

FIELD HOCKEY ROUND UP AND SCOTTISH CUP PREVIEW



Division One (men): Bromac Kelburne 3, Grange 0; Grove Menzieshill 3, Edinburgh University 2; Watsonians 3, AAM Gordonians 3; Western Wildcats 4, Hillhead 3; Uddingston Deans Eng 1, PSL Team Sport Clydesdale 2.

Bromac Kelburne, the defending champions, moved five points clear of the chasing pack thanks to a victory over their closest rivals Grange in Glasgow, writes Nigel Duncan.

The West of Scotland side ended Grange's eight-game unbeaten run with a comfortable 3-0 victory and moved onto 27 points from ten fixtures.

Grange have 22 points from nine starts and third-placed Grove Menzieshill closed to within three points after their 3-2 victory over Edinburgh University on Tayside.

The home side scored with their first two attacks but only led 2-1 at the break, Scottish international defender Dan Coultas halving the deficit with a penalty corner strike.

A mistake in Edinburgh's rearguard allowed Grove to net No 3 but Coultas scored from open play in the last move of the game to narrow the gap.

Elsewhere, former league leaders Watsonians were held 3-3 by previously pointless AAM Gordonians at Peffermill.

The Edinburgh side have now failed to win any of their last seven games and the point will give the Aberdeen side heart after losing their first nine games.

Struggling Western Wildcats edged mid-table Hillhead 4-3 at Auchenhowie to record only their third win in ten league games.

The result means Edinburgh University remain in fourth position with Hillhead fifth and Watsonians slip to eighth place.

Second-bottom PSL Team Sport Clydesdale edged sixth-placed Uddingston Deans Eng 2-1 in Lanarkshire to collect their second win of the league season.

In the Scottish Cup, Bromac Kelburne aim to keep their double hopes intact when they square-up to Edinburgh University at Peffermill on Sunday (2pm).

The West of Scotland side are the long-time leaders of men's Division One and are the current cup holders while Edinburgh are fourth in the league table.

Kelburne won the league clash 5-1 but their coach Gordon Shepherd said: "Edinburgh will give us a competitive semi-final."

The other semi-final sees Edinburgh side Grange, who are second in the ten-strong league table, face Dundee combine Grove Menzieshill, who are third, also at Peffermill.

The sides drew 3-3 on Tayside earlier this season after Grove led 3-0 with only ten minutes remaining.