



LIFE IN CIRCLES

JANUARY UPDATE

RESULTS

Jeff Gittus Memorial

0,1,2,3,2 - 8 points - 5th place

Perth Motorplex

1,2,r,3 - 6 points - 5th

Aus vs GB

0,2,2,3,3 - 9 points - 39-50

Aus vs GB

1*,0, 1*,0,1 - 3+2 - 36-54

Making myself at home

Another question a lot of people have asked me is who did I stay with, and honestly I genuinely could not of stayed and been looked after by a better family out there. I was with the Marson's (Matt Marson and his family plus the 6 dogs, 3 cats, 2 sheep, 2 horses and well yeah that's about it) They live about 40 minutes from the city centre but just to explain it easily we were in the bush, but not exactly in the bush if that kinda makes sense. So as soon as I got there we pretty much started sorting a bike for me to ride, and again the biggest thank you to Matt and his family, they literally helped me create a bike as similar to mine as possible to, we then bolted my engine in (which I had sent over), stuck my carb on (which I took in my luggage) and then we were off to the first meeting.



It's 2020!

Happy New Year to everyone and I hope everyone had a great new year and started the year off in style or just in the best way possible. As many of you know (if you read my last 'Life in Circles' or have been on any social media, I started this year off with a bang as I headed out to Australia as part of the Great Britain Speedway Team setup . So basically, as I'm pretty sure from speaking to lots of you, all anyone is asking me is, "How was Australia? Was it really hot? Did you see any snakes? How did you get the bike out there?" And basically lots of other questions... so guess what this month's edition is gonna be about (wink emoji here). I better get answering some of your questions then....

Flying High

So my first flight was on New Year's Day at about 1'ish in the afternoon. Ian Sinderson who is the man behind ATPI, and for those of you wondering ATPI is an international travel company, he arranged all of our flights and everything like that so all I had to do was turn up and not get lost at the airport. Sounds simple I guess?!? This was actually the first time I'd ever flown alone so at least I had a nice short journey to settle myself in gently. The first flight was just under 8 hours then the second just over 10 with the stopover in Dubai so I can safely say I'm a professional airport navigator and traveller now. With all the time difference and everything it meant I landed in Perth just after 5 there time (there's an 8 hour time difference) and then it was onto the rest of my trip!



First ride in Aus

My first meeting was at Pinjar Park on the new track (new last year anyway) and this was about 340m. I was lucky as I got a little practice beforehand as I'd never ridden the track before and then we got on with the meeting. Well...kind of until I started talking to one of the sidecars and he needed a passenger for some demonstration laps and well you might know what happened.... But overall my first speedway meeting of the year went really good, I started slow but got a win at the end and generally it was just a really fun meeting.

Speedway on a car track

The following Saturday, after a practice Wednesday on the Pinjar little track (Known as the Woffy Track) we headed to the Perth Motorplex, this is a purpose built sprint car track which has a speedway track in the middle. One cool thing about this 400m track was that it didn't have a fence it just went straight onto the clay of the sprint car track if you got it wrong. My first race I got a 3rd and then my second race I was against Tai (Woffinden). He was off 1, me off 2 and Drew (Kemp) off 3. This race will stick with me for a long time because I out gated and lead down the back straight but I'm still kicking myself for not going tighter because Tai went straight up the inside but to be behind him and just follow him was an experience and it's just amazing the way the rides and moves on the bike.



GB test matches

And finally the big ones... the GB test matches... GB vs Australia. The Friday night took place alongside the 125cc Australian Championship on the 142m Woffy Track. Yes! 142 metres! This meeting was absolutely unbelievable but 2 things really stood out. Firstly the fact Jason Crump was in the Australian team and for any of you that don't know literally Jason Crump is my favourite rider ever and the person I've always looked up to so to be at the tapes with the person I used to stare in front of the TV was just unbelievable! And then getting a 5-1 with Tai was just something else too! Night 1 went really good for me scoring 9 points however night 2 on the big track didn't quite go to plan. I just generally struggled only managing 5 points but still what an experience and GB won both meetings.

Aussie lifestyle

Overall that is most of the racing side covered but what a lot of the other questions I've been asked is the lifestyle. That's the Aussie lifestyle which is just really relaxed. Thanks to the fact I was staying with Matt I was very lucky in the fact I got to experience a lot. One thing I did love was just going down to the beach and watching the sunset because seriously that was so pretty and basically you've just got to experience it for yourself. The heat, it wasn't too bad, it was just about 28-35 degrees but it wasn't too hot but god it was hot when we went to the waterpark because that sun makes the ground proper hot. We did a bit of everything; we went out on the jet ski, I bought myself some things (aussie for flip flops), I wore swimmers most days (aussie for swimmer trunks) I got myself a cork hat, I stroked a koala, we found a baby snake, we went surfing and most aussie of all we hung out with the kangaroos. I definitely embraced the aussie lifestyle and some of their words. There's a lot more to learn than you think but overall that's about everything Australian I think you might be wondering about.



Back home

And so that's Australia over and out but just a few big thanks to everyone that helped me get to Australia and the biggest thank you again to the Marson family for treating me like their own. So all that's left for me to say is, "God, it's cold over here hey"

Jason

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