

Basketball – Kings aim to bring down Saints in crunch clash

Craig Reilly returned to full-strength City of Edinburgh Kings who faced St Mirren Saints on a revenge mission this evening.

The skipper made his comeback today after a two-game ban while coach Craig Nicol is unavailable.

Former coach Doug Reilly, who coaches on the women's side of the club, stepped in for this crucial Scottish Basketball Championship clash.

The Capital combine lost 69-60 to the West of Scotland club earlier this season but need a win at Portobello High School (tip-off 19.50) to keep in touch with league pace-setters Falkirk Fury.

Paddy Campbell, a Scotland cap and Kings guard, said: "When we lost to St Mirren earlier this season we were still developing as a team.

"We're a much better unit now and it is great to have Craig (Reilly) back in the line-up. It gives us more depth at the guard position and he's one of the best shooters in the league."

He added: "We know we face a tough fight to win the league but we are taking each game as it comes, trying to win every single one from now to the end of the season."

Meanwhile, Kings under-18 men also have a potential league decider on Saturday (top-off 17.00, Portobello High School) against Saints who are undefeated.

Kings have lost once and will be looking to Ryan Armour, who top scored for the men's team recently with 28 points, to lead

them to victory.

The club need to win by 13 points or more which would give them the head-to-head advantage over their West Coast counterparts as the league enters its final weeks.

FIXTURES: Friday 10 February: 19:50, City of Edinburgh Kings Senior Men D1 v St Mirren at Portobello High School; 20:00, City of Edinburgh Kings Senior Men D2 v Heriot Watt University at Holy Rood High School

Saturday 11 February: 11:00, City of Edinburgh Kings U16 Men D2 v St Mirren at Portobello High School; 13:00, City of Edinburgh Kings U18 Men D2 v Glasgow Rocks; 15:00, City of Edinburgh Kings U16 Men D1 v St Mirren at Portobello High School; 17:00, City of Edinburgh Kings U18 Men D1 v St Mirren at Portobello High School

Sunday 12 February: 13:00, City of Edinburgh Kool Kats U16 Women v St Mirren at Holy Rood High School; 15:00, City of Edinburgh Kool Kats U18 Women v St Mirren at Holy Rood High School