

Speedway – Berwick boss slapped with fine over phone incident



Gary Havelock (left) chats to match officials in the pits before the meeting at Armadale.

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Berwick Bandits' team manager Gary Havelock has admitted to being fined for an incident in the pits during the club's SGB Championship defeat at Edinburgh Monarchs.

The former world champion incurred the undisclosed penalty from referee Christina Turnbull from Cranleigh after an incident in Heat 11.

Havelock said: "Edinburgh need a new pits phone now and I've been fined for ungentlemanly conduct. In 47 and a half years I've never seen a decision as poor in my opinion as was in Heat 11.

"Mark Riss came round the bend and hit Dimitri Berge's rear wheel which spun his back wheel round and straightened him up which, in turn, flipped him high up and over the high-side and down onto the track. Then HE got excluded for it.

"So not only were we on a 5-1 he got excluded and it turned the heat into a 4-2 for them in the re-run. Can't believe it."

He added: "The situation up there was all wrong and things need to be looked at. That match has left me a very angry manager and things will be said."

Havelock admitted it was not Berwick's night and revealed that two of riders left Armadale with ice packs on their injuries.

The team manager said: "Liam (Carr) has a sore shoulder and Dimitri (Berge) has a painful wrist, so we will have to wait on their fitness.

"Liam says he should be ok but that's no good to us as it's pointless if he says after one race on Saturday it is too painful.

"Dimitri says his wrist isn't broken but he's broken it twice before so we need to be careful of that."

Berwick host Glasgow Tigers, who topped the table before Edinburgh's win on Friday over Berwick, at the Borders track on Saturday night (7pm).