Speedway – Schlein is first name confirmed for Harrisons Scottish Open

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Flashback to 2008 when Rory Schlein stood on top of the podium after winning the Scottish Open

Rory Schlein is the first name to be confirmed for the Harrisons Scottish Open speedway at Armadale on 31 March 2017 (tapes-up 7.15pm).

Nicknamed Roo-boy, the former Edinburgh Monarchs star is currently contracted to SGB Championship side Ipswich Witches and Indianerna in Sweden.

Australian-born Schlein, now aged 32, first signed for the Monarchs in 2001 and two years later was a key member of the Edinburgh squad which won the Premier League title.

The two-time winner of the Elite League Riders' Championship was also part of the Coventry Bees squad which won the Elite League championship in 2007.

Schlein, who has twice taken part in the Speedway World Cup, is a three-time winner of the Scottish Open and is the first rider to be named by the club for this year's event.