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A&T sign Polish international for new season

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley are delighted to announce the signing of Polish international Radek Handke (pictured), on a full transfer, for the 2015 cycle speedway season.

The 29 year old Wrocław born rider makes the switch to A&T, after four seasons racing for the Sheffield club.

Radek took 3rd place in the 2007 World Individual Final and has been a top quality rider for the past decade. He moved to Wigan a few months ago and the A&T club are delighted to sign such a locally based proven top rider. Handke will race for A&T in Northern League and Manchester League matches, while continuing to race for Sheffield in Elite League matches. A&T have more



signings in the pipeline, as they look to climb up the Northern League table in their 25th anniversary season.

● The first ride of the New Year for the Ladies section of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be

on Saturday, January 10, setting off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am.

A gentle loosener on the roads around Astley Moss and back will be organized, with a coffee stop at the Boat-house, Higher Green. Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so. Contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk

A&T sign Polish ace Handke

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

Meanwhile, Astley & Tyldesley have signed former European cycle speedway champion Damian Zareba.

The 31-year-old, who rode for A&T in 2005, will line up for the Black and Greens with his fellow Poland international Radek Handke in Northern League and Manchester League matches in the coming season.

Zareba and Handke, who joined the Gin Pit club last week, will continue to race in the Elite League for Sheffield Stars, but both will be first claim riders for A&T.

Damian signs up

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY and Tyldesley have announced their third signing of the winter.

Former European Cycle Speedway Champion Damian Zareba (below) has signed for Astley and Tyldesley on a full transfer after one season of racing for the Sheffield Stars. The 31 year old Bydgoszcz born racer will line up with his Polish compatriot Radek Handke, in what will be a very strong spearhead for A&T in

Northern League and Manchester League matches. Tyldesley based Zareba rode for A&T in 2005, before joining Bury and then taking a break from the sport, before returning and joining Sheffield. A&T team manager Paul Graham is delighted to secure such quality riders, as A&T look to make a serious challenge for the Northern League Division 1 title in 2015.

Both Zareba and Handke will race in the Elite League for Sheffield as well, but both are first claim riders for A&T.



Training gets underway

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley will be commencing their cycle speedway pre-season training sessions this coming Sunday.

The juniors will be on first at 2 pm, followed by the senior squad at 3 pm.

Sessions will be held every Sunday until the opening Northern League match at Sheffield on March 15.

The club's Tuesday night sessions will start on February 3, with junior sessions starting at 6 pm and 7 pm, followed by Seniors at 8 pm. These sessions will run through the entire season into October.

The sessions take place at the cycle speedway track at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW.

Sessions are open to all A&T riders and prospective new club members.

Bikes and helmets are available for newcomers to hire.

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

A&T bring in new recruits

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

THE cycle speedway transfer window closed on January 31 and Astley & Tyldesley secured three more signings during the last week of the window.

A&T swooped to sign three riders from the current Elite League champions Horspath of Oxford. Former British Veterans Indoor Champion Errol Thaw is a high profile signing for A&T, along with his colleagues Simon Munden and Leighton Bates.

All have considerable experience at Elite League level and will be valuable additions to A&T's 1st Team squad, giving team manager Paul Graham a welcome selection headache for when the season gets underway.

All three riders are Stoke based, so have cut down on their travelling considerably by switching to A&T. Munden previously lined up for A&T during the 2007 season.

Booming A&T

ASTLEY & Tyldesley will have their biggest first-team squad since racing into cycle speedway's Premier League in 2007 after making eight transfer window signings.

Latest to join the Gin Pit ranks are Richard Harrison, who now makes up a quartet of Stoke-based riders after joining A&T from Horspath, and former Stockport and Tameside rider Stephen Whitaker who has signed from Bury.

New recruits

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley completed two more signings before the cycle speedway transfer window closed.

Richard Harrison made it a quartet of experienced Stoke based riders who transferred from Horspath to A&T.

Former Stockport and Tameside rider Stephen Whitaker has also made the switch from Bury to link up with A&T. This means that eight senior riders have transferred into A&T this transfer window and gives the club their biggest first team squad since racing in the Premier League in 2007.

● The next ride for the Ladies section of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Saturday 14th February, setting off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am.

A medium category, 25 miles road ride to Burtonwood and back will be organized, with a coffee stop halfway.

Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so.

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

Please note there is now a Ladies Section page on the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club website at www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

Ladies head for Cheshire

CYCLING

THE next ride for the Ladies section of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Saturday February 28.

The group will set off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am.

A medium category, 27 miles road ride to Lymm and back will be organized, with a coffee stop halfway.

Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so. For further details contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk

Bike ride to Lymm

THE next ride for the Ladies section of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club will be on Saturday, setting off from the Bull's Head on Manchester Road, Astley, at 8.30am.

The 27-mile round trip to Lymm will be a medium category road ride. For details email denbailey@hotmail.co.uk

Ladies hit the road again

CYCLING

THE next ride for the Ladies section of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Saturday March 7.

The ride sets off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am. An easy category, 18 miles road ride to Hollins Green and back will be organized, with a coffee stop halfway. Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so. For further details contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk

New season

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley are raring to go for the opening Northern League match of the 2015 cycle speedway season. A&T will travel to Sheffield to take on the home team at their Cookson Park circuit this forthcoming Sunday (15 March 15).

Sheffield steel needed for start of new speedway season

ASTLEY and Tyldesley are raring to go for the opening Northern League match of the 2015 cycle speedway season after a hectic winter of training.

The Team Green riders have been busy in their on-track pre-season schedule, meeting up during midweek under the Gin Pit floodlights and on Sunday afternoons.

A&T will travel to Sheffield's

Cookson Park circuit on Sunday. Three matches will be contested, starting with the Division One match at 2pm.

A much strengthened A&T side will be looking to make a good start to the new campaign.

The match will be followed by the Division Two match, between the two clubs' second teams.

The day's racing will be concluded with a Division Three

match, exclusively for under-13s riders.

This will be a key match in the division, as Sheffield have been runners-up to reigning champions Astley and Tyldesley for the past two seasons.

A&T will continue with their popular weekly club sessions every Tuesday evening.

The u13s start at 6.30pm, followed by seniors at 7.45pm.

The sessions are open to all existing club members and newcomers, at a cost of £3.50 per session, which includes bike and helmet hire.

The sessions take place at the floodlit cycle speedway track at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit. For further details, visit the club's website at www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Opening triple

ASTLEY and Tyldesley made the best possible start to the 2015 Northern League season by winning all three matches at Sheffield on Sunday.

They led from start to finish to win the Division One match 95-82, came from behind with a strong second-half display to take the Division Two match 80-69 and trounced Sheffield 121-70 in Division Three.

Damian Zareba and fellow new signing Radek Handke both raced unbeaten in the Division One showdown, with Reece Pollitt winning his first four races before dropping his only point in the last race.

The Division Two match was close in the first half, with A&T leading by just a point at the interval. But they won all four races after the break as Ciaran Collins finished unbeaten.

The under-13s riders claimed what could prove to be a vital victory in the opening match of their Division Three campaign against a Sheffield side that had been their closest rivals for the title over the past two seasons.

A&T edged Sheffield to the championship on both occasions and made a good start to the tilt at a hat-trick at the weekend. John White led the way, losing only to Sheffield's top rider Sam Haines.

Elsewhere, Zareba took third place in the prestigious Dash Trophies event at Wednesfield on Saturday. He scored 19 points to win his semi-final and followed that up with 17 points in the final. Welsh international Ben Mould won with 18 points.

A&T stage their first home meeting of the season on Sunday, starting with Northern League Division Two and Three matches against Glasgow, from 12.30 pm, followed by Northern League Division One, Two and Three matches against Edinburgh from 2pm.

Super start for A&T

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley made the best possible start to the 2015 Northern League season, by winning all three matches at Sheffield on Sunday!

In the Division 1 match, Mark Mulvey and Damian Zareba teamed up to take 1st and 2nd places in heat 1, as A&T led throughout the match.

Zareba and fellow new signing Radek Handke both raced unbeaten, with Reece Pollitt winning his first four races, before dropping his only point in the last race. The others provided sufficient back-up to A&T's top three to ensure that Team Green ran out comfortable 95-82 winners.

A&T scorers: Radek Handke 20, Damian Zareba 19 (plus 1 bonus), Reece Pollitt 19, Paul Graham 11 (2), Mark Mulvey 8 (1), Ciaran Collins 7, Lee Phillips 6, Max Evans 5.

