

Hockey – Men's National League 1 Preview

GRANGE face a major test of their title credentials when they visit the long-time Division One leaders, Bromac Kelburne, on Saturday (push back 13.30).



The Edinburgh side, fresh from their 4-1 road win at struggling Western Wildcats last weekend, are two points adrift of Kelburne, the defending league champions, and have a game in hand.

Grange have 22 points from eight fixtures while Kelburne have 24 points from nine games.

However, the West of Scotland club have a superior goal difference of plus 29 against plus 21 for Grange.

Andrew Bogdon, one of Grange's coaches, said: "We played well in the first-half last Saturday but dropped off in the second. "This is a big game and we'll prepare well for it and see what happens on the day."

Elsewhere, Watsonians face a crunch clash with AAM Gordonians at Peffermill (13.00).

They have slipped from top spot after three games to seventh with nine points from nine games.

The North-East combine have yet to register a point after nine games and anchor the table. They have a goal difference of minus 36 and have scored 14 goals and lost 50. Watsonians have shipped 35 goals but scored 24.

Fourth-placed Edinburgh University travel to Tayside to meet Grove Menzieshill (13.00) who are third with 16 points, three ahead of the students who have played nine games, one more than their opponents.

Elsewhere, Western, who are eighth, play fifth-placed Hillhead (15.00) and Uddingston Deans Engineering, who are sixth, entertain PSL Team Sport Clydesdale (15.00) who are second bottom.

(Library Image – Grange v Edinburgh University – J.L.Preece)