

Speedway – Tyneside defeat for Monarchs

The Staggs Bar Monarchs lost the final heat 5-1 to go down 50-40 in their first Championship Shield road trip at Newcastle Diamonds.

That meant the Armadale side missed out on a possible point.

However, Monarchs bosses said they have no complaints about the result as Edinburgh did not do enough and provided only three race winners.

Former Monarchs racer Steve Worrall was best for the home side with 14 points and Mike Hunter, a Monarchs director, said that perhaps Edinburgh's most noteworthy performer was No 7 Luke Ruddick.

He scored four points and collected three bonus points gained with some decent gating and competitive racing.

Hunter said Ruddick was involved in a welcome 5-1 in Heat 8 behind Justin Sedgmen who won the heat in a quick time but on a night when he did little else right.

Ricky Wells (pictured) scored steadily to top score with ten points but Cameron Heeps, who has enjoyed good form so far this season, found gating a problem and accumulated seven points.

Hunter added: "One way or another, we were only four behind when we reached Heat 13.

"We shared it and Joel (Andersson) took a second in Heat 14 leaving us needing a shared last race for a point.

“In that though, Ricky and Josh were well beaten by (Steve) Worrall and (Matthew) Wethers.”