



EYE ON SOCIAL MEDIA WITH JAMES BLACK



Welcome to the "Eye on Social Media" where we take a look at all things speedway on various social media platforms.

During these unprecedented times where it feels like we are in some sort of apocalyptic Hollywood movie, the world is essentially standing still. This makes the task of rambling about speedway fairly difficult.

The only upshot of no speedway is that amongst the social media posts about doom, gloom and COVID-19 there is occasional gold to be found.

Whether it's boredom or not doesn't really matter, it's good to see the riders are still keeping us entertained even if it isn't in the way we are accustomed to, which by the way is rip snorting round the tracks on a motorbike with no brakes, in case you'd forgotten!

First up is Birmingham rider Paco Castagna, who decided to try his new kevlar out for size by doing a spot of "full gear" gardening. The Italian star was cutting hedges and mowing lawns and although it is unknown if his lawnmower only turns left, we do know it has no brakes. Perhaps a career in lawnmower racing beckons for Paco in the future.



Paco Castagna
@PacoCastagna411

I guess I had some spare time...😂
2020 Race Kit is pretty sick
@MaliniakDesign!🔥



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Of course the lack of racing means a lack of income for speedway riders with many of them being forced to seek alternative employment until the restrictions are lifted. One of those riders is Nicolai Klindt, who announced that he had recently started as a delivery driver for Tesco, when he isn't moonlighting as a Tyson Fury lookalike of course!

While he hadn't yet received his uniform, he did a great job on photo shop to show us all how he might look in his new role. Reports of him drifting the delivery van on roundabouts have yet to be confirmed, and it is still unknown whether a "Team Tesco" similar to the Team Exide of the late 90's is on the horizon.

jasondoyle69
Czestochowa



Like by g.easton36 and 2,214 others
jasondoyle69 Happy to say... Today I have agreed a new contract with @wloknarz_czestochowa for 2020. In these tough times we needed to work together and these next 6 months will be very hard... to be away from my wife and home in England. I now have to move to Poland next week for 14 days to quarantine. I really hope this will be lifted sooner when the time is right and we can travel back and forward in the world .It's now time to get mentally ready for racing 🙏

From what I can gather, if the riders wish to race in Poland they must relocate there for the season in order to adhere to flight restrictions and take a pay cut of around 40%. This of course means that the riders have to potentially be away from family for the course of the season as well as potentially having an impact on certain British teams too.

Jason Doyle was one of the first riders to agree to relocate and sign on for Czestochowa, but at the time of writing it is unknown what sort of impact this will have on his Swindon commitments. The 2017 World Champion took to Instagram to announce the news and he, much like everyone else in the world right now can't wait for things to return to normal.

Other riders like Leon Madsen and Freddie Lindgren weren't too far behind Doyle in announcing their intentions to race in Poland, but it seems Lindgren may be about the only Swedish rider doing so as their governing body SVEMO placed a ban on its riders competing in Poland due to the rule of the quarantine.

The next few weeks and months are going to be very interesting in the sport of speedway as the impact of the ongoing pandemic rolls on and there are many more riders with big decisions to make.

If you wish to agree, or disagree with me, you have spotted something on social media you feel is worth a mention here, or you simply want to chew the fat over all things speedway, then get in touch either via email jbspeedwaymedia@hotmail.com, via the JB Speedway Media Facebook page or you can even tweet me @Mythman666.

Until next time, and there will be a next time. JB