

Pavel powers to four goal salvo to stun the Purple Army



Capitals goaltender Travis Fullarton on guard against his former side Braehead Clan at Murrayfield. Picture by Ian Coyle

ICE HOCKEY: Pavel Vorobyev claimed four goals as Edinburgh Capitals bounced back from a Challenge Cup nightmare to claim an Elite League victory over Scottish rivals Braehead Clan.

The former Chicago Blackhawks star helped Capitals come from behind to record for a moral-boosting 6-4 win.

Ian Schultz and Karel Hromas added singles in the stunning success but it was the Glasgow side who went ahead through a rasping Alex Leavitt shot after 12 minutes.

The goal came as the rink announcer indicated that a two-minute tripping penalty on Jacob Johnston was complete and Leavitt's shot hit the net as he skated towards the Edinburgh end.

Before that, Mason Wilgosh had a great chance on a one-on-one and then hit a post with Clan netminder Gary Russell beaten.

Glasgow-born Russell also saved from Capitals coach Michal Dobron and the Clan fans were quick to chant his name.

The game continued to move from end-to-end during the second session and Clan fans were stunned when Vorobyev converted with a neat flick into the top of the net after 51 seconds of the re-start.

Just over nine minutes later Scott Pitt put Clan ahead for a second time but never-say-die Capitals then hit a quick-fire double.

Hromas converted after 34 minutes and Ian Schulz powered through the Clan rearguard two minutes later.

Capitals joy was short-lived as Craig Peacock scored unassisted 65 seconds after that to make it 3-3 at the second

break but then it became the Vorobyev show.

He made it 4-3 six minutes into the final session and he scored again ten minutes later.

Mike Hammond pulled one back for Clan 17 seconds after that to pile on the pressure, but Vorobyev scored with one second left in the game on an empty net after Clan withdrew their netminder to send home fans wild and leave Clan fans – known as the Purple Army – stunned.