

Speedway – Riss ready for Glasgow test



Erik Riss does his pre-match exercises but he may not be on track on Sunday in Glasgow as heavy rain is forecast. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Erik Riss admitted that beating Glasgow Tigers in the much-hyped local derby was easier than he expected.

Toothless Tigers were rolled over 56-33 by fired-up Edinburgh Monarchs at Armadale on Friday.

And the sides square-up again at the Peugeot Ashfield Stadium on Sunday (3pm) in another crucial match-up but watch the weather forecast as rain is predicted until later on Sunday night.

Riss said: “I didn’t expect that, but it could be different in Glasgow.”

Glasgow have now slipped to seventh spot in the 11-strong SGB Championship table.

And only the top four qualify for the end-of-season play-offs. Tigers have 27 points from 15 league matches while Edinburgh have 28 from the same number of outings.

They are in fourth spot and Riss, who scored nine points on Friday, added: “We needed to win at home and we go to Glasgow looking for points.

“They are good at home but we have riders who can do well there.”

Tigers’ ace Paul Starke urged his team-mates to forget Friday’s Armadale nightmare.

The Englishman produced one of his best performances of the season and scored nine points in West Lothian while guest Ben Barker roared to 14 points.

Mechanical issues, on-track errors and a reaggravated injury to Nathan Greaves plagued the visitors on the night but No 1 Craig Cook comes back after Grand Prix duty in Poland to boost the side.

Starke admitted: "A lot of the boys had an off-night. There's nothing we can do now, the meeting is done, we need to look to our next home fixture.

"We know they are a strong side but we're a strong side as well and we have to move to our next fixture and do the business."