

Speedway – Worrall concerns over Ashfield track



Richie Worrall in action for Glasgow Tigers.

Picture by Ian Adam

Richie Worrall says fans are in for a derby “cracker” on Sunday (tapes-up 3pm) as Glasgow and Edinburgh fight for their KO Cup survival with just two points separating them.

The Staggs Bar (Musselburgh) Monarchs were 46-44 winners in the first-leg of the cup’s opening round at Armadale tonight with the sides no more than six apart at any given time.

Both teams led at different stages and the Tigers managed to pull four points back late on to ensure a tight return fixture at the Peugeot Ashfield Stadium.

Worrall was the star for Glasgow with three wins out of five, including in the final race where he had to go it alone when Chris Harris hit the deck and was thrown out the heat.

Tigers in-form No 5 now believes the tie is finely poised for another thriller on Sunday with more work having taken place this week to create a circuit fit for top-class racing.

Reflecting on Friday’s defeat in West Lothian, Worrall said: “We had a couple of guys having an off-night.

“I knew I had to go out and win that last race. It’s lonely out there on your own when you’re up against those two guys and you need a result. There’s a bit of pressure.”

Looking ahead to Sunday, the 26-year-old hopes the track at the Peugeot Ashfield Stadium has been improved.

And he revealed that riders have been groaning about the

condition in recent weeks. The rider said:: “They (Edinburgh) like Glasgow and have some guys who like going round Ashfield.

“There’s been a lot of track work going on. We’ve not been happy with, the track.

“But the management along with all the track staff have done some work on it.”

He revealed that work was done before last weeks meeting and there was a dramatic change.

Worrall added: “We’ll see on Sunday but it should be a cracker. I enjoy the derbies.”