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Hack's award

ASTLEY & Tyldesley have begun their pre-season training, in readiness for the cycle speedway season which starts on Sunday 13 March, when A&T visit the defending Northern League champions, Stockport.

Meanwhile A&T official Mike Hack was presented with the Dave Blinston Cup, for winning the 2015 Cycle Speedway National Referee of the Year award.

The cup was presented by British Cycling Vice President Colin Docker, at the recent Commissaires Conference in Bristol.

Hack had previously won the award in 2012.

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ROUND-UP

A&T open with a defeat

ASTLEY & Tyldesley opened the 2016 cycle speedway season with a visit to Stockport on Sunday for a Northern League fixture.

In the Division 1 match, defending champions Stockport ran out easy winners, 106-69. Reece Pollitt top scored for A&T, dropping just two points, with Damian Zareba winning two races.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Stockport 106 Astley & Tyldesley 69.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 18, Damian Zareba 13 (plus 1 bonus), Max Evans 8, Ciaran Collins 7, Mark Grantham 7, Gareth Paine 6 (1), Matt Snell 6, Lee Phillips 4.

A&T ran out easy winners in the Division 2 match, 126-81. Stockport conceded 57 penalty points for fielding three ineligible riders.

Matt Snell top scored for A&T, with the rest of the team all chipping in with vital contributions.

Northern League Division 2 match result:

Stockport 81 Astley & Tyldesley 126

A&T scorers: Matt Snell 17, Ciaran Collins 14, Mark Grantham 12, John White 10 (3), Max Evans 10 (1), Emily Burgess 6 (1).

A&T began their defence of the Division 3 title with a 126-0 white wash, as the home team failed to field a single rider. John White raced unbeaten, with Emily Burgess dropping just one point to John. Nathan Holt recovered well from a fall, with Josh Parkinson scoring well in his first match.

Northern League Division 3 match result:

Stockport 0 Astley & Tyldesley 110.

A&T scorers: John White 16, Emily Burgess 15, Charlie Burgess 13, Jack Murray 13, Nathan Holt 11, Jack Littler 11, Josh Parkinson 11, Lucy Grantham 8, Frank White 7, Aidan Green 5.

Astley & Tyldesley have been recognised at two recent events. Club founder Mike Hack won the Special Recognition Award at British Cycling's Go-Ride Clubs Conference at Manchester Velodrome, with the Astley & Tyldesley Club runner-up in British Cycling's Go-Ride Club of the Year category.

Mike Hack subsequently won the Lifetime Achievement Award, at Sport Leigh's inaugural Sports Volunteers evening at the Turnpike Gallery, Leigh.

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Convincing wins for A&T

ASTLEY & Tyldesley came away from West Yorkshire with two convincing Northern League wins.

A&T took a maximum 7-3 heat win in the first race of the Division 1 match and controlled throughout, running out convincing 89-59 winners.

Reece Pollitt and Damian Zareba were both unbeaten by an opponent, with solid scores from the rest of the team. Special mention goes to youngsters Max Evans and Matt Snell, who stepped up into the first team and performed really well, both lads winning races.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Heckmondwike 59 Astley & Tyldesley 89.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 18 (plus 2 bonus), Paul Graham 17, Damian Zareba 16 (4), Max Evans 14 (2), Mark Grantham 13 (1), Matt Snell 11.

A&T took a convincing win in the Division 3 match, 65-11, to remain unbeaten in the league. John White raced to a 16 points maximum score, with excellent support from Nathan Holt and Jack Littler.

Northern League Division three match result: Heckmondwike 11 Astley & Tyldesley 65

A&T scorers: John White 16, Nathan Holt 14, Jack Littler 13, Frank White 8, Lucy Grantham 8, Aiden Green 6.

John White put in a terrific performance in the U14 Individual event of the East Park 10th Anniversary meeting at Wolverhampton on Saturday.

At nine, John was the youngest rider in the event, but he pulled off some superb passes on the biggest track in the country, to take overall second place in the match.

Gin Pit on track

WORK is progressing well on the re-build of the Astley and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club track at Gin Pit.

Contractors have spent the past fortnight ripping out the track edging stones, concrete and safety fence.

The remodelled track has been marked out and the levels set, ready for the construction of the new banked circuit. Works are due to be completed at the end of April.

