Ice hockey – Capitals late rally fails to earn reward

Elite League: Edinburgh Capitals 4, Fife Flyers 5; Dundee Stars 4, Manchester Storm 2

Edinburgh Capitals play-off hopes were further dented with a home defeat to arch rivals Fife Flyers.

The home side netted three goals to one in reply in a tense final session at Murrayfield but Fife won 5-4.

Seb Thinel opened the scoring on the power play after 18 minutes but Capitals hit back just over two minutes later.

It was Yevgeni Fyodorov who netted but Fife hit the home side with a triple whammy. Chase Schaber fired the visitors ahead after 27 minutes and James Isaacs made it 3-1 four minutes later.

And captain Ryan Dingle score on a power play three minutes later as Capitals hit penalty trouble.

Capitals rallied with two unanswered goals, Ian Schultz netting on a power play after 46 minutes and Mason Wilgosh four minutes later.

But Kyle Haines settled Fife nerves with a fifth 29 seconds later when Fife had a man advantage only for Capitals' player/coach Michal Dobron to close the gap to one with less than four minutes remaining.

At Dundee, Stars were 2-0 behind to play-off rivals Manchester Storm before bouncing back with four straight goals to claim two vital points.

Paul Phillips after seven minutes and Mark Heatley three minutes after that put the visitors in front.

Cale Tenaka sparked the comeback with a goal after 14 minutes and he netted again, this time on the power play, in the 39th minute.

Kevin Bruijsten popped in No 3 after 46 minutes and a power play strike from Justin Faryna with 53 minutes on the clock settled the game.