

Watson thinking small to power him to a big future

Mason Watson has spent his career to date with his hometown team, Berwick, but wants to supercharge his speedway career and has signed for Stellar Monarchs Academy for this season.

The 23-year-old admitted to having a few offers from rival clubs but picked Edinburgh because it has a small track.

And Watson (pictured) said: "Edinburgh is a very professional club and produces a lot of very good riders. I'm excited for the new challenge but I've ridden at Berwick since I started my career so I feel like I need to master the small tracks now.

"Berwick is a brilliant track to race, but last season I felt like I struggled on the small tracks like Armadale and I've always enjoyed riding at Edinburgh."

Sadly, he's not scored big points at West Lothian but hopes that will change this term and his target is a heat leader spot.

Looking back, Watson admitted: "I had a pretty rough season last year with injuries and not much bike time, but in my last meeting for Berwick I top scored so I'm looking to keep that momentum going into 2024."

Academy manager Scott Wilson said: "He will fit into our team

extremely well. Something I've heard people say about Mason is that he can only ride Berwick.

"Well, he's already told me he really enjoys Armadale so I look forward to him proving some people wrong this year.

"He'll start off in a second string berth and his goal has to be to stay in the top five all season and improve his average while doing so. I'm confident he can do both."