

Women's hockey – magnificent seven for Edinburgh University



Sam Judge (white shirt) playing for Scotland

Sophie Maunder claimed a glory treble as new-look but injury-hit Edinburgh University thrashed arch rivals Milne Craig Clydesdale Western.

The defending champions were 2-0 ahead at half-time and fired 19 shots on target during a torrid second-half for the West of Scotland combine who fielded several international players.

Edinburgh coach Sam Judge achieved the remarkable result minus injured Scottish international Amy Brodie and stalwart Kirsten Peters.

And Sophie Newton and Claire Hill were also both sidelined but her squad, which contained eight newcomers, buzzed around the new pitch at Peffermill.

Judge noted some defensive frailties in the first-half and she sorted them out with her team during the break.

And her charges swarmed all over Western and could have had more goals. In fact, they failed to find the target with three one-on-one breaks with the rival teenage goalkeeper.

Judge said: "We were 2-0 ahead at half-time and 4-0 ahead four minutes into the second-half and I could not believe it.

"We had trained well during the week and everything seemed to click and everybody was buzzing after the end of the game."

The students don't have a game next weekend because of under-age games at Glasgow's National Hockey Centre, a disappointment for Judge.

But she said: "Everybody had a really good game and I am really pleased for the girls."