

Speedway – Monarchs hold slender lead against Diamonds

What the Fork Monarchs defend a slender four-point lead when they travel to Brough Park to square-up to Newcastle Diamonds on Sunday (4pm) in the second-leg of their first round Knockout Cup tie.

A strong start to the match, and dominant performances by Sam Masters and Richie Worrall (pictured) were the plus points but Newcastle are in a good position.

However Monarchs' rider William Lawson remains optimistic despite blowing an eight-point lead and Josh Pickering has yet to get into gear.

So it's all to play for on Sunday in the second leg when Stevie Worrall guesting for Sam Masters as Monarchs try to hold on to their narrow advantage.

MONARCHS 47: R Worrall 15, Masters 13, Lawson 6, Thomson 5, Greaves 4, Pickering 4, Woolley 0

DIAMONDS 43: Wright 12, Clegg 8, Roynon 6, Mountain 6, Wethers 6, Howarth 4, Alcock 1.

AUSTRIAN ace Dany Gappmaier powered to 13 points as Berwick Bandits edged Leicester Lions 47-43 in the Borders.

Nick Morris with 15 points top scored for the visitors.

Leon Flint and Greg Blair both scored 11 points as Berwick beat Leicester 53-36 in the National Development League also at the Borders track. Dan Thompson was best for Leicester with 12 points.