

Thomson looking for silverware next season

Kye Thomson has signed for a fourth year in the Blue and Gold of Edinburgh Monarchs and is looking to build on an up and down year in 2023.

Thomson confirmed it was a no-brainer for the Aussie to return to Armadale for another year and added: "Edinburgh are straightforward and don't mess you about so, when I was asked, it didn't take long to get everything done.

"I had a good first two years with the Monarchs and then last year wasn't as good. I had nights that were the best of my career like when I got the full maximum and other times like when I was ill that were scary, but, by the end of the season I felt I wasn't far away from where I wanted to be.

"The way I look at it, no one has three perfect years in a row so it is time to kick on again. People were saying things like it was the worst year in 40 years

"But, if you look at it, we still were better than others. It is time for everyone to put 2023 behind them and we all start again on zero come the start of the season."

Thomson revealed that he has been relaxing and catching up on things you miss during the season. I have my girlfriend over and she is loving it here so that is great as well.

"Once we get into the New Year the preparation will really start. I am riding almost every weekend and I'll be doing all

I can on my fitness so I will be ready to go for the start of the season.”

Thomson added: “We are going to start where I left off last year in regards equipment. I was comfortable on it at the end of the year and going well so we will start with that and take it from there.

“I am so thankful to all my sponsors but I don’t have the same level that some guys do so it does set you back if you try something and it doesn’t work.

“I bought a new engine last year and it was probably the worst engine I have ever had. I could not get it to work like I wanted and I don’t have the ability to just go buy another one. So I will start with what I am comfortable on then go from there.”

The rider added: “I am hungrier than ever for success. You see other teams lifting trophies and it just makes you want to give the fans something to cheer even more.

“Monarchs are more than a club, they are a family, so I hope everyone has a great Christmas and here’s to a big year in 2024.”