

TYRON PROCTOR...

Not The Final Word...



The treatment of Ty Proctor by UKVI (UK Visa Immigration) is shameful

Since he first arrived in the UK to race for Redcar he has held the necessary Visa as a professional speedway rider, immediately registering with HM Revenue & Customs and his behaviour has been exemplary.

During the subsequent years as he joined Wolverhampton his visa has been renewed without question and each time he easily met the necessary renewal criteria and he has spent enough time in the UK to qualify for a residence permit.

Initially Ty was based in Wolverhampton area living with members of The Van Straaten family before renting a property in Sheffield with his partner Chelsea - UK born daughter of Kelly Moran

The 2014 season was very much a season regaining confidence after an alarming crash at Edinburgh in 2013 resulting in fractured neck vertebrae and an early finish to his season.

On rolling averages he finished 2014 on an average over 6 points and the renewal figures for issue of a visa were established as 7 points at Premier league and 6.25 at Elite during the close season.

His scores in 2015 as his confidence returned have been well over 7 and at the time of his expulsion was listed with an average of 8.26 in Speedway Star.

Historically there has been a discretion applied on previous occasions taking in to account serious injuries sustained during period of visa – incidentally Ty spent heavily on private medical treatment during his absence to speed up his return to the track.

We repeat that there can be no complaint about his conduct while domiciled in the UK so the reason for refusing to renew his visa is that he is denying a European citizen the opportunity to earn a living here in UK as a Speedway rider. Is there a degree of hypocrisy then that seven days after Ty's enforced departure the UKVI then opened the doors again for visa holders to race in both leagues and thereby in theory taking two jobs

Now we wholeheartedly as a club support Doubling up of riders between the leagues at a time when there is a genuine shortage of riders throughout Europe and we only mention this to emphasise how short sighted to remove from British Speedway a rider whose loyalty is unquestioned.

Australasians have been the lifeblood of Speedway in the UK since its inception in 1928 and it is shameful to increase restrictions on their employment while our European counterparts grow more and more fickle in their regard to British Speedway