

# Speedway – Bandits mug Panthers to claim first win this season



Kevin Doolan all smiles after Berwick claimed their first win of the season. Picture Colin Poole

SGB Championship: Berwick Bandits 50, Peterborough Panthers 40

Berwick: Nick Morris 14, Jye Ethridge 3 (withdrawn through injury), David Howe 7, Kevin Doolan 7, Lewis Bridger 4, Dany Gappmaier 13, Lee Payne 2

Peterborough: Lasse Bjerre (guest) 9, rider replacement for Kenneth Hansen, Paul Starke 11, Simon Lambert 6 (withdrawn through injury), Ulrich Ostergaard 8, Ashley Morris (guest) 6, Tom Bacon 0

Nick Morris and Dany Gappmaier both claimed double-figure scores as Berwick Bandits snapped an 18-year losing streak to Peterborough Panthers.

At the same time the Borders club claimed their first win in the SGB Championship in their 11th match.

It came at a cost as Jye Etheridge was withdrawn with a wrist injury after tangling with Panthers racer Simon Lambert.

Morris top scored with 14 points from five outings and Gappmaier claimed 13 from seven heats in the welcome win.

Bandits still prop up the rest of the ten-strong Championship but team manager Gary Havelock said he had noted green shoots in recent matches and the squad delivered.

Paul Stark was best for the visitors with 11 points and Bandits were 16-14 behind after Heat Five but turned it around to the delight of their fans.