The Division 2 match was a close affair in the first half, with A&T hampered by a fall by Jon Quarmby and a harsh exclusion to Max Evans. Quarmby recovered to continue and A&T held a slender 40-39 lead at the interval. Team Green came out strongly in the second half, winning four of the races, to run out 80-69 winners. Ciaran Collins won all his five races, with Gareth Paine unbeaten by an opponent after dropping a point in the opening race. This was a good solid team performance by A&T.

A&T scorers: Ciaran Collins 20, Gareth Paine 15 (4), Max Evans 14, Matthew Snell 13, Jon Quarmby 12 (1), Joe Quarmby 5, John White 1.

A&T ran out convincing winners in the Division 3 match, for u-13 riders. This was a vital victory for A&T, as Sheffield have been their closest rivals in this division for the past 2 seasons, A&T champions and Sheffield runners-up on both occasions. John White led the way for A&T, losing only to Sheffield's top rider Sam Haines, with strong support throughout the team, as A&T won 121-70.

A&T scorers: John White 15, Max Evans 14, Joe Quarmby 13, Matthew Snell 13, Emily Burgess 12, Charlie Burgess 11, Jack Murray 10, Max Quarmby 7, Ryan Fallon 7, Kieran Fallon 7, Jack Littler 7, Lucy Grantham 5.

Damian Zareba took 3rd place in the prestigious Dash Trophies event at Wednesfield on Saturday. Damian scored 19 points to win his semi-final and followed this up with a score of 17 to take 3rd place in the final.

A&T stage their first home meeting of the season on Sunday (22nd March). Glasgow are the visitors for Northern League Division 2 and 3 matches, at 12.30 pm, followed by Northern League Division 1, 2 and 3 matches against Edinburgh at 2.00 pm. Racing takes place at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club.

A&T enjoy successful weekend at the Gin Pit

ASTLEY and Tyldesley secured an emphatic 108-70 win against a strong Edinburgh side.

As in last week's win at Sheffield, A&T provided the majority of race winners, this time 15 out of 18, to lay the foundations for victory.

Damian Zareba and Radek Handke were both unbeaten by an opponent, with Reece Pollitt losing only to Mikey Hewitson, twice.

The strength of the A&T side was illustrated by all eight riders winning a race, with Errol Thaw

and Simon Munden making impressive debuts for Team Green.

Mikey Hewitson rode really well for Edinburgh, winning two races, but dropping points when falling whilst leading Zareba in heat 12.

Zareba recorded the fastest time of the match, 42.32 seconds, in heat 17.

Also celebrating were the Division Two team after a 78-67 victory against Edinburgh.

A&T opened up with a 7-3 win by the Ciaran Collins and Lee Phillips pairing.

However, the visitors put in a determined performance to hang on to A&T's coat tails for most of the match, before the same pairing secured the points with a 7-2 heat win in heat 13. This was a good solid performance by A&T, with local youngsters Collins and Max Evans in great form, both having stepped up a level from last season.

Lee Phillips was unbeaten in his three races. Douglas Morgan raced unbeaten for Edinburgh, with the others scoring well.

Season gets off to a bright start

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley staged a full day of racing on a glorious spring afternoon at Gin Pit. In the opening home Northern Cycle Speedway League of the season, the Gin Pit circuit was in top condition, for five matches in front of a large crowd.

The main match of the day saw A&T record an emphatic win over a strong Edinburgh side, by 108-70. As in last week's win at Sheffield, A&T provided the majority of race winners, this time 15 out of 18, to lay the foundations for victory. The first two races were shared, but A&T took

the major points to open up a 6 points lead after heat 4 and were never headed. A&T held a 50-40 lead at the interval, before running riot in the second half, winning eight of the nine races. Damian Zareba and Radek Handke were both unbeaten by an opponent, with Reece Pollitt losing only to Mikey Hewitson, twice. The strength of the A&T side was illustrated by all eight riders winning a race, with Errol Thaw and Simon Munden making impressive debuts for Team Green. Mikey Hewitson rode really well for Edinburgh, winning two races, but dropping points when falling whilst leading Zareba in heat 12. Zareba recorded the fastest

time of the match, 42.32 seconds, in heat 17.

A&T scorers: Radek Handke 19 (plus 1 bonus), Damian Zareba 18 (2), Reece Pollitt 16 (2), Paul Graham 12 (1), Errol Thaw 12 (1), Simon Munden 11 (2), Mark Mulvey 11 (1), Luke Jamson 9.

A&T opened up with a 7-3 heat win by the Ciaran Collins / Lee Phillips pairing in the Division 2 match against Edinburgh. However, the visitors put in a determined performance to hang on to A&T's coat tails for most of the match, before the same pairing secured the points with a 7-2 heat win in heat 13. This was a good solid performance by A&T, with local youngsters Collins and Max Evans in great form, both having stepped up a level from last season. Lee Phillips was

unbeaten in his three races. Douglas Morgan raced unbeaten for Edinburgh, with the others scoring well, but the absence of a sixth rider cost the visitors dearly.

Northern League Division 2 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 78 Edinburgh 67
A&T scorers: Ciaran Collins 17, Max Evans 14 (4), Gareth Paine 13 (1), Jon Quarmby 12, Lee Phillips 10 (2), John White 7 (1), Ben Dickinson 5 (2), Emily Burgess dnr.

Edinburgh didn't field any riders for the Division 3 (u-13s) match, so the 14 A&T riders enjoyed a good match amongst themselves, to rack up a big victory.

John White raced unbeaten, passing the otherwise unbeaten Emily Burgess on the last lap of heat 13. Ben Dickinson lost only to Emily in heat 9,

while Jonah Clare had his best match to date.

Northern League Division 3 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 151 Edinburgh 0
A&T scorers: John White 16, Emily Burgess 15, Ben Dickinson 15, Charlie Dickinson 14, Jonah Clare 13, Charlie Burgess 13, Luke Hill 11, Jack Murray 10, Denby Ashurst 10, Kieran Fallon 10, Finn Boland 6, Lucy Grantham 6, Ryan Fallon 6, Caillen Langlands 6.

A&T are at home next Sunday at 2.00 pm. Hull are the visitors for Northern League Division 1, 2 and 3 matches and the visitors will be fielding the current British Champion, Andy Angell. Racing takes place at the Astley & Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW. For further details, visit www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

A&T battle the elements for good scores

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley welcomed Hull for a Northern Cycle Speedway League meeting at a very wet Gin Pit on Sunday.

Heavy rain overnight made for a heavy track, with the rain coming down heavily during the Division 1 match,

but clearing for the two later matches.

Hull arrived with only six riders, but the presence of British Champion Andy Angell would ensure strong opposition in some of the races.

In the Division 1 match, A&T opened up with two heat wins, to take a lead they never lost. A&T's Reece Pollitt made a fast start in heat 3 and held off four

laps of intense pressure from Angell to record a famous victory, with team mate Luke Jamson taking 2nd place on the line, as Angell slipped on the last bend. A&T continued to pile on the pressure and the result was never in doubt. Angell recovered from his first race defeat to reel off four successive wins and inflict the first defeats of the NL

season on A&T's Polish duo of Damian Zareba and Radek Handke. Pollitt meanwhile was unbeaten by an opponent in his remaining four races, to record a maximum score from his five races. Jamson was also unbeaten in his four races, before being subbed for his last race. A&T were solid scoring throughout, with good scores from the whole team. For

Hull, Angell recorded the fastest time of the match, when winning the last race, but he fought a lone battle, despite plenty of effort from his team mates.

Northern League Division 1 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 12 Hull 62

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 19 (plus 1 bonus), Radek Handke 18, Damian Zareba 17 (2), Mark Mulvey 14, Luke Jamson 13 (3), Lee Phillips 12 (3), Danny Hughes 11 (3), Claran Collins 8 (1).
Other scorers: Northern League Division

A&T continue perfect start

REECE Pollitt top-scored for Astley and Tyldesley with 19 points as the first team won 112-62 at home to Hull in Division One of the Northern Cycle Speedway League.

Radek Handke and Damian Zareba were not far behind with 18 and 17 points, respectively, to help the Gin Pit club to a worthy victory over a visiting side that included British champion Andy Angell.

Joe Quarumby led the way for the second team, who beat a short-handed Hull side 114-67 in Division Two, while the third team recorded a 150-0 walkover in Division Three.

