



Life in Circles

- July Update

July's gone quick

I have to say July's flown by – whether that's because school's completely finished or I've just had plenty of meetings, it's just gone quick. So, welcome back to another edition of 'Life in Circles' and I'll try to fill you in on what I've been up to.

Nice 2 valve Jawa Challenge

This meeting stood out for a number of reasons, but for those of you who don't know what this was all about it was creating a level playing field, where we all used the exact same (or as close as possible) engines supplied by Jawa with the idea to focus the skill of us riders than just the power of the engines. I have to say the Isle of Wight put on an amazing meeting where the speed of the bikes was like 2 seconds slower a race, so not a lot at really. And to top it off I managed to come 3rd in a very strong line up beating the Polish winner of the equivalent meeting Tomasz Orwat.



An Eagle Again

Guess who's back, back again... I'm really delighted to be riding for Eastbourne again, the only difference is that they are now in the Championship. So for me this is the perfect way to take the next step in my career. And, even if I do say so myself, it was a brilliant debut for me. I went out and won my first race, then continued to score and got a total of 5 – my best score so far in the championship. However my home debut wasn't

the best only scoring one but I guess at least I can only improve.



Mr Guest Himself

If you look over to results section of the newsletter – I must have guested more last month than riding for Mildenhall and Eastbourne combined. I'm definitely not complaining though because as I've said all along, the more meetings the better, so, if you need a guest you know who to call!

National League 4 Team Tournament

Well, this was an eventful meeting. There was a bit of everything for everyone including; a live band, a bouncy castle, Woody & Buzz Lightyear as well as some great racing, crashes and photo finishes. Talking of the crashes, I probably had my worst crash to date and luckiest as well. All I will say is, thankfully the bike took more of the hit than me. But it's speedway so I was back in the rerun and then onto the final, where Mildenhall managed to come 3rd after being tied for the lead going into the final race.





Chris Ives



Mildenhall

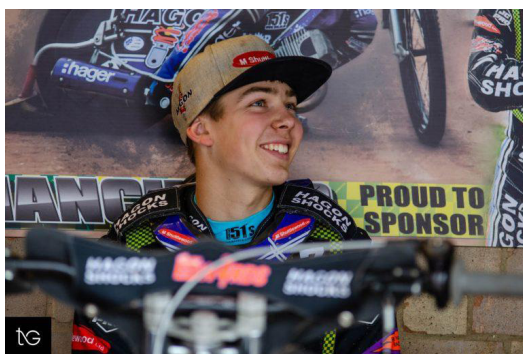
We actually only had 2 Mildenhall meetings last month. So not the busiest for the team but although we had a lack of meetings, we definitely made them count by beating the newly crowned Fours Champions, Stoke, 53-37 and then Leicester 48-42 with me scoring 8 and 10 respectively. So our playoff push is certainly gaining momentum and at the right time too.

Flying the flag

This month I was notified that I'd been selected to race in the European Under 19 Semi-final in Pardubice, Czech Republic (9th August). So for me that is a major honour, a lot of driving but one hell of an opportunity for myself on an international level. I'll tell you all about it next month...

Every Number

Aside from the actual points and racing side of speedway, at Cradley while guesting for Stoke at number 1, I can now say I've ridden at every number in the team ; 1 through to 7 - completed it mate! But as a spectator not many of you will understand the differences in your number within the riding order but for me I believe the worst position is definitely number 2, which I was lucky enough to spend nearly the whole of last year at! Purely because of the way your races are so close together and finished so early home and away and personally I believe the best position in the team is number 4. That's what I believe anyway!



Onto August

That's it again for another month and another 'Life in Circles' I hope this has kept you up to date with all of my shenanigans and with August looking just as busy I better wrap this up. August will feature some very important individual events such as the European under 19 semi- final (Czech Republic), British Under 19 final (Redcar), hopefully the National League Pairs (Sheffield) and not forgetting the GCSE results day (sigh). Thank you and wish me luck! See you next month...

Jason

Results:

Scunthorpe (Guest for Berwick – CL) 56-34 **0,0,1,0 - 1**
Stoke (Guest for Stoke – NLKOC) 50-39 **2,3,3,3,3 - 14**
Isle of Wight (Nice 2 valve Challenge) **3,1,2,1,2,1 - 10 - 3rd Place**
Plymouth (Guest for Stoke – NLKOC) 48-42 **3,3,3,0 - 9**
Stoke (NL Four Team Tournament) **2,2,3,2 - 9 - 3rd Place**
Stoke (Home – NL) 53-37 **1,1,3,3 - 8**
Kent (Guest for Kent – NL) 41-37 **3, F,1,2 - 6**
Isle of Wight (Speedway Volunteers Pairs) **4,4,3,4,3 - 18**
Leicester (Home – NL) 48-42 **3,2,2,3,0 - 10**
Glasgow (Away – Championship Shield Semi-Final) – 47-43 **3,1,0,1,0 - 5**
Somerset (Home – CL) 45-44 **1*,0,0,0 - 1+1**
Cradley (Guest for Stoke) 48-42 **3,3,3,1 - 10**

Upcoming fixtures:

Saturday 3rd

Eastbourne vs Glasgow H CS Semi

Sunday 4th

Redcar vs Eastbourne A CL

Wednesday 7th

Birmingham vs Eastbourne A CL

Friday 9th

Pardubice, CZE European U19 Individual Cup Semi-Final Ind

Sunday 11th

Zarnovica, SVK European U19 Individual Cup Final Ind

Mildenhall vs Isle of Wight H NDL

Thursday 15th

Redcar Under 19 Final Ind

Friday 16th

Edinburgh vs Eastbourne A CL

Saturday 17th

Berwick v Eastbourne A CL

Sunday 18th

Newcastle v Eastbourne A CL

Saturday 24th

Eastbourne v Redcar H CL

Sunday 25th

Sheffield NL Pairs NDL

Monday 26th

Kent vs Milenhall A NDL

Saturday 31st

Eastbourne v Sheffield H CL