

Speedway – Tigers secure Shield double



Claus Vissing (left) with his team manager, Cami Brown, pictured by Ian Adam

Championship Shield: Glasgow Tigers 49, Edinburgh Monarchs 41

Glasgow: Richie Worrall 4, Lewis Kerr 11, Paul Starke 6, Claus Vissing 12, Chris Harris 8, Jack Thomas 3, James Sarjeant 5

Edinburgh: Ricky Wells 7, Max Ruml 1, Mark Riss 10, rider replacement for Joel Andersson, Erik Riss 14, Matt Williamson 1, Josh Pickering 8

Claus Vissing continued his great start to the season by top scoring for Glasgow Tigers and claiming a new track record.

The former Berwick Bandits and Edinburgh Monarchs racer turned on the power against one of his former clubs and the 31-year-old claimed 12 points thanks to three heat wins in five outings.

And the win strengthened Tigers position in the Borders section of the Championship Shield.

In-form Vissing was backed by Lewis Kerr with 11 points as Glasgow Tigers wrapped-up a Championship Shield double over arch rivals the Staggs Bar Monarchs.

The West of Scotland combine comfortably won 48-41 at Armadale on Friday and on Sunday cruised to a 49-41 win at the Peugeot Ashfield Stadium to take charge of the Border section in the Championship Shield.

Monarchs skipper Eric Riss was best for the visits with 14 points from six rides and his brother Mark was second top scorer with ten points.

Earlier, the home side were 14-4 ahead after three heats following back-to-back 5-1 heat wins but Monarchs replied with a 5-1 of their own in the next race to bring the scoreline back to 15-9.

But Vissing then won Heat Five in a new track record of 58.18sec as the home side moved 19-11 ahead.

They kept Monarchs at bay until Heat 11 when Ricky Wells was first through the tapes.

Then team-mate Mark Riss won the next race with his brother Eric, Monarchs' captain, in second place.

Former Grand Prix rider Chris Harris calmed nerves with victory for Tigers in Heat 13 as they moved 45-33 ahead.

And Eric Riss and his brother Mark won Heat 15 with Vissing third and Lewis Kerr fourth to put a better gloss on the overall scoreline.