Speedway - Harkess demands home win

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Ricky Wells set to be a key man for Monarchs v Glasgow Tigers in the Challenge Shield on Friday at Armadale. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

The Staggs Bar Monarchs hope to consolidate their position in the Border section of the Championship Shield on Friday by beating Glasgow Tigers at Armadale.

They face a Glasgow team with a great deal of experience and Armadale expertise.

And Alex Harkess, Monarchs' president, said: "We must win the home match.

"It's just a six-match section and it would be hard to come back from a loss or draw at home.

"If we can succeed on Friday then the away match two days later can take care of itself."

Friday will also launch a series of nights to celebrate the club's 70th anniversary.

Monarchs started life in 1948, racing their first away match at Bristol on 26 March. and their first home match at Old Meadowbank on 17 April against Glasgow.

And, on Friday, they welcome Jimmy Turner, Harry Darling and Jock Scott who all rode for the team between 1951 and 1954.

Remember, tapes go up at 7.30pm.