

Speedway

Track starlet tastes the limelight

The 2013 speedway season burst into life at Sheffield's Owlerton Stadium, and Ossett junior rider Jack Parkinson-Blackburn was right at the hub of it.

Twelve-year-old Jack, who will once again be the club's official mascot for 2013, just missed out on a podium position in last year's 125cc British final. But had the full photo-shoot treatment with and without the premier league club's star riders before gaining valuable track time on the big, pro' circuit.

Jack is hoping to follow in the tyre tracks of some recent Tigers mascots such as Mirfield's Great Britain star Josh Auty, who now rides for Birmingham in the Elite League, and, more recently, Nathan Greves, who won both the

250cc and 500cc British Under-16s titles last year.

Jack will this year ride a specially built 180cc engine. His mascot duties will include leading out the team on a pre-match parade after which he will do exhibition rides before and during all the home league meetings.

The aim is to also travel to as many away meetings as possible.

Last season he rode a tracks as far afield as Somerset and Glasgow.

Sheffield Tigers ride every Thursday from March to October and have some of the best facilities in the country - and one of the fastest circuits in the UK.

Admission for under-12s is free and for 12-16-year-olds it is £5.



TIGER FEAT: Jack Parkinson-Blackburn and his Sheffield Tigers team-mates.

Jack is also on the look-out for any local businesses who would like their company logos on his new racing suit and bike cover, which is currently on order.

If you're interested in supporting Jack - the telephone

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