Borke a Bandit again after surgery

Berwick Bandits have just two places left to fill in their 2025 line-up following the announcement that Danish racer Bastian Borke will be returning to the Borders' track.

The 22-year-old's all-action style made him an instant hit with the Shielfield Park fans only for his season to end painfully following a huge crash at Poole in May.

That left the former Edinburgh man with leg injuries so severe that he may never fully regain use of his left foot.

Borke, pictured in action by **Taz McDougall**, underwent surgery in his native Denmark to replace a nerve in the leg three weeks ago and is undertaking laser treatment in addition to hours in the gym as he looks to be fully fit for the new season.

Berwick promoter Steve Dews said: "Bastian was an instant hit with our fans last season and was consistently putting in big performances before his season ended so painfully.

"I think he is on a bargain average and has so potential to improve that next year."

He added: "Once we were happy that he was progressing to full fitness after his operation, it was a fairly easy decision to bring him back to Berwick." Borke joins Craig Cook, Drew Kemp, Rory Schlein and Danyon Hume as confirmed starters leaving Berwick with 7.33 points to cover the remaining two riders.