## Seven up for Etheridge at Berwick

Popular racer Jye Etheridge returns for his seventh season at Shielfield Park and Berwick's new team manager, Stewart Dickson, believes the 28-year-old is capable of regular double-figure scores around the Borders shale.

The 28-year-old from Newcastle, New South Wales, first signed for Bandits in 2017 after spells at Edinburgh Monarchs and Redcar Bears and proved an instant hit.

Indeed, Etheridge was voted the club's Rider of the Year in each of his first three seasons and he has consistently averaged over six points with some match-winning contributions around Berwick.

The Aussie has also tasted success in the top league, lifting the Premiership title with Belle Vue in 2022 and as a guest for Sheffield last season he produced a match-winning nine plus one bonus in the second-leg of the final.

He will team up with Rory Schlein, Drew Kemp, Danyon Hume, and Lewis Kerr plus Freddy Hodder when he returns to Britain for the Cab Direct Championship.

Dickson (pictured) commented: "Everyone knows that Jye is capable of regular double-figure returns around Shielfield. Making our home a fortress will be the key to success in 2024 and he has a leading role to play in that. Jye also grabbed vital points on the road last year and we will be looking for that to continue."

Season passes for the 12 home meetings are £199 adults, £189 concessions, accompanied under-16s free, and they are available from the club website berwickspeedway.com/store