

# Field hockey – Grange stay out in front in the league race



Watsonians press forward and Grange skipper Cammy Fraser takes evasive action in a rare attack during Saturday's defeat at Fettes. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Division One: Grange 10, Watsonians 0; Western Wildcats 3, Uddingston Deans Eng 0; AAM Gordonians 1, Grove Menzieshill 0; PSL Team Sport Clydesdale 2, Bromac Kelburne 4; Edinburgh University 2, Hillhead 3.

Grange dominated city rivals Watsonians to consolidated pole position in men's Division One.

The comfortable 10-0 success notched up win No 14 in 16 league games so far this season and takes Grange to 43 points, one ahead of defending champions, Bromac Kelburne, with two games left of the regular season.

And the margin of victory gives Grange a goal difference of plus 43, the same as Kelburne as the pressure mounts in the run-in to the title.

Ed Irvine, Grange's manager, said the squad were concentrating on one game at a time and the key to the big win was two early goals.

They came inside the first ten minutes at Fettes with Irishman Frank Ryan opening the home side's account followed by another from Scottish international Duncan Riddell.

Joe Waterston, Callum Milne, captain Cammy Fraser and Waterston again completed the first-half scoring.

The game went into a lull at the start of the second-half but Grange picked up the pace again and Fraser netted No 7 with Milne and Luke Cranney twice completing the scoring.

The Edinburgh side entertain struggling Hillhead next Saturday but Irvine said: "We're keeping focused and not looking long-term."

Meanwhile, Edinburgh University slipped to eighth place in the ten-strong league when they lost 3-2 to Hillhead after being 2-1 ahead at the break.

Elsewhere, Kelburne edged second-bottom PSL Team Sport Clydesdale 4-2 on the road while Western Wildcats beat improved Uddingston Deans Eng 3-0.

The biggest shock was bottom club AAM Gordonians beating third-placed Grove Menzieshill 1-0 in the Granite City.