

More rain forecast so Monarchs postpone opener

Torrential rain and cold temperatures have forced the postponement of Stellar Monarchs' season opener against Glasgow Tigers on Friday.

Forecasts predicting heavy rain overnight and throughout Friday with cold temperatures following weeks of relentless rain have triggered the early decision to abandon efforts to race this weekend.

Alex Harkess, Stellar Monarchs' co-promoter, said: "There is a tangible feeling of excitement in the build-up to the new season which we saw with a sell-out crowd at the Season Launch Show last week.

"We do not wish to tarnish this excitement with a wet and miserable opening night so have made the early decision to postpone tomorrow's match.

"Our track staff have done an excellent job of working around the recent rain, working last weekend to ready the surface for the rain that has fallen this week. However, the forecast for tomorrow is so awful that we have no option but to postpone."

Monarchs season now starts on Friday, April 12 at Glasgow, sponsored by Allied Vehicles, and Harkess said: "The team are up for the challenge. We are looking at options for rescheduling the home leg and will announce details once confirmed. We look forward to welcoming our supporters to a

sunny Armadale Stadium in the near future.”

TICKET NOTE: Tickets purchased for the postponed fixture are valid for the rescheduled date once confirmed or for any other standard Monarchs fixture at Armadale Stadium this season. Those who have pre-ordered live streams will be contacted directly.

PICTURE: Alex Harkess (right) with one of the track staff at Armadale. Picture by ***Nigel Duncan***