



Tight cornering: Action from England's international against Poland

Photographs: Dave Betts

England lose out to Poles

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Cycle Speedway

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POLAND beat England 105-69 at the weekend in an international match to open Filton's new cycle speedway track.

The fast-starting Poles proved too strong for their hosts, with only Shaun Woodhouse keeping pace with the Eastern Europeans.

Poland triumphed after 18 races around the newly-laid shale track but promoter Andy Hewlett felt the conditions favoured the visitors.

"It poured with rain on Saturday morning and at one stage we wondered if we'd be able to race," said Hewlett.

"In the end we did, but the track was very soft and the Poles are used to racing on loose tracks.

"Having said that, they looked stronger anyway; and



Taking a tumble: A Poland rider comes off the Filton track

their fast starts were too good for our guys."

Hewlett now hopes the new track will revive interest in the sport in Bristol and his long-term aim is to re-form the Bristol and District Cycle Speedway League.

"There is a lot of interest in north Bristol and we are trying

to re-open an old track in Southmead," he said.

"There's also interest in Kingswood and Hanham, where they also used to be a track."

Hewlett is looking to set up a team based at Filton and can be contacted at www.filton-sc.co.uk