

Speedway – Tigers boost ahead of Monarchs visit



Ricky Wells, one of two Edinburgh Monarchs' racers in the Riders' Individual.

Sheffield Tigers hope news of a significant announcement will boost the club ahead of their SGB Championship clash with Edinburgh Monarchs on Thursday (7.30pm).

Second-bottom Tigers say they have agreed terms with a rider with exciting talent to launch their team building for 2019.

Damien Bates, their co-promoter, said: "It's a big season for us in 2019 because we have to show character to bounce back after this one.

"We have signed a rider who will become an asset of the club and we owe it to our loyal fans to give them the news first on Thursday night."

Meanwhile, Sheffield hosts the Championship Riders' Individual at on Sunday September 2 (5pm).

Former winner Craig Cook will be looking to repeat his success of six years ago.

Cumbria-based Cook now rides for Glasgow having previously represented Edinburgh. His Glasgow team-mate Chris Harris is also in the field.

Ricky Wells rides for Monarchs along with club captain Erik Riss and Kevin Doolan is in for Berwick Bandits.

LINE-UP (not in draw order): Kevin Doolan (Berwick), Ricky Wells (Edinburgh), Craig Cook (Glasgow), Nico Covatti

(Ipswich), Richard Lawson (Lakeside), Stuart Robson (Newcastle), Scott Nicholls (Peterborough), Ben Barker (Redcar), Josh Auty (Scunthorpe), Charles Wright (Sheffield), Ty Proctor (Workington), Adam Ellis (Lakeside), Kyle Howarth (Sheffield), Michael Palm Toft (Peterborough), Chris Harris (Glasgow), Erik Riss (Edinburgh).

Monarchs have also confirmed the restaging date for their abandoned meeting against Berwick on 10 August. It will be Friday, 14 September.

John Campbell, the club's co-promoter, said: "I initially had discussions with Scott Courtney about the Bandits returning on 31 August as part of a double-header.

"Last week a number of clubs made a request to the BSPA to extend the play-off deadline and an extension was confirmed until Sunday, 16 September.

"That gave me the opportunity to offer Berwick the mid-September date and Scott has now confirmed that he will bring his riders that night."

Supporters are reminded that readmission tickets from the abandonment will be valid on that night, subject to the payment of a small surcharge, but they will also be valid at any of our meetings before that.

Fans using the readmission ticket on Friday are requested to bring the correct change to speed entry at the admission gates with a bumper crowd expected for the visit of Glasgow Tigers.