## Thomson injury new blow for Monarchs

Stellar Monarchs rider Kye Thomson has now joined Justin Sedgmen on the season-ending injury list after a crash riding in the Swedish Allsvenskan League match for Valsarna against Ornarna on Monday.

The 25-year-old racer (pictured) revealed that he had shattered one of the bones in a hand and broken a scaphoid, and he added: "It is not good."

Queensland-born Thomson said doctors had indicated that the scaphoid could take ten to 12 weeks to heal and he said: "It's all on the left hand side. I've got to give the X-Rays to the Hospital here to see if I need an operation on the other bone."

Thomson, in his fourth year with Monarchs, said: "A rider wouldn't accept that I was coming up the inside and he just kept turning and leaning on me until our bikes got tangled.

"I got thrown over, the other guy crashed, but was uninjured. I didn't know the guy. I couldn't have tried to avoid him any more. I was trying to stay off him but he just kept turning."

Thomson said: "I'm gutted that I've finished for the season."

Monarchs bosses said it was a "very difficult process" of looking for guests for the two remaining home fixtures, Poole Pirates this Friday and Glasgow on Friday, September 6.