

Speedway – Scottish Open headlines as Monarchs get set for season

The 65th running of the Scottish Open Championship kick-starts Edinburgh Monarchs season on Friday, March 27.

Some of the best riders in the SGB Championship will be on show as they battle for the Jack Young Memorial Trophy.

Monarchs launch their domestic campaign with a Scottish Cup weekend against Glasgow at home on Friday, April 10 followed by the deciding leg in the west 24-hours later.

From there, it's competitive action all the way to September, with Newcastle providing the first opposition in the expanded Championship on April 17.

Each Championship club will visit once, with Berwick, Glasgow, Newcastle, Redcar and Scunthorpe all visiting a second time with all points counting towards the league table.

Championship newcomers Poole and Kent will line up at Armadale for the first time on June 26 and July 3 respectively.

Poole are the most successful team in British speedway in the modern era and will be much anticipated opposition as they visit Armadale to take on Monarchs, the most successful second division team of the modern era.

Monarchs have been informed of a change to the previously announced Knock Out Cup ties with Newcastle Diamonds now providing the first round opposition.

The match is on Friday, May 8 at Armadale with the return on Sunday, May 10 at Newcastle.

A Monarchs spokesman said: "Combined with the Armadale Devils fixtures, supporters can look forward to an exciting and extensive programme in the coming season."