

Speedway – Monarchs boss issues order



Alex Harkess (right) celebrates with co-promoter John Campbell (left) at The Staggs Bar

The immediate task for The Staggs Bar Monarchs is to repel the challenge of the Lakeside Hammers, one of the strongest-contending teams for a play-off place.

Hammers visit Armadale on Friday and it has been a traumatic year for the club who have been hit by the closure of their venue where they have been since 1984.

On-track they have been excellent this season led by Richard Lawson and Nick Morris, and with Adam Ellis making great strides.

Lakeside are unbeaten at home in the league without even conceding a point to the opposition and have collected three away wins. They are also still in the Championship Shield and the KO Cup.

Alex Harkess, Monarchs' team manager, said: "Ricky Wells said to me he thinks this could be our hardest match, basing that on the fact that they have three riders he believes will do very well round Armadale.

"I think these riders have done well, but not every time. It's up to us to dominate them and take the pressure off ourselves, and I'd like to think we will."

Monarchs visit Glasgow on Tuesday and, if all that goes according to plan, the club's final SGB Championship match will be next Friday against Berwick.

STAGGS BAR MONARCHS: Ricky Wells, Victor Palovaara, Josh Pickering, Richie Worrall, Erik Riss (captain), William Lawson, Joel Andersson.

LAKESIDE HAMMERS: Richard Lawson (captain), rider replacement for Kyle Newman, Nick Morris, Ben Morley, Adam Ellis, Zach Wajtnecht, Alfie Bowtell.