

Ice hockey – Capitals claim points but suffered an early shock

✘ Scottish National League: Edinburgh Capitals 6, Dundee Tigers 3

Edinburgh Capitals beat Dundee Tigers 6-3 in the Scottish National League at Murrayfield and had to come from behind to collect the points.

Tigers took the lead in the 11th minute through Scott Marr and Capitals levelled through Ross Hay 12 minutes later before Grant Reekie for Tigers netted seconds after that.

Scott Beattie equalised after 26 minutes as a dump on net somehow made it past Tigers' goaltender Mark McGill.

And Edinburgh went in front two minutes later as an attempted pass by Bruce Tait deflected off a defender's skate and in to the net for the final goal of the session.

Tigers came out determined to make up ground in the third period but Ross Hay was attributed with his second goal after 42 minutes when the puck popped up in front of the net and dropped behind the keeper.

Joel Gautschi extended the Capitals lead with goals in the 49th and 53rd minutes before Paul Guilcher latched on to a pass and picked up his own rebound for Tigers third and the final goal of the night with 30 seconds left to play.

Ian Carstairs, Tigers experienced defender, said: "This did not feel like a 6-3 game. The bounces definitely didn't go our way and it is hard to take.

"Capitals scored three freak goals which gave them a bit of momentum while, at the other end, we failed to put away our numerous chances.

"They had a couple of their Elite players icing for them but it's still a game we could have and should have won."