

Speedway – Tigers delight as Monarchs skid to defeat



Ricky Wells, Monarchs' top scorer at Ashfield

Edinburgh Monarchs left Ashfield pointless after being beaten 53-39 by Championship-chasing Glasgow Tigers.

Monarchs were undone by a lack of top end power as they recorded only four heat winners to the home side's 11.

Their team manager Alex Harkess said his men never gave up but he admitted that the visitors were not consistent enough to challenge.

The visitors got off to the worst possible start as Richard Lawson and Nike Lunna rocketed from the tapes leaving guest Ludvig Lindgren and Theo Pijper in their wake.

This heat was completed in the fastest time of the season at Ashfield showing how sharp Lawson was from tapes to flag.

Monarchs top scorer Ricky Wells at least gave the travelling fans something to cheer when he won Heat 15 after gating well to deny Lawson a maximum.

Meanwhile, Berwick Bandits welcomed Peterborough Panthers to Shielfield Park in the Championship with the visitors looking for revenge for a defeat earlier in the season.

It all come down to Heat 15 with Nick Morris winning and David Howe easing his way into a match-winning second place to win 47-46.

The match still stood out with thrilling racing, team riding, a last heat decider and a home win.

Guest Jack Parkinson-Blackburn was, however, taken to hospital with a damaged hand and upper back pain on a night when he was enjoying one of his best performances of the year.