The three big wins continue Astley and Tyldesley's 100 per cent record this season from 11 matches, with all three teams sitting at the top of each division.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Derby clash

ASTLEY and Tyldesley will put their unbeaten start to the Northern League season on the line when they face local rivals Bury at the Gin Pit on Sunday.

The first eagerly awaited derby of the cycle speedway season promises to be an exciting one, with both teams showing good early form.

A&T boast a 100 per cent record across all three divisions, with each side topping their respective table.

The first team have won all three of their matches in Division One, while the seconds are two-in-two in Division Two and the thirds have also won their two matches in the bottom tier.

Bury, meanwhile, are third out of eight teams in Division One, second behind A&T in Division Two, having also won both their matches, and are fourth in Division Three.

"This is always a cut and thrust fixture, with local pride at stake," said a club spokesman.

Racing takes place at the Gin Pit in Meanley Road, Tyldesley, from 2pm. The Division One match is on first, followed by the Division Two and Three matches. Spectators are welcome, with free admission and car parking.

A&T will this week continue their popular Tuesday club nights, which £3.50 per person and are open to club members and prospective newcomers. Bike and helmet hire are included in the session price. The juniors session starts at 6.30 pm, followed by the seniors and teenagers session at 7.45 pm.

The next ride of the ladies section, led by Denise Bailey, will set off from the car park at the Bull's Head in Astley on Saturday at 8.30 am. Anyone interested in taking part in the 18-mile road ride to Hollins Green should email denbailey@hotmail.co.uk.

A&T prepare for a derby battle

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

NEXT Sunday (April 12) sees the first eagerly awaited local derby of the cycle speedway season, when Astley & Tyldesley take on Bury at Gin Pit.

Both teams have made impressive starts to the Northern League season. A&T boast a 100% record, having won all three Division 1 matches and

all 4 matches in both Divisions 2 and 3. Bury sit in 3rd place out of 8 teams in Division 1, whilst in Division 2, they are in 2nd place out of 8 teams, having won both their matches to date. They hold 4th place out of 9 teams in Division 3.

This is always a cut and thrust fixture, with local pride at stake, so don't miss it! Racing takes place at the Astley

& Tyldesley Miners' Welfare Club, Meanley Road, Gin Pit, Tyldesley, M29 7DW. The Division 1 match is on first, at 2 pm, followed by the Division 2 and 3 matches. Spectators are welcome, with free admission and car parking.

Astley & Tyldesley continue to hold their popular weekly Tuesday Club Nights. The sessions are open to club

members and prospective newcomers, at £3.50 each. Bike and helmet hire are included in the session price. The juniors session starts at 6.30 pm, followed by the seniors and teenagers session at 7.45 pm.

The next ride for the Ladies section of the Astley & Tyldesley Cycling Club, led by Denise Bailey, will be on Satur-

day 11th April, setting off from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, M29 7BP at 8.30 am. An easy category, 18 miles road ride to Hollins Green and back will be organized, with a coffee stop halfway. Any ladies wishing to participate are urged to do so.

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

A&T are left to rue loss of key riders

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & Tyldesley and Bury went head to head in the first Northern League local derby of the season, at a wet and windy Gin Pit on Sunday.

In the eight-a-side Division 1 match, Bury took an early lead after Leighton Bates, making his A&T debut, was ex-

cluded for a false start in heat 2. However, the Errol Thaw/Danny Hughes pairing took advantage of a fall by Chris Parish to secure a 7-3 heat win for A&T in heat 4 and move in to the lead. Back came Bury, with a 7-3 heat win of their own when the Ben Scranage/James Elston pairing passed Reece Pollitt on the last lap to

put Bury back in front, 30-29. The visitors were never headed after that and held on to win a very closely fought match, by 92-87. A&T had three key riders missing and this played a vital part in losing their first match of the season. Polish star Radek Handke raced to a 20 points maximum score for A&T, with the others battling

hard. Bury had the more solid scoring main body of the team, with Scranage losing only to Handke and just had the edge on A&T throughout a very close, hard fought derby encounter.

This result means that A&T drop to second place, as Stockport kept up their 100% record by winning at Sheffield,

with Bury remaining in 3rd place, level on match points with A&T, but behind on race points difference.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 87 Bury 92

A&T: Radek Handke 20, Danny Hughes 14 (plus 2 bonus), Errol Thaw 14, Reece Pollitt 14, Mark Mulvey 10 (1), Lee Phillips 8, Leighton Bates 5, Cianan Collins 2.

Gin Pit riders looking to get back on track in Division One



TOP PERFORMER: A&T's Radek Handke and Bury's Chris Parish

A&T's unbeaten record ends after Bury loss

ASTLEY and Tyldesley's unbeaten start to the season ended with a narrow 92-87 defeat to Bury at the Gin Pit.

The Errol Thaw and Danny Hughes pairing took advantage of a fall by Chris Parish to secure a 7-3 heat win for A&T in heat four and move into the lead.

But Bury came back with a 7-3 heat win of their own as Ben Scranage and James Elston pairing passed Reece Pollitt on the last lap to put Bury back in front, 30-29.

The visitors were never beaten after that and won 92-87.

Polish star Radek Handke raced to

a 20 points maximum score for A&T. This result means that A&T drop to second place in the Northern League Division One, as Stockport kept up their 100 per cent record by winning at Sheffield.

Meanwhile, A&T had plenty to celebrate in Division Two as they kept top spot after they overcame an interval deficit of 42-38 to storm back in the second half to take a 76-74 win.

A&T: Claran Collins 16 (1), Max Evans 15 (2), Gareth Paine 15 (2), Mark Grantham 12, Jon Quarmby 11, John White 6, Ben Dickinson 1, Joe Quarmby dnr.

Elsewhere in the Division Three match, A&T also took the honours with a 163-63 win.

British under-8 champion John White again was unbeaten, as did British under-10 girls silver medallist Emily Burgess.

A&T: John White 16, Emily Burgess 16, Ben Dickinson 15, Joe Quarmby 13, Luke Hill 13, Charlie Dickinson 13, Jonah Clare 12, Charlie Burgess 12, Max Evans 11, Jack Little 11, Kieran Fallon 9, Ryan Fallon 8, Lucy Grantham 7, Finn Boland 7.

Elsewhere, A&T finished in third place in the opening North Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League at Sheffield on Saturday.

British under-8 champion John White triumphed in the under-10 Grand Prix A Final, having moved up a category this year.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Strong start

ASTLEY and Tyldesley launched the defence of their Manchester League Division Two crown with team victory in the first round of the Grand Prix series at Gin Pit last week.

They finished top with 75 points - with each team's top scorers counting - beating Sheffield into second place.

The club also tasted plenty of success in the individual events.

Charlie Dickinson and John White both rode unbeaten in the under-10s races.

And Max Evans finished with a 100 per cent record in the u13s, as did Astley 11-year-old Tom Whitwam, who now rides for Sheffield.

Stockport beat A&T into second place in the Division One match, while the Gin Pit club came fourth in the Northern Fours League at Bury and second in the Northern Junior League.

Manchester League Division Two: Astley & Tyldesley 75 Sheffield 59 Bury 41 Stockport 40 Heckmondwike 20.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

A&T win first Northern KO

ASTLEY and Tyldesley claimed their first ever Northern Knockout title in Sheffield on Sunday in what is the club's 25th anniversary season.

Radek Handke and Damian Zareba were the star riders as A&T won the first semi-final and then beat off competition from runners-up Bury Comets to earn victory by three points in the final.

A&T pipped Stockport by a point in their semi-final as the top two comfortably qualified, with the club's Polish stars both contributing 14 points and Reece Pollitt and Mark Mulvey offering valuable back-up.

Stockport took an early lead after the first four rounds of the final before A&T took control.

Bury came through to finish strongly and the result was in the balance until the final two rounds.

Zareba took a bad knock in the penultimate race following a pile-up on the first bend, but he took his place in the re-run to take a valuable third place.

Handke only had to finish the final round to clinch overall victory for A&T, but he came second, just behind Bury's Ben Scrannage.

A&T's juniors were on top form at Hull on Saturday in round two of the British Youth and Junior League series.

Both John White and Reece Pollitt won their respective Grand Prix A finals at under-10s and u17s, respectively.

Max Evans finished second in the u14s A final, with Joe Quarmby and Ciaran Collins taking third places in the u10s and u17s A finals, respectively, as A&T finished third overall.

