



# OTLEY CYCLE CLUB

## RACE TEAM 2025

From time trial victories to **National Champions** to **World Champions** our riders have had a stellar season and are back to some hard winter training getting ready for 2026.

### Early Season



Back in January and February after a great winter training period our riders were already claiming podium positions, Archie Gill taking 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in match sprints and keirin respectively down in Wales at the Cymru Velo Track Cup and backed this up at senior track nationals with a flying 200 PB.



Finishing off the cyclocross season, Thomas Nabb competed in the Yorkshire Points Series as well as a number of rounds of the National Series.



Heading into March, Edward took on the infamous Junior Cicle Classic, the British version of Paris-Roubaix and expected chaos from the start but an amazing effort by Ed to keep at it got him to the finale with one of the main bunches before mechanical trouble hit..

In their first races ever Louis Edwards and Tom Evans took Wyke's cobbles in their u16 and 3/4 Cat races, a great start to the year for the pair getting to grips with circuit racing.



Its not just about road races, with a few of the race team taking on time-trials over the season. Daniel Middlebrooke improving his times over 10 and 25 miles in early season events.

Angus's promising start to the season was derailed by a crash and broken elbow at Brownlee in May, but with a couple of podiums later in the summer he showed his true form.

Daniel and Thomas Nabb claiming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at round 1 of White Rose Youth League over at Brownlee after a spectacular race.



Kevin Dennison kicking off his season over the border in Lancashire for the Cold Dark North Capernwray National B Road race, tough from the off but Kev not giving up till the end, it's what we love to see.

Further away from home, Christoz Tzelis took part in the World Sprint age group Duathlon championship, coming away with the overall win **NOT** just his age group, an incredible achievement.





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## Mid Season



April kicked off with the Youth Tour of Scotland, just Daniel from our u16 team took part, the highlight of the weekend being 21<sup>st</sup> in the prologue and pulling off a mega chase on stage 1 after an unfortunate mechanical to finish in the bunch, a proper display of determination.



The return of Grass track meant Ethan Roper, Emily Middlebrooke, James Luxton and Tom Evans were back to riding in circles round Roundhay park, joined by Daniel and Oscar later in the season due to GCSE's disrupting racing. Tom Evans and Emily taking the overall league wins and James Luxton winning the sprint cup and Daniel winning the endurance cup.



June saw 3 rounds of the Youth National Series in just 2 weekends, the first over at Oliver's Mount Scarborough, Daniel, Harry Collingwood-Cooper (his first national race) and Thomas raced to their limit on the steep climb, finishing 15<sup>th</sup>, 37<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> respectively. The following weekend it was down to London, day 1 at Hillingdon resulted in a frustrating DNF for Daniel after coming down in a crash. Day 2 at Hog Hill, Daniel finished mid bunch at 35<sup>th</sup>, a much better ride.



Our home races at Otley and Ilkley provided an amazing atmosphere for our riders to show off their new kit and race in front of home crowds. Youth riders, Ethan, Louis, Harry, Thomas and Daniel rode to some excellent results at Otley with the latter 3 riding Ilkley later in the week and coming away with top 10 results.

In the senior 2/3/4 race, Ed, Tom Cullen, Oscar, Will, Tom Evans and Kevin all finishing the race in style and the highlight being Tom C's top 20 finish. Kevin also coming 6<sup>th</sup> in the Masters race in Ilkley later in the week.



Emily finishing both women's E123 national series crits, managing to stay upright this year in some fast and furious races, all our riders doing the jersey proud at the best races of the year.







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## Late Season



Rounding off the 2025 season, Daniel and Emily took on the YRC 25-mile TT on the Walshford course, with times of 59:23 (fastest junior) and 1:05:56 (2<sup>nd</sup> fastest woman) each. Daniel breaking the hour in his first race at that distance.

Finishing the White Rose Youth League in style, Thomas Nabb took the victory in the last event of the season with OCC riders Daniel and Harry filling 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> spots. Daniel winning the overall u16 league title.



On the velodrome Archie continuing his achievements in the European championships in Portugal coming away with wins in the team sprint and match sprints along with another flying 200 PB and a new British record, a mega week of performances.

Archie, again taking the track world by storm winning the world championships and the rainbow bands in the team sprint, silver in the match sprints after a very close final and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Keirin. An incredible season on the track and one to be immensely proud of.



To round out the youth national series, Daniel, Thomas and Louis (in his first stage race) took on the 3 tough stages North-West Youth Tour had to offer. Day 1's prologue saw Daniel and Thomas finish mid pack with Louis just behind. Day 2, all to play for and all our riders moving up on GC on the hilly parkour, Daniel having the best ride moving up to 26<sup>th</sup> on GC with the others chasing not far behind, never giving up. Day 3 round Lancaster University, a race all about fighting for position and maintaining GC. Ending his first season as a junior



Ed showing his talents on gravel took 1<sup>st</sup> place at the national gravel TT champs in Dalby Forest gaining his first well deserved national stripes to wear for the forthcoming season.

Hill climb season quickly came upon us with Daniel winning the OCC 2-stage hill climb (both stages and the overall), Harry and Tom E putting in some great times despite the weather.

Daniel rode the RTTC National Hill Climb down in Matlock and putting in a great ride to finish 7<sup>th</sup> junior.







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