

Sedgmen and Palovaara back for Monarchs

Aussie racer Justin Sedgmen and Swedish-born Victor Palovaara are first riders to be confirmed for Stellar Monarchs 2025 speedway team.

Sedgmen returns for his fifth season in the Blue and Gold having enjoyed a successful year in 2024 where he performed well in his heat leader role.

The rider has recently undergone surgery and said: "I'm really looking forward to next year, it should be a great year. I believe we can build on last season and have a great year in 2025. Roll on March."

Palovaara will return to the team for the first time since 2019 after being a popular racer for two part-seasons in 2018 and 2019.

Since then, he has not raced in the UK but has continued to progress as a rider in both Sweden and Poland and he believes the time is right to return to British speedway.

Palovaara (pictured) said: "I look forward to racing Armadale again and I feel like I've improved a lot as a rider since last time. I've done a lot of racing and I feel like a more capable rider now.

"I look forward to showing what I've got and getting some good scores for the team. I'm really happy to be back."

Victor averaged 6.25 in his last spell with Monarchs but, due to his time away from British speedway, he will return on a 5.00 average.