Tyldesley also had a winner in the Junior Northern KO. Adam Watson, aged 15, rode to victory with Sheffield Stars team on Sunday, scoring 15 points.

For further information about Astley and Tyldesley visit www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk

Results

Northern KO Cup first semi-final: Astley and Tyldesley 48 Stockport 47 Hull 37 Heckmondwike 28.

A&T scorers: Radek Handke 14, Damian Zareba 14, Reece Pollitt 12, Mark Mulvey 6, Gareth Paine 2.

Second semi-final: Bury 47 Edinburgh 43 Northumbria 37 Sheffield 32.

Final: Astley and Tyldesley 46 Bury 43 Stockport 40 Edinburgh 29.

A&T scorers: Radek Handke 15, Damian Zareba 14, Reece Pollitt 10, Mark Mulvey 7, Gareth Paine DNR.

British Youth and Junior League round two: Sheffield 128 Bury 83 Astley and Tyldesley 77 Hull 75.

Good performances from A&T riders

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY & TYLDESLEY raced in Round 2 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series at Bury on Wednesday.

A&T's Joe Quarmby raced unbeaten in the u-10s match, narrowly beating team mate John White when they met in heat 17.

There were great showings by Charlie Burgess, Jack Murray and Jack Littler for A&T

in the u-10s match. The u-13s match resulted in A&T's Max Evans racing unbeaten for the second successive round. Reece Pollitt dropped just two points in the u-19s event.

Defending Manchester League Division 2 champions Astley & Tyldesley won for the second time in the team competition, with Bury second.

Manchester League Division Two result (top five scorers only count to their team's total)

Astley & Tyldesley 75 Bury

68 Stockport 59 Sheffield 28.

A&T scorers: Joe Quarmby 16, Max Evans 16, John White 15, Charlie Burgess 14, Jack Murray 14, Reece Pollitt 14, Jack Littler 13, Ciaran Collins 12, Max Quarmby 11, Emily Burgess 11, Ryan Fallon 10, Caillen Langlands 9, Lucy Grantham 5, Kieran Fallon 5.

Division 2 standings: Astley & Tyldesley 9, Bury 6, Sheffield 5, Stockport 4, Heckmondwike 1.

Stockport's Ben Higham top scored for the second suc-

cessive time in the Division 1 (senior) match, this time with a maximum.

For A&T, Reece Pollitt again top scored, with some determined riding from his team mates.

Bury took the win on the night, while the defending Division 1 champions Stockport edged out A&T for second place.

Manchester League Division 1 result (top 5 scorers only count to their team's total)

Bury 57 Stockport 51 Ast-

ley & Tyldesley 50 Sheffield 13.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 13, Mark Mulvey 11, Lee Phillips 10, Ciaran Collins 8, Gareth Paine 8, Max Evans 7.

Division 1 standings: Stockport 7, Bury 6, Astley & Tyldesley 5, Sheffield 2.

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Astley and Tyldesley put on a champion display



Reece Pollitt was top scorer

REIGNING champions Astley and Tyldesley maintained their 100 per cent record in Manchester League Division Two with a second straight victory.

After winning the overall prize in the opening round of the competition they followed that up with another victory at Bury in the Manchester League Grand Prix Series.

Joe Quarmby raced unbeaten in the under-10s match, holding off strong competition from team mate John White in heat 17. Max Evans raced unbeaten in the u13s and Reece Pollitt dropped just two points in the u19s.

Astley and Tyldesley

were third overall in the Manchester League Division One match, which was won by hosts Bury. Reece Pollitt again top scored for A&T, which inspired some determined riding from his team mates.

Tyldesley cycle speedway riders have also been busy racing for other clubs. Laura Watson, aged 20, finished fourth in a high-quality field in the Ladies Dash Trophy at Wednesfield, riding for her club Leicester Monarchs.

Tom Whitwam also claimed his second successive victory racing for Sheffield Stars in the British Youth and Junior

League at Hull. The 11-year-old won all four of his races in the heats of the under-13s competition before adding to his victory in the opening round of the competition.

Results

Manchester League Division One (top five scorers count): Bury 57, Stockport 51, Astley and Tyldesley 50, Sheffield 13. A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 13, Mark Mulvey 11, Lee Phillips 10, Ciaran Collins 8, Gareth Paine 8, Max Evans 7.

Manchester League Division Two (top five scorers count): Astley and Tyldesley 9, Bury 6, Stockport 5, Sheffield 2. A&T scorers: Joe Quarmby 16, Max Evans 16, John White 15, Charlie Burgess 14, Jack Murray 14, Reece Pollitt 14, Jack Littler 13, Ciaran Collins 12, Max Quarmby 11, Emily Burgess 11, Ryan Fallon 10, Caillen Langlands 9, Lucy Grantham 5, Kieran Fallon 5.

Division Two standings: Astley and Tyldesley 9, Bury 6, Sheffield 5, Stockport 4, Heckmondwike 1.

A&T lose after late fightback

REIGNING champions Stockport kept up their unbeaten run in Division One but were given a real fright at home to Astley and Tyldesley.

The Gin Pit side clawed back a big deficit after a poor start before losing 89-86, a defeat that saw them drop from second to fourth in the table.

The home team built up a nine-point lead after just three races before three race wins by Radek Handke and two for Damian Zareba steadied things for A&T as they went into the break 47-40 down.

Stockport retained a seven-point lead up to heat 13 but 6-4 wins for A&T in heats 14 and 16 reduced the gap to just three points and a terrific 7-3 victory from Reece Pollitt and Handke put them into the lead for the first time going into the final race.

Dreams of an unlikely victory were dashed, however, after Jake Read and Mat Lush sped away from the gate following a re-start to give Stockport a 7-3 win.

Astley and Tyldesley took the other two matches on the day, winning the Division Two encounter 117-72 and the Division Three tie 71-42.

Stockport conceded 39 penalty points after fielding two ineligible riders in the Division Two match, helping league leaders A&T to win comfortably and extend their run to six straight victories. However, the track encounter was a little closer, with the visitors battling back from early losses to win 78-72.

Astley and Tyldesley are also top of Division Three following their 29-point win.

Emily Burgess inspired the victory, top scoring for A&T.

Double victories for A&T's Pollitt and White



Double delight for Reece Pollitt

ASTLEY and Tyldesley's leading young riders enjoyed another successful week

Reece Pollitt claimed victory in the under-17s Grand Prix A final in the third regional round of the British Youth and Junior League at Stockport on Saturday.

John White and Joe Quarmbury made it a one-two for A&T in the u10s A final, while Max Quarmbury finished second in the u8s A final.

And St Ambrose Primary School pupil Tom Whitwam, who races for Sheffield, won his third straight final in the u13s division.

A&T finished third

overall on 77 points, while Whitwam's side were second.

Pollitt and White were also on top form as one of three A&T riders to race unbeaten in the Northern Junior League match.

Max Evans (u13s), Pollitt (u19s) and White (u10s) all scored 16-point maximums, while Joe Quarmbury and Gareth Paine also posted excellent scores as A&T finished second out of five teams.

A&T were also in action at Hull on Sunday in the second round of the Northern Fours and Junior League series.

A solid team performance by A&T saw

them take fourth place out of six teams.

And the Gin Pit club hosted round two of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series on Tuesday.

A total of 22 local riders turned out and Adam Traynor took victory on the night, winning all four races to finish with a 16-point maximum.

He was closely followed by Oscar Redmond and Ben Hindley, who both scored 15 points.

Results

British Youth and Junior League: Bury 126, Sheffield 122, Astley and Tyldesley 77, Stockport 34, Hull 14.

Northern Junior League: Bury 122, Astley and Tyldesley 94, Hull 69, Heckmondwike 38, Stockport 26.

Northern Fours and Junior League: Stockport 57, Bury 52, Hull 47, Astley and Tyldesley 32, Heckmondwike 30, Bury 22.

ROUND-UP

A&T mark 25 years of racing at Gin Pit track

A HOST of local dignitaries and riders from as far afield as Norwich and Swindon turned out at the Gin Pit to celebrate Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club's 25th anniversary on Sunday.

Official guests included Mayor of Wigan, Councillor Phyll Cullen, and Deputy Lieutenant David Walton and they were treated to a full programme of racing for riders of all ages and abilities.

A&T's former European Champion Damian Zareba picked himself up from a heavy fall to win the deciding last race and claim the senior individual trophy after scoring a maximum 20 points.

