vastly experienced 56 year old A&T racer suffered a heart

attack in the match at Northumbria in September. Following further medical tests and advice, George has reluctantly taken the decision to hang

up his racing wheels for good. Hughes started his racing career at Stoke in 1976 and has since raced for CarrsWood, Stockport and East London, as well as three spells with Astley & Tyldesley. George's immense contribution to the team over the years is shown in him being second in the A&T all time list of appearances and third in the A&T all time list of points scorers. He was also club captain and junior team manager in the 1990's.

Pictured: Mark Mulvey (right) and George Hughes (left) in action at Gin Pit in 2014. Photos by Sue Tydd.

