

Rain thwarts Monarchs, Bandits v Comets

Stellar Monarchs were forced to abandon their Cab Direct Championship clash with Glasgow Tigers at Armadale due to rain and the result does not stand.

Edinburgh were 25-16 ahead when the curtain came down with Paco Castagna (pictured) on six points for the home side and guest Anders Rowe also on six for Tigers.

Meanwhile, Berwick Jewson Bandits stick with rider-replacement for injured skipper Rory Schlein as they bring down the curtain on their Championship against Workington Comets this weekend. The sides meet at Shielfield Park on Saturday (7pm) and in Cumbria on Sunday (3pm).

Berwick's aim is points to avoid the wooden spoon while Workington are targeting all five to boost their three-way battle with Glasgow and Redcar for the final play-off spot.

They ended a run of five defeats, which coincided with a season-ending injury to teenage sensation Tate Zischke, with a home win over the Bears last Saturday.

Former Bandit Paul Starke has replaced Celina Liebmann in the Comets' line-up and proved a match-winner from reserve on his debut. Berwick track specialists Erk Riss and Simon Lambert guest for the Comets who continue to be without No 1 Craig Cook.

Berwick, who drew with Oxford before clinching a stunning

Super Heat win over the Cheetahs last Saturday, are at least ending a disappointing season on a high.

Stewart Dickson, Berwick's team manager, said: "It's likely to be tight, home and away so it's now up to the boys to come up with the goods again. They dug deep and battled away against Oxford."

Bandits: Lewi Kerr, Danyon Hume, Jye Etheridge, Drew Kemp, rider replacement, Freddy Hodder, Connor Coles. Sunday: Kerr, Hume, rider replacement, Kemp, Etheridge, Hodder, Connor Coles

Comets: Erik Riss, Simon Lambert, Antti Vuolas, Claus Vissing, Troy Batchelor, Sam McGurk, Paul Starke