

Borke signs for new-look Berwick

Bastian Borke has been confirmed as the seventh and final signing for Berwick Bandits' new look team for this year's Cab Direct Championship campaign.

The 21-year-old from Aarhus, Denmark, will start the season at reserve forming what looks like a potent pairing with teenager Freddy Hodder.

Borke, pictured by *Jack Cupido*, joined Edinburgh Monarchs in June last year and found the going tough, but there were flashes of his talent, eight points on his first visit to Glasgow and a match-winning 9 points plus two bonus points when the Monarchs won by two points at Shielfield Park in July.

Bandits' team manager Stewart Dickson said: "I'm pleased to get the signing of Bastian over the line and must thank the Edinburgh promotion for their assistance in making it happen.

"Although he will start at reserve, Bastian is soon going to be putting pressure on the men in the middle order and I can see him forcing his way into the main body of the team."

Dickson added: "There was no question that he showed a liking for Shielfield Park in July and he has now experienced most of the Cab Direct Championship tracks and knows what is in store.

"Everyone at the club has worked extremely hard over the winter to put together what I think is a very good team but

one that, one to seven, has room for improvement.

“I am incredibly happy with the team we have assembled and the feedback from our supporters has been positive too. We cannot wait to get our seven on track.”

Borke will join skipper Rory Schlein, Lewis Kerr, Danyon Hume, Drew Kemp, Jye Etheridge and Freddy Hodder in Bandits' colours.

A meet the riders night in the Black and Gold on 22 March will be followed by Press and Practice the following evening and then the visit of Workington to Shielfield Park in the Border Trophy, first-leg, on 30 March.