

# Speedway – Cook on course for Grand Prix return

**Former Edinburgh Monarchs skipper Craig Cook (pictured) and Robert Lambert have qualified for the Grand Prix Challenge and are just five races away from the 2020 series after making it through Saturday's semi-final in Glasgow.**

In-form Cook, who skippers Glasgow Tigers, went through the card to top the podium with Lambert finishing on 12 points in fourth.

Current Grand Prix rider Niels-Kristian Iversen, from Denmark, won a race-off against Swede Pontus Aspgren to finish in second after they had both ended the meeting on 13 points.

The 2012 World Champion Chris Holder and Italian star Nico Covatti both missed out by just a point, finishing on 11 with American ace Broc Nicol (nine points) providing some of the best entertainment on a track that recovered well from a hellish week's weather.

Glasgow reserve Kyle Bickley, along with Berwick starlet Leon Flint, also managed to get in on the action after Hans Andersen withdrew due to a recurrence of his shoulder injury and a couple of others suffered bike problems or disqualifications.

The top four now head for the final in Croatia in August with former Glasgow riders Anders Thomsen and Chris Harris also qualifying.

SCORES: Craig Cook 15, Niels-Kristian Iversen 13 (after run-

off), Pontus Aspgren 13, Robert Lambert 12 (all qualify for GP Challenge), Chris Holder 11, Nico Covatti 11, Broc Nicol 9, Tero Aarnio 7, Bartosz Smektala 6, Ondrej Smetana 6, Jacob Thorssell 5, Glenn Moi 3, Kyle Bickley (res) 3, Hans Andersen 2, Dimitri Berge 2, Sebastian Niedzwiedz 1, Rohan Tungate 1, Leon Flint (res) 0.