



# LIFE IN CIRCLES

**JULY UPDATE**

## Back Again

July. For me it's meant the start of getting back into the swing of riding, there's been a lot of news, good and bad, so we will just see what August throws up. But in this month's 'Life in Circles' I'll go back to giving you an insight into my life and what I've been up to including some really exciting international news, lots of practice tracks, getting coached by Jason Crump and what the news on UK speedway is at the minute. So sit down, put your feet up and enjoy...



## We're gonna RACE!!!

I really can not wait. So at the start of this month Neil Vatcher (GB Under 21 Team Manager) rung me up and said he's selected me to ride in the Under 19 European Semi Final which takes place in Pardubice, Czech Republic. As some of you may remember this is an event I competed in last season, arguably my biggest meeting in my career so far and I qualified to the final too. So to be selected again is a real major honour and one I really can't wait for. The biggest thing last year is just the sheer size of tracks, they're unlike what we get over here, so just getting the experience on those tracks is so valuable and for me it's where I want to be in the future so what better way to get there than racing Europe's best under 19s. Not only is it a real opportunity, that comes with a major cost, it's roughly 17 hours to get there (that's a hell of a lot of fuel, more than my normal £20 in my little C1) and expenses such as licenses and bike parts in order to meet the FIM requirements. Luckily, some really amazing people have stepped in helping with some of these costs which I'm so grateful for and likewise if anyone else is willing to help in whatever way that'd genuinely be extraordinary and really help with this race.

## Practice makes perfect

With no racing and regular riding due to the Coronavirus (sorry I had to say the dreaded C word at some point), and with such a big meeting coming up I really need some bike time. So the last 2 weeks have been pretty hectic just doing that, practicing and testing. We started with Kings Lynn where Eastbourne hired the track and that was a really great day lots and lots of rides and great to get the team together. So that was day 1. Then we headed to Somerset where they had an open practice, another really well organised evening. We had a problem with one of the bikes so it was good to try and get that sorted plus the opportunity to jump between bikes and really see how they react differently and getting the most out of them and then it was back to Kings Lynn for day 3 of 3. A little break and we headed to Iwade on the Sunday and what a great little setup that is. And like I say it's just been brilliant enjoying riding, getting track time and trying new things.





## Training with Jason Crump

Now this is what you call a track day. I really just can't thank Jason Crump, Ian Sinderson and everyone else enough. To start there was only 3 of us (myself, Drew and Jordan P) so just that, the opportunity to get that much track time is just priceless plus having Jason Crump, watching, analysing and giving us tips. And you may be wondering what I mean by that, but just the simplest of things he picked up on, the way he explained things and the fact everything he said was simple to work on throughout the day and I really felt a better rider by the end so just thank you again to those that organised it and Jason himself.

## UK Racing in 2020?

After the announcements regarding pubs, hairdressers and other I guess we all had a bit of hope that the UK speedway season may be able to commence. Then the latest news from the government came and it put a stop to it all, apart from the belief that National League racing could be possible by deeming it amateur. Mildenhall my National League club for this season had elected to pull out from any potential league which would have left me without a ride had the league started. The Eastbourne management were trying to create a NDL standard team using as many current Eagles as possible, past and possibly future so that was that but due to other circumstances that couldn't happen except challenges and then Plymouth contacted me regarding a team spot and it couldn't have come at a better time. I was really excited to get started and then the other day we had the announcement that no league racing will happen in 2020 Maybe we all got our hopes up, maybe we were just trying to get rides or whatever it may have been if there was a league I really just wanted to be apart of it. But who knows maybe open meetings may happen but whatever happens I'll be ready and excited to be getting sideways.



## August let's go...

And so we move on, I really can't wait to head out to Czech for my semifinal and get back racing. See you all soon.

*Jason*

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