

Steelers make final four at Capitals expense



Challenge Cup, quarter-final, second-leg: Sheffield Steelers 7, Edinburgh Capitals 1 (agg: 9-3)

EDINBURGH Capitals dreams of making the final four of the Challenge Cup were ended by a ruthless Sheffield Steelers squad.

The sides were level at 1-1 after the first period but the home side breezed through to the semi-final with 3-0 scorelines in the final two sessions.

The sides had battled to a 2-2 draw in Edinburgh on Wednesday but in the return Levi Nelson opened the scoring after nine minutes on the power play with former Capitals defenceman Ben O'Connor assisting.

Capitals player/coach Michal Dobron netted Capitals equaliser seven minutes later when the visitors had a one-man advantage with a Steelers player in the sin bin.

But it was a steep downward spiral for the Scots after Nelson netted his second, also on the power play, after 22 minutes.

The home side rammed home five unanswered strikes to take the tie.

Robert Dowd counted after 27 minutes and Andres Franzon made it 4-1 five minutes after that.

John Armstrong after 43 minutes followed by Liam Kirk ten minutes later and Guillaume Desbiens with less than two minutes left completed the scoring.