



Life in Circles

- August Update

August is complete

I feel like I must say this every month but August has been busy. Although to be fair I probably haven't had the most amount of meetings so far in this month compared to like July, but the travelling and the miles is no doubt the greatest, mainly due to me competing in the European Under 19 Championship. This month's 'Life in Circles' will feature both the British and European Under 19 Championships, the National League Pairs, Eastbourne's 'Northern Tour' and probably what lots of you will be rather interested in my exam results.

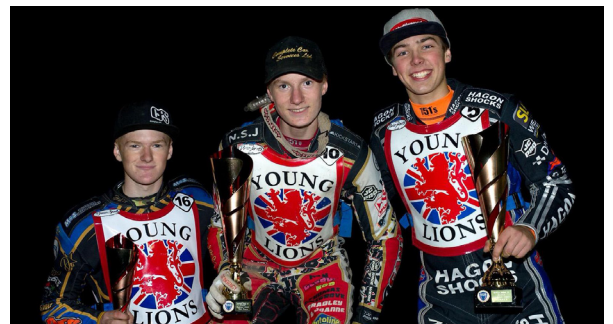
European Bound

All I can say is, "what a cool experience". First up it was the semi final at the famous speedway track of Pardubice, Czech Republic which was only a short 16 hours away. For emphasis I'll just repeat that one more time - 16 hours. But honestly the whole set up there and everything was just really impressive to get to ride the track was an honour in itself. And even better still I managed to qualify with 9 points which meant I was through to the final. The final was another 4 hours away in Zarnovica, Slovakia, which is another purpose built speedway stadium. However I only managed to score 3 points in the final but for me the experience and some of the things I learnt from that trip, I believe are truly invaluable. Joint 14th in Europe don't sound too bad I guess.



Runner up

So the week after riding in the European Under 19 Championship representing Great Britain, I was riding in the Under 19 British Championship. I won every single race apart from one and in that one I came second to the eventual winning Drew Kemp. But looking back now 2nd is still a big achievement in a national championship and considering I got 5 or 6 points last year that's a big old improvement.



Speedway Updates

To be fair, this month I haven't really ridden too much for Mildenhall. That's for a number of reasons including my European trip as well as Eastbourne's 'Northern Tour' but that hasn't meant I haven't kept an eye on what was going on. I was lucky enough for someone to send me videos from various meetings as well as keep refreshing on Speedway Updates to see how it's all going and I can safely say they've been smashing it.

Exam Results

I won't keep you all waiting too long so I'll put it here - as you all know I completed all my GCSE's back in May/June earlier this year and the other week we received our results. Obviously all the grading has changed from letters to numbers but in old terms I got:

1 A*, 4 A's (one of which was PE and I that was 1 mark off an a*), 3 B's

1 c/b (which is French, how I got that I don't know because I still can't speak French) so all in all they were relatively successful.

The Famous 'Northern Tour'

Some of you might be asking by now, "What the hell is this 'Northern Tour' he's on about but all it is is Edinburgh, Berwick and Newcastle all in one weekend. I have to give a big thank you to all the Eastbourne management for organising all the hotels and everything, which for us as riders made the trip so much easier so thank you to them. The actual racing side of it - I'd never been to either Edinburgh or Newcastle before so they were both experiences and they definitely both have a big home track advantage. But it was really good to end the tour with a win with Eastbourne and 5 points for myself.



Best Pairs

I was lucky enough to be selected by Mildenhall to represent them in the National League Best Pairs. I was riding along side our new number 1, Ryan Kinsley, and at Sheffield which was the first time for myself. But we managed to qualify into the final then unfortunately we didn't make the podium but that's sometimes how it goes.



August complete

So I think that's about it, obviously there's always more but I can't ramble on too much but I hope you've enjoyed this month's 'Life in Circles' and we certainly went round a few times this month. But I want to end on a 'Thank You' and that's to both my parents because as you may or may not know the did one hell of a lot of driving so I honestly can't thank them enough.

See you all soon!

Jason

Results

Glasgow (Home - CS semi-final) 55-34 **3,0,Fx,0 - 3**
 Redcar (Away - CL) 53-37 **1*,0,2,2* - 5+2**
 Birmingham (Away - CL) 51-39 **0,0,0 - 0**
 Pardubice (European Under 19 Semi Final) **2,2,3,1,1 - 9 QUALIFIED**
 Zarnovica (European Under 19 Final) **0,2,0,0,1 - 3 - 15th**
 Redcar (British Under 19 Championship) **3,3,3,2,3 - 14 - 2nd**
 Edinburgh (Away - CL) 51-27 **1*,0,1* - 2+2**
 Berwick (Away - CL) 58-32 **1,0,2,0,0 - 3**
 Newcastle (Away - CL) 43-47 **1,0,0,2,1,1,f - 5**
 Redcar (Home - CL) 50-40 **2,r,0,0 - 2**
 Sheffield (National League Pairs) **3,3,3 2,0,0 - 4th Place**
 Kent (Away - NL) 59-31 **2,2,1,3,1* - 9+1**
 Isle of Wight (Guesting for the Isle of Wight - NL) 51-38 **2,0,3,2,2* - 9+1**

Upcoming fixtures:

Sunday 1st

Mildenhall vs Belle Vue H NL

Tuesday 2nd

Belle Vue vs Mildenhall A NL

Friday 6th

Redcar vs Eastbourne A KO Cup SF

Saturday 7th

Eastbourne vs Redcar H KO Cup SF

Sunday 8th

Mildenhall vs Plymouth H NL

Tuesday 10th

Leicester vs Isle of Wight (Guest for Isle of Wight) NL

Saturday 14th

Eastbourne vs Leicester H CS Final

Sunday 15th

Leicester vs Eastbourne A CS Final

Monday 16th

Kent vs Sussex (Riding for Sussex) Challenge

Thursday 19th

Plymouth vs Mildenhall A NL

Sunday 22nd

NLRC (at Leicester)

Then.... Play-offs hopefully