

Speedway – Masters opts out of Edinburgh



Sam Masters has left Edinburgh to ride for the Premiership and in Europe. Picture Jack Cupido

Wolverhampton Wolves have agreed terms with Sam Masters to return to the club for a third successive season.

The Australian star will limit his British racing to the SGB Premiership in 2018 having left Championship club Edinburgh in a bid to increase his schedule elsewhere in Europe.

Masters said: “I feel very lucky that my average is under eight and I have managed to keep my place at Wolverhampton, as I know unfortunately that’s been a problem for some riders with the new rules. I guess I have my collarbone (injury) to thank for that.

“I am honoured to be riding for Wolverhampton again for my third consecutive season, as it’s a place I enjoy turning up to every week.

“I feel I can step up my game and show the fans, club and promotion my full potential and hopefully as a team bring back some gold.”

Meanwhile, Edinburgh have confirmed returns for four riders as they build their line-up for the 2018 SGB Championship campaign.

Ricky Wells, Erik Riss, Mark Riss and Josh Pickering will all be back and

Wells said: “I didn’t really want to go anywhere else.

“It’s great to be back, and to be fixed up for the first week

in December is great as well, it will let me get organised before Christmas.

“I hadn’t actually realised I had put a point on my average and I see no reason why I can’t increase it again. Last season I struggled for a couple of months around World Cup time, but we got that sorted, came back and did OK. I finished up last season at No.1.

“I want to ride at No.1 but whoever fills the other six spots in the team should also be looking at it and saying ‘I want to be No.1.’ It’s good to have that rivalry in the team. We had a bit of that with me and Sam last year.”