Three riders tied for second place after scoring 18 points apiece. A&T's Reece Pollitt won the run-off ahead of Bury's Ben Scranage and Stockport's Ben Higham.

Bury's Danny Taylor won the intermediate individual, scoring an unbeaten 20 points. Max Evans, of A&T, was runner-up with 18 points, while Bury's James Elston finished third with 17 points.

Swindon's Alice Neighbour took the girls individual prize ahead of A&T's Emily Burgess, whose chances of victory were ended by a fall in the last race.

A&T's Lucy Grantham finished runner-up in the under-10s girls individual behind Bury's Angel Etheridge.

Kaysor Mohammadi, of Bury, won the junior individual with a maximum score, ahead of A&T's John White in second and Joe Quarmby in fourth.

A&T also claimed two victories over Heckmondwike in the Northern League on Sunday, winning their Division One match 90-59 and taking the Division Three tie 64-38.

Radek Hanke top-scored in the Division One tie with 19 points, while Max Evans led the way for the Division Three side with 14 points.

Results

Northern League Division One: Astley and Tyldesley 90 Heckmondwike 59.

A&T scorers: Radek Handke 19, Reece Pollitt 15 (plus 2 bonus), Damian Zareba 14 (5), Luke Jamson 12 (1), Danny Hughes 10 (1), Lee Phillips 9 (1), Mark Mulvey 6 (1), Ciaran Collins 5.

Northern League Division Three: Astley and Tyldesley 64 Heckmondwike 38.

A&T scorers: Max Evans 14, Joe Quarmby 13, Charlie Dickinson 12, Luke Hill 10, Lucy Grantham 8, Max Quarmby 7.

ROUND-UP

Gin Pit juniors gear up for three in a row

ASTLEY and Tyldesley remain in pole position to claim a third straight Division Two title following a third successive win in the Manchester League Grand Prix series with three rounds remaining.

They preserved their 100 per cent record, clinching overall victory at Stockport.

Joe Quarmby raced to a 16-point maximum in the under-10s, holding off a strong challenge to beat his team-mate John White in heat 11. In the u13s match, A&T's Max Evans only dropped points to Stockport's Michael Preston.

The Division One team was unable to replicate the success of the club's juniors as they took third place, finishing behind hosts Stockport and Bury.

A&T will host the fourth and final round of the regional section of the British Youth and Junior League series on Saturday, with the racing due to start from 1pm. The Gin Pit will then stage the fourth round of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday. The first race is due to start at 7 pm.

Results

Manchester League Division One: Stockport 55 Bury 25 Astley & Tyldesley 19 Sheffield 11. **A&T scorers:** Reece Pollitt 8, Gareth Paine 7, Ciaran Collins 4. **Division One standings:** Stockport 11, Bury 9, Astley & Tyldesley 7, Sheffield 3.

Manchester League Division Two: Astley & Tyldesley 73 Bury 52 Stockport 43 Sheffield 29. **A&T scorers:** Joe Quarmby 16, John White 15, Charlie Burgess 14, Max Evans 14, Reece Pollitt 14, Ciaran Collins 13, Jack Littler 12, Jack Murray 11, Emily Burgess 11, Max Quarmby 7. **Division Two standings:** Astley & Tyldesley 13, Bury 9, Sheffield 6, Stockport 6, Heckmondwike 1.



Astley and Tyldesley rider John White, aged eight, leads the field at the Gin Pit

Perfect hat-trick for young Astley riders

LOCAL riders produced three perfect performances to win regional titles in the British Youth and Junior League.

Tom Whitwam, who races for Sheffield Stars, won all four heats and the final to take first place in the under-12s competition.

The 11-year-old Astley rider repeated that feat in the three

previous rounds to win his second u12s title in the Northern and Scotland region.

Two young members of the Astley and Tyldesley team, Reece Pollitt (u17s) and John White (u10s), also won all four heats and their A finals to make it four victories in a row in the regional rounds.

They have now qualified to race in the four national rounds, with the first one taking place in Poole at the end of this month.

In the team event, A&T finished in second place behind Sheffield, for whom Whitwam will race in the u13s British Club Championships in Ipswich on Saturday.

A&T claim Northumbria clean sweep

ASTLEY and Tyldesley's senior side claimed their first-ever Division One victory at Northumbria as the club scooped a hat-trick of wins in the Northern League fixture.

Northumbria's veteran rider Gavin Parr scored a 20-point maximum but A&T showed better strength in depth to claim a 94-83 win in the top-tier match.

A one-two to Radek Handke and Ciaran Collins in heat 12 proved decisive as Astley and Tyldesley opened up a 12-point cushion.

Handke was A&T's best rider, only losing twice, both times to Parr.

A&T cruised to comfortable victories in the other two races, winning the Division Two match 90-56 and the Division Three encounter 47-29. Both sides kept up their 100 per cent records to stay top of their respective divisions.

Gareth Paine and Max Evans – despite a broken thumb – both raced unbeaten, with Jon Quarmby losing just once and eight-year-old John White taking a creditable 14 points.

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Results

Northern League Division One: Northumbria 83 Astley & Tyldesley 94. **A&T scores:** Radek Handke 17 (plus 1 bonus), Reece Pollitt 16 (1), Damian Zareba 14 (1), Mark Mulvey 13 (1), Luke Jamson 11 (1), Ciaran Collins 9 (1), Paul Graham 8, Lee Phillips 6 (1).

Northern League Division Two: Northumbria 56 Astley & Tyldesley 90. **A&T scores:** Gareth Paine 20, Jon Quarmby 18 (1), Max Evans 17 (3), Ciaran Collins 14 (2), John White 14 (1), Joe Quarmby 7.

Northern League Division Three: Northumbria 29 Astley & Tyldesley 47. **A&T scores:** Joe Quarmby 15, John White 14, Max Evans 10, Max Quarmby 8.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY



ACTION: Reece Pollitt out in front. Pics by Linda Kirkland

Pollitt leads by example in A&T challenge

ASTLEY & Tyldesley enjoyed a successful week's racing, earning one win and three second places in the four multi-team matches ridden.

The Gin Pit side contested round three of the Northern Fours and Junior League series at Heckmondwike, on Sunday.

A&T took a fine second place in the Northern Fours League match.

Reece Pollitt headed a solid scoring quartet, with excellent back up from Luke Jamson, captain Mark Mulvey and Ciaran Collins, as Team Green pipped Bury Comets for second place.

Stockport won the match, to extend their lead at the top.

Northern Fours League result
Stockport 60 Astley & Tyldesley 45 Bury Comets 43
Heckmondwike 35 Hull 26 Bury Meteors 25.
Fours League standings: Stockport 17, Bury Comets 15, Astley & Tyldesley 11, Heckmondwike 9, Hull 8, Bury Meteors 3.

Meanwhile, A&T also took second place in the Northern Junior League match.

Bury ran away with the win on the day, but A&T finished comfortably ahead of the other three teams present. John White, Max Evans and Reece Pollitt all raced to 16 point maximum scores in the u10s, u13s and u19s matches respectively.

Northern Junior League result
Bury 202 Astley & Tyldesley 75 Stockport 43
Heckmondwike 36 Hull 24.
Junior League standings: Bury 15, Astley & Tyldesley 12, Hull 7, Heckmondwike 6, Stockport 5.

Elsewhere, Astley & Tyldesley hosted Round four of the Manchester League Grand Prix series at Gin Pit on Wednesday.

A&T riders dominated the u10s match, with A&T providing the top five scorers, as Charlie Burgess recorded his first ever maximum score.

Joe Quarmby lost only to Burgess, while John White lost only to Quarmby.

The u13s match saw A&T's Max Evans lose only to the unbeaten Stockport rider Michael Preston.

A&T's Reece Pollitt and Sheffield's Adam Watson dropped one point each in the u19s and u16s categories respectively.

Defending Manchester League Division Two champions Astley & Tyldesley made it four wins out of four in this series.

A&T's top five scorers gave a near perfect display, dropping just two points to opposing riders.

On Sunday, A&T play host to Sheffield in a Northern League fixture.

First race starts at 2 pm at the Gin Pit.

Call-ups for duo

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Astley & Tyldesley duo Reece Pollitt and Ciaran Collins are both celebrating junior international selection.

Pollitt, of Gin Pit Village, has been selected to race for the England junior team to compete in the Home International match at Ipswich on Saturday, 11th July.

