



REVVING UP: Jack Parkinson-Blackburn at the 125cc British Speedway Championships. Picture: www.essexsportsagency.com

Jack makes final

USING speedway star Jack Parkinson-Blackburn cemented his reputation as one of the country's most promising riders with sensational second place finish in the inaugural 125cc British Youth Championships.

As reported in last week's *Wakefield Express*, the 11-year-old from Ossett marked the end of a highly-successful debut season by qualifying for the 125cc final held at Eastbourne speedway last Saturday.

And despite torrential rain

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that caused Jack to fall in his first ride of the meeting, the former grasstrack racer picked himself up to qualify for the winner-takes-all final showdown.

The wet weather caused problems for the racers in heat two, Jack's first appearance of the day, and the Ossett youngster fell while leading but he quickly got back onto his bike and moved back up to third place before a

fall for leader Kenny Bowdry forced the race to be stopped.

However, the two precious points gave Jack a huge boost and he went on to rack-up another three race wins and the second fastest time of the meeting to qualify for the final, which lived up to all expectations.

Jack and unbeaten rider Henry Atkins were the favourites to lift the trophy while Kings Lynn rider Lewis Whitmore and Leicester's Ben Woodhull also lined up at the starting gates.

Atkins and his Ossett rival went wheel-to-wheel and traded the lead only for Jack to be edged into second at the finishing line.

Jack, who has one season remaining at 125cc level before moving up to the 250cc class, would like to thank former German under-21 champion Robbie Kessler for his engine tuning expertise and advice.

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