

Speedway – five Bandits return for 2019



Kevin Doolan, back for another season with Berwick

Berwick Bandits bring back five riders from the side which narrowly missed out on the SGB Championship play-offs last season.

Aaron Summers, Kevin Doolan, Nikolaj B Jakobsen, Jye Etheridge and Dany Gappmaier return.

Coty Garcia kick-starts his second spell in the Borders after starting his British career with the club in 2015.

And teenage star Leon Flint steps up to the higher level with his local side with his father Gary in as team manager under the new set-up fronted by Jamie Courtney.

Courtney said: "I'm running the club this year with a new business plan and it's all about making Berwick Bandits work as a responsible enterprise, continuing our speedway for many years to come."

Elsewhere, Glasgow Tigers captain Craig Cook, a former captain of Edinburgh Monarchs, will also track for Peterborough Panthers in the SGB Premiership.

Cook, who rode for Panthers in the second tier for much of the 2016 season, has made the move to rejoin the club after a long association with Belle Vue.

He links with fellow signings Chris Harris and Hans Andersen.

Promoter Ged Rathbone said: "This will be a good move for him (Craig). He knows the supporters, he's liked by the supporters and he wants to come here and win."

Meanwhile, former Monarchs star Max Fricke has resigned for Manchester-based Belle Vue.

And Glasgow Tigers have signed 6ft 3in racer Luke Chessell who is making his return to the sport after a two-year absence.