

Schlein injury a massive blow to Bandits

Bewick Jewson Bandits skipper Rory Schlein was left with shoulder and rib injuries after a Heat 5 crash in a big defeat at in-form Scunthorpe Scorpions.

The Aussie racer was transferred to hospital and his teammates found themselves on the wrong end of home heat advantages in all but three races.

Scorpions move to the top of the Cab Direct Championship after picking up all five points from Berwick in six days. The result on Friday was Scorpions 62, Bandits 28.

It was a disappointing away display for Berwick was compounded by a heat five crash which left skipper Rory Schlein nursing shoulder and rib injuries.

Stewart Dickson, Berwick's team manager, saw Lewis Kerr return from injury but that was overshadowed by the injury to Schlein who a Bandits spokesman said will be struggling to play any part in the Bandits' remaining league fixtures.

Bandits have now slipped out of the last play-off spot and the trip to Plymouth Gladiators on Tuesday takes on extra significance with Jye Etheridge due to return but guests are now required to cover for Schlein (pictured) and crocked Bastian Borke.

Scorpions: Kyle Howarth 18, rider replacement for Michael Palm Toft, Simon Lambert 10+1, Connor Mountain 8+2, Jake Allen

14+2, Nathan Ablitt 5+1, Luke Harrison 7+2

Bandits: Lewi Kerr 9, Danyon Hume 2, Dan Gilkes 3, Drew Kemp
8+2, Freddy Hodder 1, Paul Starke 3