Racing in the same match, but wearing the colours of Ireland, will be his A&T team mate, Collins, 15, of Hindsford.

Reece is the first A&T rider to represent England Juniors since Damien Hack in 1999, whilst Ciaran is A&T's first Ireland junior international since Phil Moreton, Gavin Creaney and Luke Mather in 1995.

John White, 8, of Winstanley, has also won the Sports Achievement award at the Wigan Education Awards 15 evening.

The award was given in recognition of John's 2014 achievements, which included winning the British u-8 Grand Prix title.

Astley & Tyldesley moved into second place in the Northern League Division 1, after beating Sheffield 100-75, at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Radek Handke and Damian Zareba both raced unbeaten,



John White (far right).

with Reece Pollitt losing only his last race.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 100, Sheffield 75.

A&T scorers: Radek Handke 19 (plus 1 bonus), Reece Pollitt 19, Damian Zareba 16 (4), Mark Mulvey 12 (2), Danny Hughes 11 (2), Luke Jamson 11 (1), Ciaran Collins 9, Gareth Paine 3.

There was a shock in the Division 2 match, as unbeaten A&T lost 71-79 to fourth place Sheffield.

Northern League Division 2 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 71, Sheffield 79.

A&T scorers: Gareth Paine 17 (1), Ciaran Collins 15 (2), Max Evans 13 (2), Jon Quarmby 12, Matt Snell 7, John White 4, Joe Quarmby 3.

A&T maintained their 100% record in Division 3, with

a 105-55 win over Sheffield.

Emily Burgess and John White lost once each, with Matt Snell scoring well on his return from injury, along with Joe Quarmby.

Northern League Division 3 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 105, Sheffield 55.

A&T scorers: Emily Burgess 15, John White 15, Matt Snell 14, Joe Quarmby 14, Charlie Dickinson 10, Charlie Burgess 10, Jack Littler 8, Lucy Grantham 5, Max Quarmby 5, Jonah Clare 5, Finn Boland 4.

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

Max Quarmby, 6, won the round. Frank White, 4, scored a creditable 14 points and beat Adam Traynor in a run-off for 2nd place.

A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix Round 4 result: Max Quarmby 16, Frank White 14, Adam Traynor 14, Charlie Burgess 13, Lucy Grantham 13, Luke Hill 12, Caillen Langlands 12, Emily Burgess 12, Charlie Dickinson 12, Emily Redmond 11, Joe Quarmby 10, Kacper Kupiec 8, Jack Murray 8, Jack Littler 8, Oscar Redmond 8, Ben Forshaw 7.

On Sunday, A&T stage Round 4 of the Northern Fours & Junior League series. First race is at noon at Gin Pit.

A&T move up to second in table

ASTLEY & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club moved into second place in the Northern League Division One, after beating Sheffield 100-75 at Gin Pit.

A&T opened up with two maximum heat wins and this was extended to a 16-point lead.

The outcome was never in doubt, as Sheffield battled hard, but had no answer to an impressive A&T display.

Radek Handke and Damian Zareba both raced unbeaten, with Reece Pollitt losing only in his last race. Former European champion Zareba's bike had been stolen the previous week, but A&T came to the rescue by lending him one of their club bikes, which he adapted to suit his own requirements.

A&T scored solidly down the line. Best rider for Sheffield was veteran Jason Burke, who scored a well-earned 16 points.

Northern League Division One match result:
Astley & Tyldesley 100 Sheffield 75
A&T scorers: Radek Handke 19 (plus one bonus), Reece Pollitt 19, Damian Zareba 16 (4), Mark Mulvey 12 (2), Danny Hughes 11 (2), Luke Jamson 11 (1), Ciaran Collins 9, Gareth Paine 3.

There was a shock in the Division Two match, as unbeaten A&T lost 79-71 to fourth place Sheffield.

Best for A&T were Gareth Paine and Ciaran Collins.

Northern League Division Two match result:
Astley & Tyldesley 71 Sheffield 79
A&T scorers: Gareth Paine 17 (1), Ciaran Collins 15 (2), Max Evans 13 (2), Jon Quarmby 12, Matt Snell 7, John White 4, Joe Quarmby 3.

Pollitt earns Team GB call

REECE Pollitt will become the first Astley and Tyldesley rider to pull on a Great Britain jersey in more than a decade after being picked for the junior team's international against Australia next month.

The 17-year-old will compete in the Ashes test at Leicester, following in the footsteps of Becky Heslop, who raced for Team GB in 2004.

Pollitt kept up his fine recent form, top scoring for A&T in round four of the Northern Fours to help them to a third-placed finish. He also won the under-19s race in the Northern Junior Grand Prix League and came third in the u17s A final at the first national round of the British Youth and Junior League series at Poole.

Joe Quarmby won the u10s and Gareth Paine took the Division Two honours at the Northern Juniors, while John White, aged eight, finished second in the u10s A final in the British League.

Evans is the Northern champion

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway junior Max Evans has just been crowned Under-13s Northern Area Individual champion.

He was part of a team of seven Gin Pit riders who competed in the finals at Hull last Sunday.

In the u10s category, heat three proved to be a decider when John White dropped his only points to eventual winner, Jack Brownell of Sheffield, to score 19 points and take second place overall.

Joe Quarmby scored 17 and finished fourth overall while Charlie Burgess raced hard from a tricky draw to pick up 14 points for his efforts.

The u13s saw Emily Burgess and Max Evans ride for Team Green.

Emily, the youngest and only girl, turned in a fabulous set of results, picking up a terrific win heat three against tough opposition, finishing with a creditable 13 points.

Meanwhile heat nine proved to be the decider for Max Evans and when he passed his rival at the end of lap three it was enough for the maximum 20 points and victory.

Also in action, Reece Pollitt raced to two wins in the u-19s class and he finished with a score of 11.

Mark Mulvey was the lone A&T rider in the veterans match.

He recorded two firsts, a second and a third to bring home 13 points – just missing out on a rostrum placing.

Elsewhere, A&T were crowned Manchester League Division Two champions after successfully defending their title after sealing five wins from five this season.

Division Two result: Astley and Tyldesley 73 Bury 66, Stockport 48 Sheffield 23.
A&T scorers: John White 15, Joe Quarmby 15, Max Evans 15, Jack Little 14, Ciaran Collins 14, Reece Pollitt 13, Charlie Burgess 10, Max Quarmby 8, Emily Burgess 8, Lucy Grantham 6.

Division Two standings: Astley & Tyldesley 21, Bury 15, Stockport 10, Sheffield 8, Heckmondwike 1.

A&T's Reece Pollitt continued his run of excellent form, top scoring in the Division One (senior) match, losing only once.

Defending Division One champions Stockport took the win on the night, to clinch the league title, with Astley and Tyldesley pipping Bury for second place.

Division One result: Stockport 50 Astley & Tyldesley 41 Bury 37 Sheffield 13.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 15, Gareth Paine 10, Ciaran Collins 10, Max Evans 6.

Division One standings: Stockport 19, Astley & Tyldesley 13 (174), Bury 13 (160), Sheffield 5.

Junior riders fly flag for A&T

REECE Pollitt and Ciaran Collins flew the flag for Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway as well as their countries when the two young riders took part in a junior home international at Ipswich.

Both Gin Pit youngsters made their international debuts in the event, with Pollitt, aged 17, excelling for England, and Collins, 15, battling hard for Ireland.

Pollitt scored an impressive 15 points, winning three races and coming second in his other race, while Collins, a St Mary's High School pupil from Hindsford, competed well against some strong opposition.

England ran out convincing winners, while Scotland pipped Wales for second place.

Elsewhere, the Gin Pit hosted round four of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series.

Nine riders contested the event on a very boggy track after torrential downpours just prior to the meeting.

As always, a handicap system was in operation to give the younger riders a sporting chance of success on the night.

Frank White, aged four, took full advantage of that opportunity to record a 16-point maximum score and win the round.

Second place went to Harry Goodier with a very respectable 14 points in tough conditions.

Charlie Burgess and John White, both eight, had a race off for third place, with White joining his younger brother on the podium.

Results
Junior home international: England 61, Scotland 40, Wales 39, Ireland 19.
A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix round four: Frank White 16, Harry Goodier 14, John White 13, Charlie Burgess 13, Lucy Grantham 11, Denby Ashurst 11, Ben Forshaw 11, Luke Hill 10, Jack Murray 9.

