

Speedway – awesome Aussies hand out masterclass



Action from the Peugeot Ashfield Stadium in the GB v Australia match. Picture courtesy of Taylor Lanning

Great Britain team manager Alun Rossiter admitted his side had been left at the gate as they were well beaten by the awesome Australians.

Mark Lemon's men were 57-33 winners in the test match in front of a noisy 2,000-strong crowd at the Peugeot Ashfield Stadium in Glasgow today.

The hosts struggled to deal with the visitors' strength in depth despite world championship leader Tai Woffinden.

The British star broke the track record, speeding round the track in 55.99sec in the first heat, the fastest time on the track since it was reshaped and the quickest anyone has gone round it in its history.

He racked up 12 points but Glasgow Tigers newcomer Craig Cook, a former Edinburgh Monarchs captain, also produced two late wins to cheer the crowd.

Rossiter said: "We were totally outclassed from the start. Fair play to the Aussies. Craig (Cook) came from the back in that last race and Tai did it a couple of times, but we were chasing from the start all the time."

Aussie star Max Fricke, a former Edinburgh Monarchs rider, who scored 11 points, said: "All the boys worked together and we have a good team atmosphere as always.

"We had some good starts between us all, and it's nice to see us get a win."