

Speedway – Pijper looking for world boost



Theo Pijper on his travels again and looking for precious world longtrack points in Germany. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Theo Pijper has jetted to Germany for today's latest round of the World Longtrack Championship.

The Dutch-born rider is in the top four in the international event and he has high hopes for the event in Muhldorf in Bavaria.

Pijper warmed-up with eight points in Edinburgh Monarchs' 53-39 home win over Berwick Bandits in the SGB Championship on Friday.

And the former two-time European Grasstrack Champion, who has also been a member of two of Monarchs' Premier League title squads, is confident.

The Edinburgh-based 37-year-old from Dokkum, who has also ridden for Glasgow Tigers and Berwick Bandits, said: "It's a tough travel and a good field but I'm determined to stay in the title race."

Meanwhile, Berwick's team manager Gary Havelock admitted to being reasonably happy despite defeat at Armadale with two of his top men missing.

The former world champion said: "Fair to say, we've had more of our fair share of nightmares at this track over the seasons.

"The way we rode most of this match would mean we have to be

reasonably happy.

“Again, with Lewis Bridger and Nick Morris in harness, that score could have been dramatically different. “