

Speedway – Masters stand in for Morris at Ipswich



Sam Masters of Edinburgh Monarchs rides for Berwick at Ipswich on Thursday

Berwick Bandits journey to the Ipswich Witches on Thursday minus four of their main team who are injured or unavailable.

Co-promoter Scott Courtney explained: “Nick Morris will be appearing for his SGB Premiership side, Swindon who are at home to Rye House as well but we have his fellow Australian, Sam Masters as a good guest for him at No 1.

“Dany Gappmaier will be on his travels driving to Italy for the Grand Prix semi-final sign-in for Saturday and Lee Payne is still out injured.

“We have now secured guests for both on a difficult racing day with several other clubs in action.

“Our former skipper, Kelvin Tatum, who is part of the current Lakeside managerial set up, along with Jon Cook, have been magnificent in helping us out of this predicament by offering us the always-improving Alfie Bowtel, who will race at No 7 for us and former their Rye House rider Ben Morley replaces Dany.”

“Lewis Bridger is also out, still recuperating after his high-speed crash so we will use rider replacement to fill his four rides, but with four out for genuine reasons, it makes the trip to Ipswich a really tough old match to deal with.

“With David Howe, skipper Kevin Doolan – who has his testimonial at Berwick on Saturday night – and the ever-improving Jye Etheridge keeping the core alive maybe, just

maybe, we could run the home side close.”