



# LIFE IN CIRCLES

## RACING WHERE WE CAN

We're back for another 'Life in Circles', sorry that I missed one last month but I had the idea to kind of do a round up of all the racing we've had this year. And yes. You did just read that sentence correctly, we have had some racing and its so good to be able to say that. So thank you to all the clubs and promotions and with that, I might as well get on and tell you about how they've gone, the journeys (especially those abroad) and everywhere else inbetween.

### The First One

What a one to have as the first one. I was selected to go out to represent Great Britain in the European Under 19 semi final taking place in Pardubice, Czech Republic. For many of you, if you don't know the name, it's the track where the Golden Helmet takes place every year. Well, for me the meeting didn't go the best, I just lacked speed and what I believe just race rusty, but whatever we do say about it, it could have gone better but at the same time it was one of those races where it opened our eyes and gave me something in particular to work on throughout the next practice sessions which I'm kinda glad in the weirdest of ways.

And not to mention the journey. She was pretty hot, all 17 hours of it. But the day before we went to this lake near the track, we hired one of those paddle boards and that was just generally really cool, a day to remember.



### Thank You Plymouth

We all really need to take our hats off to all those involved at Plymouth Speedway. So far they've put on two really great meetings, followed all the guidelines implemented properly and the atmosphere this year has been second to none. On the racing side it was great to be part of a winning team again, when I was part of Eastbourne's 4 man team. We only won by a point but overall a really great night. And then the following week riding for Plymouth was another success. My mum even got to go back to her favourite tea room where we always have to go, at least my mum got her scone again hey.



## National Title?

Racing for a National Title is something we all want to win regardless of who you are or where it is. This year the Under 19's was at Scunthorpe. My first two races weren't my best and then my third race I came away really happy with as well as my last ride where I had a great battle too. As a spectator sometimes we may just look at the end result and sometimes as riders we focus on that too much. But, I feel and sometimes this may sound strange at first, but a hard thought one point is worth more than a runaway win. Yes we want to win, but I'm gaining experience every race, I'm learning so much every race and I generally just hope that's going to pay off in the long run.



## Deutsche Land

Probably my last international race of the year took place in Gustrow, Germany for the Under 19 Pairs. What a day?!? The forecast was rain, and maybe it was us just being optimistic or hopeful or whatever but we just had our fingers crossed the meeting would go ahead. But the rain came. We even had a river flowing through the pits pretty much. At least we had a garage style pit bay; it had big closing doors, pretty much the whole electric supply next us and plenty of copper pipes. Useful? Not really but hey we had cover. Back to the racing side though.... The track staff had the covers on since Thursday, which no doubt saved the day. Practice was cancelled but the meeting was in doubt. It was being pushed back and the rain finally started to ease. The call was made, the covers were being removed and we were going racing. Another amazing experience, some really tough races but another meeting where I absolutely loved it and I'm so thankful for the opportunity and I just want to get better. But, Jordan (Palin) and I came away sixth, yes at one stage we were joint 3rd in the meeting but we were right in the mix.

## To Sum Up

Well, all I can say is we've gone racing and I can't wait for next year - fingers crossed. I know that's hopeful but we're ready for whenever. But that's a little summary of where I've been racing and finally I just to say another thank you to all those involved in staging these meetings. It's been great. Thank you everyone.

*Jason*

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