

Teams and Coaching coordinator report – 25th August 2021

Wrapping up my first year in the role and time has flown by. After a slow start to the road season things kicked off with a bang and what would turn out to be a very condensed, exciting season both regionally and at national level. The NW region managed to select and send teams to both the track/circuit inter-regional champs and the MTB inter-regional champs. The regional also ran what turned out to be a very successful youth league.

NW Youth League

7 rounds held over 6 different venues including Salt Ayre, Litherland, Carlisle, SB circuit, Tameside, and Blackpool.

Len Woffinden did a fantastic job along with his team with prompt results updated on the leagues website after every round as well as taking on the comms responsibility at 6 of the 7 rounds.

The league winners all received a winner's jersey provided by pro vision and top 3 received trophies provided free by Hope technology. (Martin Woffinden was the man who made that happen)

Plans to further improve the league for 2022 will be underway shortly by the group of organiser who ran this year's events.

UK Inter-regional MTB school Games

NW selected a 4 rider team to represent the regional at the UK inter-regional school games for MTB. The event was held in Glentrees, Scotland 22nd and 23rd August. The team members were Ethan Grimshaw, Dan Porter, Hannah McClorey and Alice Colling. The event was just this past weekend with the team coming away with 7th place overall team and Ethan taking 3rd in the individual overall for boys. Sarah Grimshaw and Jack Humphries were the team manager and coach and while we are awaiting the race report from Sarah the initial feedback was that it was a great experience and really well run event which the riders enjoyed.

UK Inter-regional school games for track and circuit

The region also selected 2 teams for the track and circuit regional games to be held next weekend 3rd-5th September at Loughborough. Team members are

Girls – Esther Wong, Lily Brindle, Ruby Oaks and Alice Colling.

Boys – Seb Grindley, John Bardsley, Alex Foster and Max Hereward. (Max replaced Ben Wiggins who pulled out)

Preparation is complete for the team with all the logistics and schedules communicated to riders and parents. The team has also, with the help of Mike Wong been able to get together 2 times at Manchester velodrome to spend time working on team pursuit and Madison which has been a really good experience on and off the bike.

Coaching

Earlier in the season there was a lot of good coaching going on. As mentioned in my quarterly reports extra sessions had been run for several weeks at Tameside and Litherland and open to all clubs. Both sites were well attended over to sessions.

As racing livened up and with the condensed seasons coaching opportunities become less available as riders where racing almost every weekend from June right through to the end of July.

Let's hope that 2022 is more of a normal year with racing spread out as normal from March. This will allow for more coaching opportunities.

Equipment

All Equipment and kit was collected from Tracey and is either now at the BC lock up or with myself. I did a kit inventory which is available in dropbox but I would suggest that a lot of it is now unusable or worn out. We just about have enough for a team to use over a weekend but could really do with so new, especially in smaller sizes.

We purchased 8 new folding chairs as the old ones were beyond done.

Regards,

Gary Scott