

## Jason Edwards

Congratulations to four Poultec Speedway students Anders Rowe, Drew Kemp and Tom Brennan for being selected for the European Under 19 championship semi-final. Poultec Speedway Tutor & Great Britain team manager, Oliver Allen interviewed Jason Edwards about his exciting news.

Q: Congratulations on your selection for the European Under 19 championship semi-final, how did it feel to be selected?

A: Honestly, it's unreal, just to be given the opportunity to represent your country is something that you will never forget but also something that you need to take with both hands and just enjoy. I just really can't wait to get on track and race my bike.

Q: Have you been to Pardubice before? And how do you approach such a big meeting with such limited track time this year?

A: I was selected last year alongside Drew in last year's competition, my semi being at Pardubice and it's a track I absolutely loved riding. It's nearly 400m which is a lot bigger than what we have here in the UK but last year I did really well personally, scoring 9 points and qualifying so I'm just going to give it my best and do it again. Regarding actual race time, there hasn't been much over here in the UK but we've all been practicing as much as possible to prepare and although we haven't raced, neither has anyone else really so we're all in the same position.

Q: The four riders chosen to represent GB are all Poultec students, that must be good knowing that you will be travelling to a meeting with some friendly faces in the pits?

A: Yes, we're all at Poultec together, and always have a great laugh together but at the end of the day it's great to have other riders we can trust and compare things with so that'll be a huge boost for me.

Q: How are you finding Poultec now that Olly has taken over as GB manager as well? It must be seen as a positive for your future development?

A: It's really been good since Olly's taken over as GB manager, it's meant he has been able to help us as riders in many ways on and off the bike and it's definitely a positive for our future in the sport because by working closely with Olly, he understands how we work and in turn when it comes to important moments we will all benefit. A qualification to take forward. It's really been excellent to be involved in it all and I really feel it's benefited big time for me personally.





Describe how Poultec and the Academy has helped your development in recent times, and why young riders should look to join these programmes?

A: Poultec and the new GB Academy has been excellent. We've been doing lots of Zoom calls catching up, training, technique-based things and the mental side of it. It's all working really well together plus at the end of the day we're getting a qualification to take forward. It's really been excellent to be involved in it all and I really feel it's benefitedbig time for me personally.