The women's section, led by Denise Bailey-Scott, are organising leisure road rides every Saturday from the car park at the Bull's Head, 504 Manchester Road, Astley, at 8.30am.

Alternatively, riders can join the group at the Greyhound roundabout in Leigh, at the junction of the A580 and A574, at 8.45am.

Visit astleycyclespeedway.org.uk for more details or contact Denise at denbailey@hotmail.co.uk.

The Astley and Tyldesley Cycling Club are delighted to announce that they have been successful in securing funding with assistance from British Cycling to re-build the Gin Pit Cycle Speedway Track.

The current Gin Pit Track was built 25 years ago, by three volunteers, on a shoestring budget, when the club first started.

The funding package will allow the track to be rebuilt and re-profiled to modern standards, with new fencing, drainage and shale which will improve the experience for all riders.

Astley and Tyldesley are a British Cycling Go-Ride Accredited Club and have held Sport England Clubmark status since 2005, demonstrating a long-term commitment to developing cycling for young people. They have also recently formed a women's section.

Club secretary and founder member Mike Hack said: "This is a massive boost for the club. The new track will mean that our race circuit will be of a comparable standard to most other cycle speedway tracks in the UK, which were built by local authorities to professional construction standards.

"Club members will not need to spend as much time maintaining and repairing the track, thereby freeing them up for more coaching and development work.

"The club will benefit from having reduced maintenance and repair costs, whilst club members and visiting riders will enjoy riding on a better facility."

The work is planned to be completed within six weeks.

In the meantime, Astley and Tyldesley have swapped their home fixtures during this period.

Pollitt five wins

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club riders enjoyed a busy weekend in Sheffield, with mixed results across three fixtures.

A&T were beaten 92-88 in the Northern League Division One match, despite opening up a six-point lead after four heats.

Reece Pollitt won his five races, while Damian Zareba combined well with his teammates for three heat wins.

They fared much better in the Division Two clash, with Ciaran Collins starring in an 82-66 win.

The youngsters won four of the first five races, with Collins racing unbeaten and being backed up ably by Matt Snell, Max Evans and Mark Grantham.

The Division Three clash was a much tighter affair, but A&T defied a numerical disadvantage to secure a 76-72 win thanks in no small part to 15 points each from Snell, Nathan Holt and John White.

Astley & Tyldesley's juniors impressed in the first Northern round of the British Youth and Junior League series, finishing in second place behind Bury.

Easy double

ASTLEY & Tyldesley rode to an easy double of wins in Sunday's Northern League fixture against Glasgow. A&T raced this home fixture at Stockport, whilst the Gin Pit circuit is being re-built.

In the Division 2 match, Glasgow opened up with a maximum 7-3 heat win, but A&T hit back in the best possible way with three successive 7-3 wins of their own, to take control of the match and never look back. A&T ran out convincing 88-61 winners, with all six riders scoring well. For Glasgow, multi British age category Champion, Carl Jarvis, raced unbeaten, but his team mates struggled to match the impressive A&T riders.

Northern League Division 2: Astley & Tyldesley 88 Glasgow 61

A&T scorers: Gareth Paine 18 (plus 1 bonus), Max Evans 15 (2), Mark Grantham 15 (1), Matt Snell 14, Ciaran Collins 13 (4), Lee Phillips 13 (3).

Glasgow didn't field any riders in the Division 3 fixture, so A&T ran up an easy win to preserve their 100% record in this division. Nathan Holt and Charlie Burgess only dropped points to each other, with Jack Murray losing only to Holt.

Northern League Division 3 match result

Astley & Tyldesley 72 Glasgow 0.

A&T scorers: Nathan Holt 15, Charlie Burgess 15, Jack Murray 14, Jack Littler 10, Lucy Grantham 10, Aiden Green 8.

A&T's youngsters put in an impressive display in the 2nd North Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Bury on Saturday.

Team Green finished in second place, behind the home side, to remain in one of the two qualifying places for the National Rounds in the summer.

ROUND-UP

Depleted A&T are defeated

ASTLEY & Tyldesley were in Northern League action at Hull on Sunday.

