



Life in Circles

- April Update



Welcome

This is hopefully the first of many articles I will be doing to keep you all updated throughout the season of my progress, what's going on and anything else related to my racing at all. So – I hope you all like them. Let's get started...

First Meeting

Speedway is unpredictable and you can't plan anything really and this exactly the case with my first meeting. I got a phone call from Barry Bishop (Promoter of Isle of Wight Speedway) on Wednesday evening to ride in the Vince Mapley Memorial the next day and this was a great opportunity for me to get some racing before my under 21 semi-final at Somerset. The meeting could not have gone any better with me scoring 17 points out of a possible 18 and taking the win in the final – not bad for someone who wasn't even in the meeting 24 hours previous.

The season's finally started!

So April marked the start of the 2019 speedway season for me. I have to admit it's been a long winter. As with any season, before any team racing happens we have our press and practice. The press part includes lots of photos to allow us to show off all our new bikes and kevlar's which this year I have been so fortunate to have the support of so many great sponsors and individuals who have allowed me to invest so much, of which will hopefully pay off. Not only photos but also lots of interviews for the local newspapers and also the day was great to get to know my new teammates at Mildenhall as well as the promotion and some of the fans. The press and practice allows us riders to get onto our home track for the first time in order to have as much home advantage as possible for our first couple of meetings.

Under 21 Semi-Final

In order to reach the final of the British Under 21 Championship I had to place in the top 3 in the semi-final at Somerset on Good Friday. It was a 12 rider field with the top 8 to 2 semi-finals with the top 3 from the final reaching the grand final at Berwick. I honestly really struggled throughout the heats but just kept plodding away and made it into the semi-final. Then into the final. All I had to do was not come last...and I didn't. I managed to get a really good start getting out into the lead in front of the local favourite Henry Atkins, who managed to pass me but then unfortunately suffered mechanical gremlins allowing me to retake the lead and also the meeting VICTORY! This meant I was now through to the grand final at Berwick on April 27th.



The Final

This was tough. But whatever way you look at it the British Under 21 Championship should always be tough. I only managed to score 2 points but it was one of those nights where in the moment you are really disappointed however in reflection it was a real eye opener and a very important experience which I truly believe will help me in the future however much it hurt that night.



That's it...

And that's it for April. All I can say is, the season's finally started and it's good to get the ball rolling. Thank you for reading this and hope this monthly round-up or summary (or whatever you want to call it) will keep you up to date with my season and Life in Circles.

Jason

Tigers on track

I finally made my official debut for the Mildenhall Fen Tigers. Last month we completed 3 out of the scheduled 4 meetings. First up it was a challenge match against a Poultec select side which we successfully won 53:37 however I didn't have the best day only scoring 6. But overall it was a great day for all the riders and an even better way to start our season as a team. Next it was the Isle of Wight. It was a night of struggles for us as a team with; Sam Bebee already being injured so we had to run R/R (rider replacement); Charlie Brooks having a nasty crash and withdrawing from the meeting; Elliot Kelley suffering from bike problems and David Wallinger having a tough night. But we pulled through with me personally scoring 10, Macaulay Leek putting in a good shift and the man that is Danny Ayres scoring 17 out of 18. However the scheduled trip to Plymouth the next day was cancelled so our next meeting was then our first official home meeting (National Trophy). The team smashed it scoring 51 against the Warriors 39 and a really good afternoon for me top scoring with paid 13.

Upcoming fixtures:

Sunday 5th May
Home Mildenhall V Plymouth (NT)
3pm

Monday 6th May
Away Cradley V Mildenhall (NL)

Sunday 12th May
Away Leicester V Mildenhall (KOC) 4pm

Sunday 19th May
Home Mildenhall V Kent (NT) 3pm

Sunday 26th May
Home Mildenhall V Leicester (KOC)
3pm

Monday 27th May
Away Kent V Mildenhall (NT)



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