Duo in strong World display

ASTLEY and Tyldesley's Reece Pollitt turned in a great performance to finish sixth in the World Junior Individual final at Wednesfield on Sunday.

Reece suffered a disastrous start with a last place off the favoured inside start position in heat one.

But he bounced back to win his next race and earned three more second places to finish with a total of 14 points.

The final was won by Shane Bentley of Australia.

New A&T signing Dawid Bas scored 15 points, to finish in joint fourth. Visit astleycyclespeedway.org.uk for more information.



Reece Politt excelled at the World Junior Individual Final

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Reece's world-class effort

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New A&T signing Dawid Bas scored 15 points to finish in joint 4th place.

A&T's Przemek Binkowski

was in action in the senior semi-final at East Park, also in Wolverhampton, on Saturday.

His 12-point tally saw him miss out on qualification for the final by a solitary point. For more information on cycle speedway, ladies' road rides and leisure rides, visit www.astleycyclespeedway.org.uk



Damian Zareba in action against Hull at the weekend

Title dream is over for Astley and Tyldesley

ASTLEY and Tyldesley's hopes of winning this year's Northern League Division One title ended with a shock 94-80 defeat at bottom of the table Hull.

Despite an excellent unbeaten performance from former European champion Damian Zareba and strong back up from Radek Handle, Reece Pollitt and

Paul Graham, A&T were beaten.

It was a similar story in the Division Two match, as an understrength A&T lost 91-74, despite excellent performances from Mark Grantham, Ciaran Collins and John White.

A&T youngsters dominated the Manchester League u-10 Individual finals at Bury.

John White made the most of his grid one to race away and complete his maximum to take the title, with Joe Quarmby gating round Jack Murray to finish second in the race.

Jack Murray's third place meant that he finished with 17 points, one point behind Charlie, who finished in fourth.

Reece impresses with fourth place finish

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

ASTLEY and Tyldesley had five riders competing in the third National Round of the British Youth and Junior League series at Bury on Saturday.

Reece Pollitt dropped just one point in the u-17 qualifiers to make it through to the

Grand Prix 'A' final, where he finished in 4th place. Ciaran Collins competed, despite riding with a broken hand in a plaster case.

Not surprisingly, his score was down from usual, scoring seven points and winning the Grand Prix 'D' Final.

Earlier in the day, Joe Quarmby scored 13 points in the u-10 qualifiers, before tak-

ing 2nd place in the Grand Prix 'B' final. Younger brother, Max Quarmby, scored nine points in the u-8 qualifiers and went on to finish in 3rd place in the Grand Prix 'C' final.

Lucy Grantham scored five points in the u-8 qualifiers and finished 3rd in the Grand Prix 'D' final.

On Wednesday evening (August 26), Astley and Tyld-

esley host the Manchester League u-13 and u-19 Individual finals. First race at Gin Pit will be shortly after the u-13 registrations close at 7 pm.

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Evans earns podium spot in British final

ASTLEY & Tyldesley's Max Evans turned in a terrific performance to take third place in the British Under-13s Individual Final at Great Blakenham, Suffolk on Sunday.

Max won his opening three races, before lining up against his main rivals in his last two races.

Both times Max was drawn on the less favourable outside starting grid and had to settle for second place on both occasions, to finish with 18 points out of a possible 20.

Stockport's Michael Preston won the title with a 20 points maximum.

Meanwhile, A&T's Reece Pollitt lined up in the British U19 Individual Final.

He won two races, on his way to a score of 13 points, which saw him finish in sixth place.

A&T's John White competed in the British U10 Individual Final at Kesgrave, Suffolk on Saturday.

A last place in his opening ride ended his chances, as he went on to score 10 points and finish in 11th in the competition.



Wednesford Aces celebrate winning the British Team Knockout Cup at the Gin Pit. Picture by Linda Kirkland

Gin Pit hosts British Team Knockout Cup

ASTLEY and Tyldesley's Gin Pit cycle speedway track hosted for the British Team Knockout Cup finals on Sunday.

Hard work by club members ensured the circuit was in top condition, aided by some Brighter Borough Funding from Tyldesley Council.

Wednesfield claimed their third

straight title after breezing past Newport 102-75 in the semi-final before claiming a 94-78 victory over local rivals Birmingham in the final.

Stockport flew the flag for the North West in the last four, but after going into the interval trailing by just two points they collapsed in the second half of

their semi-final against Birmingham, suffering six race exclusions in their 95-76 defeat.

The awards were presented by Tyldesley ward councillors Joanne Marshall and Stephen Hellier, along with A&T club chairman Bill Phillips.

A&T host Northumbria in the Northern League on Sunday.

Gin Pit takes centre stage for cup finals

CYCLING SPEEDWAY

Astley & Tyldesley's Gin Pit Raceway was the venue for the 2015 British Team Knock-out Cup Finals on Sunday.

Hard work by club members in the weeks leading up to the meeting saw the circuit and surrounds in top condition, aided by some Brighter Borough Funding from the Tyldesley Ward Councillors.

Defending champions Wednesfield, of Wolverhampton, made light work of an understrength Newport side to win the first semi-final 102-75.

The South Wales side battled gamely but the West Midlands took the lead early on and gradually extended it throughout the match.

The second semi-final was a much closer affair. Stockport took advantage of two race exclusions to Birmingham riders to lead 45-43 at the interval. There was a dramatic swing in the second half as Stockport collapsed, suffering six race exclusions in the nine races as Birmingham qualified for the final with a convincing 95-76 win.

In the Midlands derby final, Birmingham took a 6-4 heat win in the opening race but Wednesfield immediately



Race action from the British Team Knockout Cup Finals

hit back with a 7-2 in the next race, after World number two Chris Timms was excluded.

Wednesfield put in a typically professional display, with Birmingham suffering two more race exclusions, to take a commanding interval lead of 51-35. Wednesfield were content to hold on to

this lead in the second half, despite suffering two race exclusions, and they ran out emphatic 94-78 winners.

All eight Wednesfield riders scored well in the final, as they equalled Poole's all time record of 13 victories in this competition to lift the magnificent cup for the third suc-

cessive year. The awards were presented by Tyldesley Ward councillors Joanne Marshall and Stephen Hellier, along with A&T chairman Bill Phillips.

The next meeting at Gin Pit is on Sunday, when A&T face Northumbria in a Northern League fixture (2pm).

CYCLE SPEEDWAY



A&T's Danny Hughes (right) in the Division One match. Photo courtesy of Linda Kirkland

Pollitt leads way for Gin Pit in Cumbria

ASTLEY and Tyldesley bounced back to winning ways in the Northern League Division One, after beating Northumbria Vikings 88-80, at Gin Pit.

A&T took heat wins in three of the opening five races to move into a 29-20 lead, but the visitors hit back in heat six when both Northumbria riders came

through on the last bend to take a 7-3 heat win.

A&T hit back with a 6-4 heat win to hold a seven points lead at the interval.

They kept their noses in front during the second half and sealed the points with a 7-3 heat win in heat 17, before the visitors took a consolation 7-3 win.

Reece Pollitt raced unbeaten for A&T and recorded the fastest time of the day, with the others putting in a solid team effort, to hold a lead throughout the match from heat two until the end.

Northern League Division 1 match result
Astley & Tyldesley 88 Northumbria 80
A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 19 (plus 1 bonus), Danny Hughes 16 (1), Paul Graham 12 (2), Mark Grantham 10 (1), Gareth Paine 10, Max Evans 9 (3), Mark Mulvey 9, Charlie Burgess 3.

National and regional success for local riders

LOCAL riders featured prominently on the podium at the culmination of the Northern Junior Grand Prix series and the British Youth and Junior League.

Reece Pollitt, of Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway, finished second in the A final of the u17s national series at Wednesbury on Saturday to

claim third place overall. He followed that up by racing unbeaten in the final race of the regionals at Bury on Sunday to take the Northern u19s title.

St Mary's High School pupil Tom Whitwam, aged 11, who races for Sheffield, finished second overall at the nationals in the u12s before being crowned

Northern u13s champion for the second straight year.

John White, aged eight, finished second overall in the Northern u10s – helping Astley and Tyldesley to second place in the final team event – and came fifth in the final reckoning at the nationals after winning the B final at Wednesbury.

Comets 30.5, Astley & Tyldesley 23, Hull 15, Heckmondwike 14, Bury Meteors 9.