In the Division 1 match, A&T had several first choice riders missing and the home side took full advantage to record a convincing 107-71 victory. Reece Pollitt was in great form for A&T, only losing to three times British Champion Andy Angell in the last heat, but having the satisfaction of beating Angell in heat 11. Ciaran Collins won two races, with Mark Grantham and Matt Snell scoring well. Hull were solid scoring, from 1 to 8 and the result was never in doubt after they took the lead in the opening race.

Hull 107 Astley & Tyldesley 71:
Scorers: Reece Pollitt 19, Ciaran Collins 14, Mark Grantham 10, Matt Snell 10, Max Evans 7 (plus 1 bonus), Lee Phillips 6 (1), Lucy Grantham 4, Gareth Paine.

A&T kept up their 100 percent record in the Division 2 match, winning comfortably 83-63. This was despite a disastrous heat 10, which saw both Mark Grantham and Nathan Holt ruled out of the rest of the match, after crashing heavily in separate incidents. Matt Snell lost only to Jack Lister in his last race, with great team riding from Ciaran Collins.

Lee Phillips raced unbeaten in his three rides, with Max Evans unbeaten after a first race start exclusion.

Hull 63 Astley & Tyldesley 83,
scorers: Matt Snell 19, Max Evans 16, Ciaran Collins 15 (3), Lee Phillips 10 (2), John White 10 (1), Mark Grantham 8, Lucy Grantham 3, Nathan Holt 2.

A&T started the Division 3 match with a numerical disadvantage to Hull. Once again, the juniors rose to the occasion and put in a fighting display to run out 49-41 winners and maintain their 100 percent record. Matt Snell and John White, on his return from injury, were both unbeaten, with Lucy Grantham and Frank White scoring the valuable points necessary to secure victory.

Hull 41 Astley & Tyldesley 49, A&T scorers: John White 16, Matt Snell 16, Lucy Grantham 10, Frank White 7.

Reece Pollitt finished in 7th place in the Dave Blinston Memorial Trophy meeting at Stockport on Saturday. Andy Angell was the overall winner.

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ROUND-UP

Great show

A&T's youngsters turned in a great showing in the third North Regional Round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Hull on Saturday.

Team Green finished in 2nd place, behind Sheffield, to remain in one of the two qualifying places for the National Rounds in the summer. John White scored a great 16 points maximum and won the u-10 Grand Prix 'A' Final. Later on, Ciaran Collins won the u-17 Grand Prix 'A' Final. There were 3rd places for Charlie Burgess, Emily Burgess and Max Evans, in the u-10, u-12 and u-14 Grand Prix 'A' Finals respectively. Frank White took 4th place in u-8 Grand Prix 'A' Final.

British Youth & Junior League North Regional Round 3 match result, Sheffield 112 Astley & Tyldesley 99 Bury 91 Hull 81 Stockport 28.

A&T scorers: John White 16, Charlie Burgess 15, Emily Burgess 15, Max Evans 13, Jack Murray 12, Frank White 11, Ciaran Collins 9, Lucy Grantham 8.

Current British Youth & Junior League North Group standings (1 round remaining) - Bury 11 Astley & Tyldesley 10 Sheffield 9 Stockport 3 Hull 2.

Astley & Tyldesley's injury woes piled up as they raced at Heckmondwike in the 2nd Round of the Northern Fours & Junior League series on Sunday. With Max Evans the latest rider to be injured, in the preceding Junior match, A&T lined up with a very young team for the Senior Fours League match. Not surprisingly, A&T finished 6th in the six teams match. Ciaran Collins top scored for A&T with an impressive performance.

Northern Fours League Round 2 result

Bury Comets 56 Stockport 50 Heckmondwike 41 Hull 33 Bury Meteors 30 Astley & Tyldesley 27.

A&T scorers: Ciaran Collins 12, Matt Snell 5, John White 5, Emily Burgess 5.

A&T's youngsters took 2nd place in the Junior League match, for the second successive round. After winning his opening race, Max Evans suffered a nasty gash to his knee when crashing in his 2nd ride and he was taken to hospital for treatment. John White and Ciaran Collins both raced unbeaten in the u-10 and u-16 matches respectively. There were impressive performances from Charlie Burgess and Emily Burgess.

