

Speedway – Bandits aim to tame Witches



Kevin Doolan, an inspiration for Berwick. Picture Colin Poole

Ipswich Witches entertain Berwick Bandits on Thursday hoping to bounce back after skidding to defeat at Glasgow Tigers.

Injuries and crashes hit Witches hard and the Tigers came from behind in the last three heats to snatch a win.

The English side did, however, earn a point and are fifth in the Championship.

Team manager Ritchie Hawkins wants to make the top four and qualify for the play offs.

But he said all Witches can do is try and win their final two home meetings and see where it leaves them.

Scott Nicholls was due to guest but requires surgery on an ankle after crashing at Glasgow.

Lakeside's Richard Lawson steps in and Witches hope Cameron Heeps will be fit to ride after injuring his knee at Ashfield.

Rider replacement will be used at for injured Rory Schlein who is unlikely to ride again this season.

Meanwhile, Berwick have enjoyed a much improved season thanks to their home form. They have won nine fixtures and lost one.

Bandits, however, have not won on the road and their team bosses believe this is a chance for them to move into a play-off spot.