

Speedway – Witches prove too strong



Richard Lawson claimed 15 points but Glasgow Tigers still skidded to defeat.
Picture by Ian Adam

SGB Championship: Glasgow Tigers 41, Ipswich Witches 52

Glasgow: Richie Worrall 10, rider replacement for Dan Bewley, Richard Lawson 15, Ryan Douglas (guest) 3, Aaron Summers 7, James Shanes 4, Jack Smith 2

Ipswich: Danny King 10, rider replacement for Justin Sedgmen, Mark Riss (guest) 10, Kyle Newman 4, Rory Schlein 14, Nathan Graves 11, Connor Mountain 3

An Edinburgh Monarchs rider and a former star helped put the skids under ambitious Glasgow Tigers despite 15 points from home hero Richard Lawson.

Monarchs German star Mark Riss guested for high-flying Ipswich Witches and powered to 10 points.

And Aussie rider Rory Schlein, who started his British career at Armadale, claimed 14 points.

Reserve riders Nathan Graves and Connor Mountain piled on the agony for home fans with 11 points and three points respectively.

Home Reserves, James Shaines, a guest rider, scored four and Jack Smith two and that made a big difference.

Glasgow skipper Aaron Summers had called on his injury-hit side to put down a marker as Ipswich are likely play-off opponents.

But the Suffolk side eased ahead with 4-2 scorelines in Heats Two, Three, Four and Seven for a 25-17 lead.

Then they hit Glasgow with a 5-1 in Heat Eight to go 30-18 ahead but a 7-2 for the home side in the next race thanks to a tactical ride win for Richard Lawson and a third from guest Ryan Douglas pulled the score back to 32-25.

Witches then powered to two 5-1 wins in Heats 11 and 13 to take a 46-35 lead.

And the visitors kept their cool to close out Tigers with 3-3 scorelines in the final two races.