Northern Junior League Round 2: Bury 122 Astley & Tyldesley 73 Hull 62 Heckmondwike 46 Sheffield 41 Stockport 35.

A&T scorers: John White 16, Ciaran Collins 16, Charlie Burgess 14, Emily Burgess 13, Lucy Grantham 6, Frank White 4, Max Evans 4.

Astley & Tyldesley will be staging the opening match of the new Gin Pit circuit on Wednesday 25 May, 7 pm start, with Round 1 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series.

76 races completed at the Gin Pit

ASTLEY & Tyldesley hosted Round 3 of the Northern Fours & Junior League series at Gin Pit on Sunday.

Fifty eight riders competed, with slick organisation resulting in 76 races completed in well under four hours.

In the Fours League, the joint leaders Bury Comets and Stockport were level on 27 apiece at the half way stage, with A&T in 3rd place.

Two second half race exclusions for Bury's James Elston proved costly, as Stockport took a 4 points win over Bury Comets, with A&T a further 4 points adrift in 3rd place. Reece Pollitt raced to a fine 16 points maximum score for A&T, clocking the fastest time of the day, with good support from youngsters Max Evans and Ciaran Collins.

Northern Fours League match result.

Stockport 51 Bury Comets 47 Astley & Tyldesley 43 Hull 34 Heckmondwike 30 Bury Meteors 25.

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 16, Max Evans 11, Ciaran Collins 10, Ron Makin 4, Gareth Paine 2.

Bury had won the opening two rounds of the Junior League, but they were pushed hard all the way by Astley & Tyldesley this time, before taking a narrow victory.

A&T's John White raced unbeaten in the u-10s match, as did his team mates Matt Snell in the u-13s match and Reece Pollitt in the u-19s category. A&T's regular youngsters turned in impressive performances, with four youngsters making their debuts in the u-10s event - Tom Beeley, Owen Hutchinson, Ellis Hutchinson and Sabrina Evans.

Northern Junior League match result

Bury 194 Astley & Tyldesley 182 Sheffield 42 Stockport 31 Heckmondwike 30 Hull 27.

A&T scorers: John White 16, Matt Snell 16, Reece Pollitt 16, Charlie Burgess 15, Emily Burgess 13, Gareth Paine 13, Jack Murray 12, Max Evans 12, Frank White 10, Ciaran Collins 10, Ron Makin 9, Ellis Hutchinson 8, Josh Parkinson 8, Aiden Green 7, Owen Hutchinson 6, Tom Beeley 5, Sabrina Evans 4, Jack Littler 2.

The next match at Gin Pit is on Tuesday, 21 June, 5.30 pm registration, when A&T stage Round 2 of the A&T Go-Ride Grand Prix series.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

Maximum for White and Burgess

ASTLEY & Tyldesley travelled to Stockport for Round 3 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series on Wednesday evening.

A&T's John White and Charlie Burgess both raced to 16 points maximum scores in the u10s match, with Jack Murray unbeaten by an opposition rider.

A&T's Matt Snell top scored in the u13s category, losing only in his last race. Both Emily Burgess and Ciaran Collins posted good scores in the u13 and u16 matches respectively.

A&T's Reece Pollitt was unbeaten in the u-19s category.

In the Division 2 match score, taken from each club's top five scorers from the u10, u13, u16 and u19 categories, Astley & Tyldesley equalled the record score of 77 points, set by A&T in 2014, to win on the night.

In a tremendous team performance, A&T's top 5 scorers only dropped one point to an opposition rider all night.

Manchester League Division 2 match result (top 5 scorers count to each team's total).

Astley & Tyldesley 77 Bury 70 Stockport 40 Sheffield 14

A&T scorers: Charlie Burgess 16, John White 16, Reece Pollitt 16, Matt Snell 15, Jack Murray 14, Emily Burgess 13, Ciaran Collins 13, Max Evans 11, Lucy Grantham 10, Frank White 7, Sabrina Evans 5.

Team standings after three rounds - Astley & Tyldesley 11.5, Bury 9.5, Stockport 6, Sheffield 3.

Stockport's Terry Norman raced unbeaten in the Senior (Division 1) match.

A&T's Reece Pollitt won his first three races, before finishing third in his last race.

Bury took their third successive team win in the Division 1 match.

