

Indoor hockey – Inverleith suffer two setbacks in Europe

EuroHockey Indoor Club Trophy: Pool B: Inverleith 1, HC Rotweiss Wettingen (Switzerland) 6; Inverleith 5, Slagelse HC (Denmark) 7; HC Rottweiss Wettingen 3, Atletico Clube de Portugal 2; Atletico Clube de Portugal 3, Slagelse HC 5 (all in Sveta Ivan Zelina, Croatia)

INVERLEITH lost both their Pool B games on the first day of the EuroHockey Indoor Club Trophy in Croatia.

They are bottom of the four-strong group with one point and are scheduled to face Atletico Clube de Portugal on Saturday in their final Pool B fixture before promotion and relegation games.

The Portugese side have two points but HC Rottweiss Wettingen (Switzerland) head the group on ten points, the same as Danish side Slagelse HC but they have an inferior goal difference.

Commonwealth Games player Derek Salmond, Inverleith's captain, netted Inverleith's opener in the second minute against Slagelse but it was all downhill after that.

The Danes hit four unanswered goals in 11 nightmare minutes with Inverleith pinching one back through Fabian Wolski after 17 minutes.

Slagelse netted twice before the break for 6-2 and made it 7-2 six minutes into the second period before Inverleith scored three unanswered in 12 minutes from Stuart Hatton, Stephen Dick and Aedan McCrossan.

In the second game, the Edinburgh side were 3-0 behind after 17 minutes but Salmond pulled one back a minute later.

The Swiss side then rattled in another three in 13, second-

half minutes to end the contest and leave the Scots with everything to do.