

Cycle Speedway report for the 2019 NW AGM.

The three North West cycle speedway clubs have all enjoyed a busy calendar of racing this year.

The midweek Manchester League series has concluded. Astley & Tyldesley won the Division 1 (seniors) team title and the Division 2 (juniors) team title for the sixth successive season. Disappointingly, whilst A&T's number of riders held up, both Bury's and Stockport's numbers fell.

Astley & Tyldesley are again dominating the North & Scotland regional league divisions, contested by eight clubs. Astley & Tyldesley have already clinched the Division 1 title, to win the championship for the third year running. Two clubs are currently joint top of the Division 2 table - Astley & Tyldesley and Fife. The outcome of that league is likely to be decided in September. Astley & Tyldesley have won Division 3 for the seventh successive year and won the Junior Cup Final at Bury in July.

The three North West clubs are providing the majority of riders and officials for the North & Scotland teams in the Battle of Britain series.

The North & East ladies' team have won the Women's League, again represented by riders from the North West.

Emily Burgess, of the Astley & Tyldesley club, won the u-16 Girls World individual Final, at Leszno, Poland in August. Emily also finished 2nd in the Women's World Individual Final on the same day. Both Emily and her Astley & Tyldesley teammate, Steve Harris, were members of the England teams which won the World Cup, and the Gt. Britain teams which won the ICSF Federations Cup, at Women's and Veterans levels respectively.

The British Individual Championships take place in East Anglia on the August Bank Holiday weekend. Last year, the Astley & Tyldesley trio of John White, Emily Burgess (two) and Steve Harris all won British titles over the weekend.

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