Manchester League Division 1 match result (top 5 scorers count to each team's total). Bury 44 Stockport 39 Astley & Tyldesley 32.

Scorers: Reece Pollitt 14, Ciaran Collins 11, Gareth Paine 7.

Team standings after three rounds - Bury 9, Stockport 6, Astley & Tyldesley 3.

ROUND-UP

White shines for A&T

ASTLEY & Tyldesley staged Round 4 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series, on Wednesday evening at Gin Pit.

In the u10s match, A&T's John White rode to his fourth successive maximum score in this series. A&T's Jack Murray lost only to John White, whilst John's 5 year old brother Frank put him a storming display to score 13 points.

Both A&T's Matt Snell and Sheffield's Tom Whitwam raced unbeaten in the u13s match. The u16 and u19 categories were combined with points subsequently adjusted.

A&T's Reece Pollitt won all his four races on the track in the u19s category.

Three u16 riders joint top scored, each with 15 points - Stockport's Devon Campbell, Bury's James Elston and A&T's Ciaran Collins.

In the team event, A&T equalled their record score in this competition, with only one of their top scoring 5 riders dropping a point to an opposition rider.

Manchester League Division 2 match result Astley & Tyldesley 77 Bury 60 Stockport 45 Sheffield 16

A&T scorers: John White 16, Matt Snell 16, Reece Pollitt 16, Ciaran Collins 15, Jack Murray 14, Frank White 13, Josh Parkinson 12, Lucy Grantham 12, Emily Burgess 10, Max Evans 10, Sabrina Evans 7, Ethan Davies 7, Aiden Green 5.

Team standings after 4 rounds - Astley & Tyldesley 15.5, Bury 12.5, Stockport 8, Sheffield 4.

There was a lower turnout than usual in the Seniors (Division 1) match, but the racing was still hotly contested.

Stockport's Ben Higham top scored with 14 points, as Stockport took their first team win of the season.

Manchester League Division 1 match result.

Stockport 34 Bury 28 Astley & Tyldesley 12

A&T scorer: Reece Pollitt 12.

Team standings after 4 rounds - Bury 11, Stockport 9, Astley & Tyldesley 4.

Astley & Tyldesley had 8 riders competing in the 1st national round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Leicester on Saturday.

Two A&T riders, John White and Max Evans, won their respective events, at u10 and u14 level.

A&T's two 5 year olds, Aiden Green and Frank White turned in great performances in their first national event in the u8s match, with both riders winning races.

Unlucky Charlie Burgess had to miss the competition, after breaking his arm midweek.

On Sunday (3rd July) Astley & Tyldesley entertain league champions Stockport in a Northern League fixture at Gin Pit. First race is at 2 pm.

Champions

ASTLEY & Tyldesley have clinched the Manchester League Division 2 title for the third successive year.

The A&T junior squad took the win in Round 5 of the Manchester League Grand Prix series, at Bury. In the u10s match, A&T's John White and Jack Murray both rode to 16 points maximum scores.

The u13s category saw A&T's Matt Snell lose once, to jointly top score on 15 points.

A&T's Reece Pollitt raced to a 16 points maximum in the u19s event, as A&T secured the Division 2 title, with one round still to go.

Manchester League Div 2 match result.

Astley & Tyldesley 75 Bury 63 Stockport 48 Sheffield 15

A&T scorers: John White 16, Jack Murray 16, Reece Pollitt 16, Matt Snell 15, Emily Burgess 12, Lucy Grantham 11.

Ethan Davies 8, Frank White 8, Josh Parkinson 8, Aiden Green 7.

Team standings after 5 rounds - Astley & Tyldesley 19.5, Bury 15.5, Stockport 10, Sheffield 5.

In the Seniors (Division 1) match, Stockport took the team win, to cut Bury's lead to 1 point, with 1 round remaining.

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

Stockport 34 Bury 31 Astley & Tyldesley 13

A&T scorer: Reece Pollitt 13.

Team standings after 5 rounds - Bury 13, Stockport 12, Astley & Tyldesley 5.

In the Individual Grand Prix standings after 5 rounds, John White clinched the u-10s title, with Reece Pollitt securing the u19s series.

With one round remaining, Matt Snell leads the u-13s category and Reece Pollitt heads the Senior series.

