

Wilson: 'no excuses, they were simply better than us'

Sam McGurk top scored with ten points but Stellar Monarchs Academy were beaten 56-34 at Leicester Cubs in the National Development League.

Scot Wilson, Monarchs' team manager, said: "I could make excuses and say it was the first match of the season for most of our lads, whereas Leicester were already up and running in their season.

"That would be unfair to Leicester as they were simply better than us. They were faster out the starts and hungrier than us for the majority of the day.

"We never really got a foothold in the meeting and it was damage limitation by the midway point. Sam McGurk was our bright point, he kept us competitive, but he will need his team mates to give him a lot more support if we are to win matches."

Wilson added: "It's a good group of boys we have here though. They'll regroup and look to put things right against Oxford a week on Friday at Armadale."

Connor Coles but would probably be reasonably happy on his return from a bad injury at the end of last season, scoring seven points.

Leicester Lion Cubs (56): Joe Thompson 15+0, Vinnie Foord 4+1, Tom Spencer 7+1, Arran Butcher 4+0, Max James 7+2, Luke Crang 11+0, Sonny Springer 8+2

Edinburgh Monarchs Academy (34): Connor Coles 7+1, Mason Watson 3+1, Sam McGurk 10+0, Dayle Wood 4+0, Max Perry 6+0, Mark Parker 2+1, Kyran Lyden 2+1