

Speedway – local talent Flint goes for national crown

Leon Flint carries home homes as the cream of Britain's young talent roars into Berwick on Saturday (7pm).

The teenager from Ashington, Northumberland, hopes to add the British under-21 title to his CV.

And the 16-year-old has already won the British 1500cc title once and British 2500cc crown twice.

Flint also knows the track as he rides for Berwick Bandits as well as Manchester-based Belle Vue Colts but he faces a strong field headed by reigning champion Robert Lambert.

The King's Lynn rider is the clear favourite to defend his title and the 21-year-old, who helped GB to silver in last season's FIM Speedway of Nations, is keen to hold onto the title.

Neil Vatcher, Great Britain's youth co-ordinator, said: "Robert (Lambert) is clearly the one everyone will have to catch, but anything can happen on the night.

"It's a good line-up and Berwick will do a fine job holding it, they work hard to promote the sport and it is good for the meeting to be back there.

"There's an exciting crop of youngsters right now and I'm expecting some keen competition to progress to the latter stages."

Admission to Berwick (7pm start) is £15 adults, £11 concessions and children go for just £1.

LINE-UP: Luke Harris (Cradley), Anders Rowe (Somerset/Kent), Tom Brennan (Eastbourne/Cradley), Leon Flint (Berwick/Belle Vue Colts), Nathan Greaves (Redcar), Drew Kemp (Sheffield/Kent), Jack Smith (Redcar), Kyle Bickley (Glasgow/Belle Vue Colts), Jack Thomas (Leicester), Jordan Palin (Belle Vue Colts), Harry McGurk (Cradley), Dan Bewley (Belle Vue), Ryan Kinsley (Scunthorpe), Zach Wajtknecht (Swindon/Birmingham), Jason Edwards (Mildenhall), Robert Lambert (King's Lynn). Reserves: Henry Atkins (Somerset), Alex Spooner (Kent).

Meanwhile, Glasgow Tigers' racer Paul Starke can't wait for the arrival of Edinburgh Monarchs at the Peugeot Ashfield Stadium tomorrow (SUN, 5pm) for a Championship Shield clash.

Meanwhile, a bumper crowd watched a spectacular opening fixture at Glasgow two weeks ago and club bosses expected even bigger interest when Tigers square-up to arch rivals Monarchs.

Children under-12 are being invited to Sunday's meeting free of charge with a paying adult.