

Speedway – Monarchs and Tigers lick wounds



Expensive night for Josh Pickering at Ipswich after blowing an engine. Picture by Jack Cupido

The Peugeot Ashfield Stadium in Glasgow hosts 39 heats at various age levels starting at 3.00pm as the British Youth Championships come to town on Sunday. The meeting is expected to finish by 5.30pm.

Alan Dick, Glasgow's co-promoter, said: "Some of the leading youth riders from all over the UK taking part including Leon Flint from Berwick who is already in the Birmingham team aged 15."

Admission is £10 with all children under-12 free. Programmes are £1.

Meanwhile, Edinburgh Monarchs collapsed at the end of their SGB Championship clash at Ipswich Witches.

The Armadale combine made a promising start before running out of steam, going down 53-37.

John Campbell, Monarchs' team manager, said: "A disappointing end and the score doesn't reflect the effort put in.

"The individual scores don't reflect the effort put in. It was one of those nights where everything that could go against us did go against us.

"Ipswich were helped with Danny King saying he had injured his arm on the night when it was clear he was struggling with his arm injury already.

“Josh blew up an engine and Mark’s cut out came loose while he was leading a race, but we were still in it then the home men got the big wins at the end and it got away from us.”

Elsewhere, James Sarjeant enjoyed his best match of the season so far for misfiring Glasgow Tigers at Sheffield and then headed for Glasgow to practice.

The Sheffield-based racer top scored with nine points but wants more.

And he was desperate to get some laps in before Tigers visit Workington Comets on Saturday (7pm).

And 24-year-old Sarjeant refused to point the finger at his team-mates after the club’s disappointing 56-34 SGB Championship defeat at Sheffield on Thursday.

Glasgow collected only three heat wins and had no scorers in double-figures as the men in red and white struggled to back up their No 7.

Top men Chris Harris and Richie Worrall had disappointing nights, Harris scoring five and Worrall four.

Sarjeant said: “I feel better in myself for banging in a few points but I haven’t been performing.”

He claimed Glasgow have an experienced team and added: “After a bad meeting you always kick yourself.

“I don’t think we need any backside-kickings. We know what’s happened. We have to take it on to Workington and make amends.”