A youthful A&T squad lined up for Round 4 of the Northern Fours League at Hull on Sunday. In a tightly contested match, A&T were set to take 4th place, but a disputed race exclusion for Reece Pollitt in his last ride proved costly for A&T.

Victories for A&T riders

ASTLEY & Tyldesley enjoyed a terrific day of success at the Northern Individual Championships at Bury on Sunday.

A&T had riders competing in all seven categories and finished with two champions and riders placed on the rostrum in six of the seven events.

John White won all his five races in the u-10s match, to take the Northern u-10s title, with a 20 points maximum score.

Team mate Reece Pollitt made it a double success for A&T later in the afternoon, in winning the Northern u-19s title.

In the other categories, Emily Burgess overcame a heavy fall to take third place in the u-13s event, before taking second place in the Women's championship.

Paul Graham put in a sterling effort to finish runner-up in the Veterans competition.

Reece Pollitt capped an excellent day's racing for A&T, with an excellent third place in the Senior Final.

There were plenty of other strong showings from A&T riders, with several riders narrowly missing out on podium positions.

Jack Murray and Nathan Holt were joint fourth in the u-10s event, John White lost a third place run-off in the u-13s match, whilst Max Evans suffered the same fate in the u-16s category.

Reece Pollitt scored 9 points for England on Saturday, as England overcame a strong challenge from Wales to win the Junior Home International

match at Hull on Saturday. England took the honours on 53 points, ahead of Wales on 51, Scotland 38 and Ireland 28.

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A&T winners

ASTLEY & Tyldesley had two winners at the second National Round of the British Youth & Junior League series at Southampton on Saturday.

Four A&T riders made the long trip to the south coast, for a meeting in hot sunshine on a dry and dusty track.

John White raced unbeaten in the u-10s qualifiers, before winning the Grand Prix 'A' Final, for the second successive round. In the u14s event, Max Evans took his second successive Grand Prix 'A' Final win of the series.

This means that both John and Max currently lead the national standings at their respective age groups.

Five-year old Frank White beat plenty of older opponents, to finish 11th in the u8s event, after taking third place in the Grand Prix 'C' Final.

Jack Murray was unlucky to take a heavy fall in the u-10s 'D' Final.

CYCLE SPEEDWAY

Grand Prix joy

ASTLEY & Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club riders were in action at Stockport in the sixth and final round of the Manchester League Grand Prix series.

A&T won the Division Two title for the third successive year.

In the under 10s match, A&T's Jack Murray rode to a 16 points maximum score to take second place in the overall series behind his teammate John White, who had already clinched the series.

The under 13s category saw the series leader, A&T's Matt Snell, away on holiday and consequently he slipped to third place in the final standings.

After illness Ciaran Collins eased his way back in with a 14 points score, to finish third overall in the under 16s series.

Reece Pollitt won his four races to finish as the under 19s series winner.

In the team event, Bury pipped A&T on the night but A&T had already won the Division Two title for the third successive year.

In the seniors Division One match, GP series leader Pollitt rode steadily to score 12 points to secure the overall series title.

Pollitt was a member of the England team which won the European Junior Team Cup at Poole.

He won two races on his way to an impressive 13 points score.

Pollitt also raced for Great Britain in a junior test win against Poland, scoring 10 points.

A&T's Przemek Binkowski took the bronze medal in the European Championships individual final at Poole, scoring 15 points.

Przemek was a member of the Poland team which won the European Team Cup.

Missing out

ASTLEY & Tyldesley had four riders in action at the British Individual Championships on Saturday.

The South West tracks were badly hit by torrential rain and thunderstorms, which made conditions challenging.

All four riders put in great performances, but just missed out on rostrum places.

In the u10 Boys Final at Horspath, Oxford, John White won his first three races, but suffered falls in his last two, whilst challenging for the lead on both occasions.

His 14 points total saw him finish in 6th place.

Next up was the u13 Girls final.

Emily Burgess turned in a consistent performance, to get a 15 points score and a 5th place finish.

Matt Snell had a bad draw in the u13 Boys Final, but he put in a great effort to score 16 points and take 4th place.

The O40s Final at Swindon had to be delayed as a flooded track was cleared of water.

When racing resumed, Paul Graham registered an impressive 15 points score, to finish in 5th place.

