

New faces at Monarchs and Berwick

Stellar Monarchs have confirmed that 16-year-old prospect Max James is their first signing for the 2024 speedway season when the teenager will make his debut at Cab Direct Championship level.

James (pictured) has enjoyed success at Armadale in the British Youth Championship, and he then piled up an incredible 15+1 score at the venue in the National Development League for Leicester earlier this year.

Monarchs co-promoter Alex Harkess said: “Max has developed strongly through the youth scene and has always been one to keep an eye on as he was a real contender.

“At the Monarchs we have always given youth a chance to flourish and our supporters enjoy watching young riders on their journey. We are delighted to have Max in the team and we are excited to watch him progress.

Meanwhile, Berwick boss Stewart Dickson believes new signing Danyon Hume will flourish at Shielfield Park next season after moving to the Bandits after spending 2023 with Cab Direct Championship rivals Redcar.

He joins Rory Schlein and Lewis Kerr as confirmed starters and Dickson said: “Danyon is an exciting young rider with an impressive record around Shielfield Park and I’m confident 2024 will be a big season of progress for the lad.

“Establishing a side of riders who can improve on their starting average will be very important next season and Danyon is very capable of doing just that and I am excited to work towards getting the best out of him.”