

Ice hockey – Capitals hit skids as razor-sharp Stars rattle in ten



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Elite League: Dundee Stars 10, Edinburgh Capitals 3: Fife Flyers 1, Braehead Clan 4

A WEEK, they say, is a long time in politics. Edinburgh Capitals found that 24 hours is a long time in sport.

On Saturday the Murrayfield-based Elite League club celebrated a 4-3 overtime win over injury-hit Dundee Stars after being 3-1 down.

On Sunday, coach Michal Dobron's team, minus No 1 goaltender Travis Fullarton appeared to suffer a wrist injury on Saturday, crashed to a 10-3 defeat on Tayside as Stars snapped a five-game losing streak with an emphatic success over their basement rivals.





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Kevin Bruijsten bagged five in the rout as Capitals, who had back-up Kevin Forshall in the net, were outshot 41-24 and Stars set up the big win after being ahead in only 23 seconds and 3-0 up inside the first six minutes. Capitals pulled one back but two late goals in the first session made it 5-1 and the visitors had a mountain to climb. Kevin Hart opened Stars account and Cameron McGiffin increased Stars' advantage three minutes later. Bruijsten made it 3-0 after five minutes before Jacob Johnston pulled one back six minutes after that. Justin Faryna after 17 minutes and Bruijsten inside a minute later made it a four-goal advantage. However, battling Capitals, typically, hit back with two goals

in just over three, second-period minutes.

Jared Staal netted after five minutes and Karel Hromas claimed their third after eight minutes but the comeback could not be sustained as Dundee claimed five unanswered goals in the third period.

Mikael Lidhammar started the blitz after 43 minutes with Bruijsten scoring his third just over two minutes later.

Home-bred talent Ben Edmonds was on the mark five minutes after that and Bruijsten kept on finding the net.

His fourth came with 55 minutes on the clock and he was there to power the puck home for his fifth and Dundee's ninth two minutes later.

In Kirkcaldy, Fife Flyers lost their fourth league game in a row as Braehead Clan took an early lead, Mike Hammond converting after a Corey Cowick pass after only three minutes.

Carlo Finucci levelled after 25 minutes for Fife and the scoreline stayed that way until Jay Rosehill netted a second for the Glasgow side with 1min 24sec remaining in the session.

Zach Sullivan made it 3-1 two minutes into the final period and Alex Leavitt hit No 4 seven minutes after that.