On Sunday, 4 September, Astley & Tyldesley take on Sheffield in a Northern League fixture at Gin Pit, 2 pm start.

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Astley & Tyldesley have two more champions!

AT Gt Blakenham, Suffolk on Saturday, John White won the British Youth & Junior League u-10 series and Max Evans won the British Youth & Junior League u-14 series.

John took to the track as the series leader.

He won all his four qualifying races, before taking first place in the Grand Prix 'A' Final, to clinch the British u-10 Grand Prix title.

It was an identical situation for Max, as he extended his series lead, by winning his four qualifying races and then taking victory in the Grand Prix 'A' Final, to win the u-14 title.

Both riders won three of this year's four national rounds, oddly, only losing out on their home Astley & Tyldesley track in Round 3.

A&T's other four riders all put in great performances on the day. Ciaran Collins showed just what he can do when fit, by taking 3rd place in the u-17 Grand Prix 'A' Final.

Emily Burgess finished in 8th place in the u-12 event, as did Frank White in the u-8 match, with Aiden Green finishing 12th in the u-8 category.

John and Max's success brings the number up to 17 British title winners at the A&T club, all riders having started with the club as complete beginners and progressing to winning British titles.

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Great display

ASTLEY & Tyldesley riders were in action at Bury, for the final round of the Northern Fours and Junior League series, on Sunday.

A&T put in a great display in the Fours League match, to take 2nd place, just two points behind Bury Comets. Reece Pollitt rode to a 16 points maximum score, with excellent support from Max Evans and Ciaran Collins and a steady showing from Mark Grantham.

Northern Fours League Round 6 result

Bury Comets 50 Astley & Tyldesley 48 Stockport 42 Bury Meteors 35 Heckmondwike 29 Hull 29

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 16, Max Evans 13, Ciaran Collins 12, Mark Grantham 7.

Final league positions: Stockport 33 Bury Comets 30 Hull 20.5 Astley & Tyldesley 17 Heckmondwike 13 Bury Meteors 12.5

The Junior League match saw Bury take their sixth successive win and A&T take their sixth successive 2nd place.

However, the Individual Grand Prix titles were up for grabs. A&T's John White rode to a 16 points maximum to seal the u-10 GP series,

with Nathan Holt also riding to a 16 points maximum in the u-10 match. Matt Snell lost only to Emily Burgess in the u-13 match, with

Emily's 12 points securing a third place finish in the u-13 GP series. Ciaran Collins suffered a start exclusion in one race,

but a 2nd place in his last race was sufficient for him to win the u-16 GP series by a single point.

Reece Pollitt raced unbeaten in the u-19 match, to finish second overall in the u-19 GP series.

Northern Junior League Round 6 result

Bury 180 Astley & Tyldesley 141 Stockport 36 Hull 25 Heckmondwike 16.

A&T scorers: Nathan Holt 16, John White 16, Reece Pollitt 16, Matt Snell 15, Max Evans 14, Mark Grantham 13, Charlie Burgess 12, Emily Burgess 12, Aiden Green 10, Ciaran Collins 10, Frank White 7.

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CYCLE-SPEEDWAY

Astley & Tyldesley ride to a clean sweep

ASTLEY & Tyldesley made it a clean sweep of three wins in Sunday's Northern League fixture against Hull, at Gin Pit. A cagey opening four races saw A&T hold a 20-18 lead in the Division 1 match.

Two maximum race wins followed, as A&T took control of the match and they rounded off with six successive heat wins to record an emphatic 89-57 win. Max Evans rode to his first ever 20 points maximum score in a 1st team match. Reece Pollitt also raced unbeaten, Paul Graham lost just once, with solid scores from the rest of the team.

Northern League Division 1 match result: Astley & Tyldesley 89 Hull

57.

A&T scorers: Max Evans 20, Reece Pollitt 18 (plus 2 bonus), Paul Graham 16 (3), Mark Grantham 16 (1), Ciaran Collins 10 (3), Emily Burgess 9.

Hull fielded an ineligible rider in the Division 2 match, so despite Hull winning 81-68 on the track, the 20 penalty points incurred meant that A&T ran out 88-81 winners.

