

Speedway – Summers guests for Newcastle

NEWCASTLE Diamonds have called up Berwick Bandits star Aaron Summers to guest for the injured Matthew Wethers in today's (Sunday, 6.30pm) home clash with Championship leaders Glasgow.

Tigers, who were rained off at home to Birmingham on Friday, bring in former Diamonds star Steve Worrall in place of the injured Ulrich Ostergaard.

Meanwhile, Jye Etheridge powered to 11 points as Bandits put star-studded Plymouth Gladiators to the sword in the home side's biggest win of the season.

The Aussie racer, three times Rider of the Year at Berwick, was backed-up by home-bred rising teenage star Leon Flint who scored ten points and also Kyle Bickley who both collected 11 points in the 57-33 victory.

Three-time world champion Jason Crump (pictured, yellow helmet) and ex-Grand Prix racer Bjarne Pedersen won the final race 5-1 to take the scores closer.

Crump finished with ten points and Pedersen 11 and Bandits put the skids under Plymouth without Kasper B Andersen who withdrew from the meeting after a crash in Heat Two.

The victory was confirmed after Heat 11, won well by Aaron Summers after an awful gate, ahead of Crump and Dillon Ruml in a 3-3 which took the score to 45-21. Bandits' celebrations began with four races to run.

Bandits team manager, Gary Flint, said: "What a meeting that was. It had some superb passing and the Bandits, at full strength, did what we know they can.

"They worked as a team unit to dominate the Gladiators and

were not intimidated by the presence of Jason Crump and Bjarne Pedersen.

“In fact, they all tried that bit harder to beat them and some of them did.”

He added: “All credit to all 14 riders out there as they all contributed to a great night out and, of course, we wish Kasper Andersen a quick recovery from the nasty bang to the groin he suffered in Heat Two.”

Berwick FTS Bandits 57: Nikolaj Busk Jakobsen 2*,1,1,3,0 = 7+1, Jye Etheridge (c) 3,3,2*,3 = 11+1, Leon Flint 3,2,1,3,1 = 10, Dany Gappmaier 2*,3,0,3 = 8+1, Aaron Summers 2,3,3,0 = 8, Kasper Andersen (r) 2*,N,N,N = 2+1 withdrawn injured Kyle Bickley (r) 3,1*,2*,3,0,0,2* = 11+3

Plymouth Gladiators 33: Jason Crump 0,2,1,2,2,3 = 10, Dillon Ruml 1,0,1,1* = 3+1, Zach Cook 1,0,0,1* = 2+1, Zane Keleher 0,1,2,1 = 4, Bjarne Pedersen (c) 3,2,3,1*,2* = 11+2, Danyon Hume (guest) (r) Fx,0,0,Ts,2 = 2, Jason Edwards (r) 1,N,0,0 = 1

PICTURE: action from Berwick Taz McDonald