

# Speedway – Courtney aiming to stay in top four



Peterborough Panthers bolstered by Paul Starke of Glasgow Tigers at Berwick Bandits on Saturday.

Scott Courtney, Berwick Bandits' team manager, hopes Reserve pair Theo Pijper and Nikolaj Busk Jakobsen remain in fine form.

Pijper collected 11 points against Edinburgh Monarchs, his former club, in last Saturday's comfortable home league win while Jakobsen scored nine.

Courtney said: "All the guys are up for everything at the moment and we want to stay in the top four."

That may be tough as Bandits entertain SGB Championship pace-setters Peterborough Panthers on Saturday (7pm).

And former Berwick rider Paul Starke replaces crooked Panthers star Ulrich Ostergaard.

Peterborough boss Carl Johnson said: "We do like to use guests who we're familiar with and who we know will give 100 per cent to the team.

"That's why we've gone for Paul again. He knows the Berwick track so I'm sure he will do a good job."

Berwick currently sit fourth in the table mainly as a result of impressive home form as the Bandits have picked up only one point on the road.

Only Workington Comets have managed a win there so far and no other visiting side has taken a point.

Johnson said: "A point from the meeting would be good and that's what the target will be.

"Hopefully, we can come away with more to keep us as the only side to take points in every away meeting.

"That's the plan but it doesn't always work like that. Berwick are a strong side and they've done well this season."