In the Northern Junior Grand Prix, Reece Pollitt raced unbeaten to clinch the Under-19 title. John White also raced unbeaten in the U10 event to secure second place overall in the Northern Grand Prix series.

A&T's second place in the team event secured second place behind Bury in the Northern Junior League table.

Two A & Tyldesley juniors excelled in the fourth and final National Round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Wednesfield.

Reece Pollitt finished second in the U17 Grand Prix 'A' Final, after scoring 14 in the qualifiers. This secured overall third place in the series, putting him on the podium for the second year running.

John White, 8, won the U10 Grand Prix 'B' Final to finish fifth in the overall series.

■ Astley & Tyldesley secured third place in the Northern Fours League table, by taking third place in the sixth and final round in Bury.

Reece Pollitt was in top form for A&T, dropping just one point from his four rides.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 15, Mark Mulvey 11, Max Evans 7, Gareth Paine 5, Mark Grantham 3.

Final Fours League standings: Stockport 34.5, Bury

Evans leads the way for A&T in loss

ASTLEY and Tyldesley were disappointed as Bury made it a clean-sweep over their rivals after winning three of their matches.

In the Division One match, the hosts took the lead with a 6-4 heat win in the opening race and were never headed after that.

Bury pulled away to win convincingly 105-73, with A&T's only consolation being a 7-2 heat win in the last race.

Damian Zareba returned to the A&T side and was in great form, losing only to Bury's Chris Parish in heat seven. Veterans Mark Mulvey and Paul Graham provided good back up for A&T, while Parish rode unbeaten for the home team.

In the end it finished 105-73 to Bury with Zareba being the top-scorer with 18 points.

The Division Two match saw Bury ride to a 92-57 win. Max Evans (15 points) won two races for A&T.

There was a record turnout of 35 riders for the Division Three match for u13s riders.

A&T's misery was completed when Bury sealed the hat-trick winning 206-148.

Despite this defeat, A&T maintain their position at the top of the table. Max Evans raced unbeaten for A&T, with Emily Burgess losing only once and battling bravely after taking a heavy fall.

The Gin Pin side fielded several new riders and they all enjoyed the experience of competing in a match.

A&T scorers: Max Evans 16, Emily Burgess 15, Matt Snell 14, John White 14, Joe Quarmby 12, Charlie Burgess 12, Jack Murray 11, Jay Jay Meakin (nine), Max Quarmby (seven), Bliss Meakin (seven), Kaylon Lees (seven), Lucy Grantham (six), Frank White (six), Laura Snell (five), Aidan Green (four), Jake Walsh (three).

High five Pollitt

REECE Pollitt held off a strong challenge from Astley and Tyldesley team manager Paul Graham to win a fifth successive senior title at the cycle speedway club's individual championships.

Graham took second place overall, with Max Evans finishing third.

John White raced to a 20-point maximum score, which included a new personal best time, to win the junior event.

He inflicted the only defeat of the match on his nearest rival, Emily Burgess, when the two riders met in heat 18.

Emily took the runner-up slot, with a score of 19 points, while her younger brother, Charlie Burgess, finished third with 18 points.

ROUND-UP

Stockport win title at Gin Pit

STOCKPORT claimed their sixth straight Northern League Division One title at Gin Pit on Saturday as they recorded a 99-76 victory over Astley and Tyldesley.

A&T took an early lead in their final home match of the season and were 11-8 up after two races.

Exclusions followed for Reece Pollitt and Lee Phillips in the next two races and Stockport took a lead they never surrendered.

Damian Zareba turned in a great performance, though, starting from the less favourable grids and pulling off some superb passes. His only defeat was at the hands of former British champion Terry Norman in the last heat.

Zareba's best support came from Pollitt and team manager Paul Graham.

Stockport conceded 57 penalty points after fielding three ineligible riders for the Division Two match. A&T's youngsters quickly piled up the points necessary to secure the match victory, running out 123-84 winners.

A&T also ran out convincing winners in the Division Three match, easily seeing off Stockport by 134-26. Charlie Burgess and newcomer Bliss Meakin top scored for Team Green.

They remain at the top of the table and will clinch the Division Three title for the third year running if they win their final match at Heckmondwike next Sunday.

The club enjoyed a terrific night of success at the Believe Wigan Sports Awards, taking four honours.

They scooped the big prize of Club of the Year in their 25th anniversary season.

Social secretary and assistant team manager Janine Paine won Volunteer of the Year, junior team manager Will Evans took runners-up spot in the Coach of the Year category, and A&T's junior cycle speedway team were awarded third place in the Team of the Year.

Northern League Division One: A&T 76 Stockport 99. A&T scorers: Damian Zareba 18 (plus one bonus), Paul Graham 11 (1), Reece Pollitt 11, Mark Mulvey 9 (1), Mark Grantham 9, Max Evans 8 (1), Lee Phillips 5 (1), Gareth Paine 5.

Division Two: A&T 123 Stockport 84. A&T scorers: Matt Snell 15 (2), Mark Grantham 14, Max Evans 12, John White 10 (1), Emily Burgess 6, Charlie Burgess 5, Jack Murray 4.

Division Three: A&T 134 Stockport 26. A&T scorers: Charlie Burgess 13, Bliss Meakin 13, Emily Burgess 12, Jack Murray 11, Jay Jay Meakin 10, John White 10, Kalon Lees 10, Finn Boland 10, Max Evans 9, Matt Snell 9, Frank White 8, Lucy Grantham 8, Jake Walsh 6, Aidan Green 5.



Astley and Tyldesley junior team and coach Will Evans with the Division Three trophy. Picture by Janine Paine

Third straight league title for A&T juniors

ASTLEY and Tyldesley ran out easy winners in both matches in the final Northern League fixture of the cycle speedway season at Heckmondwike.

A resounding 143-48 victory for the third team was enough to secure a third straight Division Three title.

John White raced to a 16-point

maximum score, with Nathan Holt claiming 14 points in his first ever match.

The first team also rode to a comfortable 88-59 victory in their Division One match.

Basement club Heckmondwike's only heat win came late on in the match when A&T fielded both reserves.

Damian Zareba, Reece Pollitt and Paul Graham all raced unbeaten.

The result ensured A&T finished fourth in the league.

Elsewhere, Gareth Paine capped off a great first full season in cycle speedway by winning the Northern Division Two Grand Prix series.

Volunteer prize

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycling Club official Janine Paine has won the Greater Manchester Sports Volunteer of the Year Award.

She is a tireless and dedicated official for the club and was delighted at scooping the gong at the presentation event at The Point, Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester last Friday.

A group of A&T club members enjoyed the evening, with the A&T club being one of the 10 finalists in the club of the year category.

Secretary honoured with award

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycling Club secretary has been awarded volunteer of the year at this year's Greater Manchester Sports Awards, organised by GreaterSport. Social secretary Janine Paine also

runs the catering cabin, collects subscriptions and attends every away match.

She fills the role of Pits Marshal at home matches and is the team manager for the club's regional and county league teams.

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Bolton sports stars and clubs are honoured at Greater Manchester Awards ceremony

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By Robert Kelly

SPORTS teams and individuals were flying the flag for Bolton at the Greater Manchester Sports Awards last week.

Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club official Janine Paine was one of the lucky winners after beating stiff competition in the Volunteer of the Year category award.

The prize was a richly deserved award for Janine, who is a tireless and dedicated official for the club and she picked the title from British Olympian Beth Tweddle.

She was representing Wigan Borough as she won the gong ahead of Westhoughton Lions coach Geoff Sheelan.

The awards night took place at The Point, Old Trafford Cricket Ground, Manchester, on Friday, with more than 600 people present, who enjoyed a great night's celebration of sports personnel.

All of the Bolton representatives took their place at the ceremony after being recognised as the winners from the area at the district stage.

Tracey Jackson from Bolton Majorettes as she was up for the coach of the year title, while Bolton Gymnastics Club were in the battling it out for the club of the year.

Emma Spurling of Bolton Trampoline Club had booked her place at the event in the unsung hero of the year category while Kayli English represented Bolton in the disabled sports achiever of the year for her cycling exploits winning three silver medals at the national championships in a racing wheelchair.

While Anne Collier was in the running for the changing lifestyle title.

Talented cricketer Josh Bohannon was presented with a certificate recognising his achievements with Lancashire second team and junior sides.

Speaking about the ceremony, Westhoughton Lions coach Sheelan said: "It was really nice to be alongside some top sports individuals and coaches from other areas. It was great experience."

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