

Speedway – Monarchs face tough double-header



Craig Cook, the former Monarchs star, who leads Workington Comets. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Workington Comets have recently had a poor run of form but are led by Edinburgh Monarchs legend Craig Cook.

The Cumbrian was crowned British Champion for the first time this season and he may become a full-time Grand Prix rider next season after an excellent performance in the GP Challenge in Russia.

Cook is backed by Ty Proctor and Thomas Jorgensen with former Glasgow Tigers rider James Sarjeant also listed.

Monarchs then face a challenge from high-flying Ipswich Witches who currently sit second in the SGB Championship and are guaranteed a play-off spot.

Injuries have hampered their recent progress with Cameron Heeps and former Monarchs racer Justin Sedgmen currently sidelined.

Danny King and another former Monarchs star, Rory Schlein, spearhead and Witches will be keen to avenge Monarchs win on their home track earlier in the season.

Captain Sam Masters returns after injury and this, coupled with the recent return of Mark Riss, means the Monarchs will go into the double header with their named 1-7 for the first time since mid June.

Co-promoter Alex Harkess said: "Some of our riders are now returning from injury and maybe we will see what we have been

looking for a full seven-man performance.

"This has been the aim all year but, for one reason or another, it has not really happened."

Tapes go up at 7pm for the first match against Workington we then expect around a 20 minute gap between the two matches as the track is prepared.

The supporter's bus will leave Edinburgh half an hour earlier also.