

Speedway – magnificent Wells stars on debut



Ricky Wells, starred on his debut for Leicester. Picture by Jack Cupido

Leicester newcomer Ricky Wells enjoyed a dream debut in the Lions' narrow 46-44 win over Wolverhampton in the SGB Premiership.

The New Zealand-born, Edinburgh Monarchs' rider collected 13 points and a bonus from five rides.

He also won the crucial Heat 15 to prevent the former Monarchs skipper Sam Masters inspiring his team to a dramatic comeback.

Leicester led 32-22 after Heat Nine but a series of Wolves advantages brought the meeting level with one race to go with Masters winning his first six outings.

But in the decider, Wells headed Wolves skipper Rory Schlein (another former Edinburgh rider) with Hans Andersen holding on for third place over Masters who scored 18 points on the night.

Leicester boss Simon Stead said: "We had a really strong performance in Heat 15 from Ricky and Hansi to secure us the points.

"I don't think it could have gone much better for Ricky on his debut, but I've got to mention Charles (Wright) as well, because his performance will go a little under the radar with how well Ricky has done.

"Between them they've scored 20 paid 22 which is a game-changer for us, and it's been the difference between winning

and losing tonight.”

Wolves manager Peter Adams said: “We came here looking for a point and we got that. It could have been more had it not been for our poor start, but the Leicester boys produced a good ride in the last race.

“We’re obviously disappointed that we didn’t win, but we’re also more than happy with a point.

“We won quite a few races towards the end of the meeting, we asked the boys for a bit more fight and effort, and after the interval they certainly delivered that.”