Max Evans again raced to a 20 points maximum, with good scores from Mark Grantham and Ciaran Collins.

A&T remain in 2nd place in the Division 2 table.

Northern League Division 2 match result.

Astley & Tyldesley 88 Hull 81.

A&T scorers: Max Evans 20, Mark Grantham 14, Ciaran Collins 14, Danny Pickup 8, Emily Burgess 6 (1), Ben Forshaw 6 (1), John White 0. Hull didn't field any riders in the Division 3 match, so A&T rode to a whitewash 116-0 win, to remain top of the table.

Emily Burgess raced unbeaten, with Danny Pickup losing just once and Nathan Holt twice.

Northern League Division 3 match result

Astley & Tyldesley 116 Hull 0

A&T scorers: Emily Burgess 16, Danny Pickup 15, Nathan Holt 14, Charlie Burgess 12, Jack Murray 11, Aiden Green 10, Tom Beeley 10, Logan Outram 9, Frank White 7, Lucy Grantham 7, Sabrina Evans 5.

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Hat-trick of wins for Astley & Tyldesley

ASTLEY & Tyldesley raced to a hat-trick of wins over Northumbria in the final home meeting of the season at Gin Pit on Sunday.

A&T raced into a 19-8 lead after just three races and were firmly in control.

The remainder of the match was a mix of home 7-3 heat wins and 5-5 shared heats.

Reece Pollitt top scored for a solid scoring A&T team, losing only once in the last race. The only blot for A&T was Matt Snell sustaining a thumb injury,

which ruled him out part way through the match.

Northern League Division 1 match result

Astley & Tyldesley 87

Northumbria 60

A&T scorers: Reece Pollitt 17 (plus 2 bonus), Ciaran Collins 16 (1), Mark Grantham 14 (2), Max Evans 13 (4), Paul Graham 12 (4), Gareth Paine 10 (1),

Matt Snell 5.

Three 7-3 heat wins in the opening five races put A&T firmly in the driving seat in the Division 2 match. A solid scoring Team Green went on to

record an 81-68 win. Ciaran Collins raced unbeaten for A&T, with team mate Max Evans unbeaten apart for an exclusion for slowing the race in heat 8.

Northern League Division 2 match result, Astley & Tyldesley 81 Northumbria 68.

A&T scorers: Ciaran Collins 15 (1), Gareth Paine 15, Max Evans 14 (2), Mark Grantham 14 (1), Emily Burgess 14 (1), Danny Pickup 6, Ben Forshaw 3.

Northumbria failed to field any riders in the Division 3 match, so A&T exacted revenge for their only defeat so far this season, winning 151-0.

John White and Emily Burgess both raced unbeaten, as A&T maintained their lead at the top of the table, with one match remaining.

Astley & Tyldesley 151 Northumbria 0: John White 16, Emily Burgess 16, Danny Pickup 14, Jack Littler 13, Charlie Burgess 12, Jack Murray 12, Tom Beeley 11, Frank White 10, Josh Parkinson 9, Aiden Green 9, Lucy Grantham 9, Nathan Holt 9, Laura Snell 7, Sabrina Evans 4.



Astley and Tyldesley youngsters retain the title

Youngsters win title

ASTLEY and Tyldesley Cycle Speedway Club's youngsters have won the Northern League Division Three title for the fourth successive year!

All depended on the season finale at Bury on Sunday, with both teams level having lost one match apiece.

A&T made a strong start, leading 37-31 after the first round of races.

This extended to 74-60 at the halfway stage, with Team Green finishing as convincing 145-122 winners.

John White raced to a 16 points maximum score in the under 10s category, with teammates Nathan Holt and Charlie Burgess dropping

one point each.

In the under 13s category, Emily Burgess was unlucky not to race unbeaten, finishing third last time out.

All 14 riders put in a great show of determination to seal the repeat title win.

Scorers: John White 16, Charlie Burgess 15, Nathan Holt 15, Emily Burgess 14, Jack Murray 13, Danny Pickup 13, Frank White 11, Aiden Green 10, Tom Beeley 8, Daniel Holt 8, Noah Taylor 7, Josh Parkinson 6, Lucy Grantham 5, Freddie Cox 4.

Earlier in the day, A&T suffered heavy defeats in the Division One and Division Two matches.