Field hockey – Grange go west looking for victory

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Cammy Fraser, a key man for success-hungry Grange. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

David Knipe guided Grange to a fourth straight win as he drives the success-hungry Edinburgh club forward in search of silverware.

The 2-0 victory over newly-promoted Dundee Wanderers at Fettes saw the home side dominate the Division One game.

However, they failed to accept a number of gilt-edged chances and it is that aspect of play which Knipe is keen to sharpen up in training this week.

His men will need to be razor-sharp on Saturday as Grange have a major assignment when they travel to Auchenhowie (13.30) to play the early-season pace-setters, Western Wildcats.

It was Western who destroyed Grange's Division One title dream on a dramatic final day of the league campaign last term.

Grange held an early lead but Western upped their game to take the points and hand Bromac Kelburne the title.

That is history and new-look Grange are continue to develop their game.

Demanding Knipe, after Saturday's game, said: "We are a bit happier. We controlled the game and created many chances.

"Now we have to get better at the important bit."

The two other Edinburgh-based clubs in the top flight are at home on Saturday.

Newly-promoted Inverleith play Clydesdale at Peffermill while Edinburgh University entertain Hillhead, both fixtures push off at 4pm.

The only other game on the card is Dundee Wanderers at Dalnacraig against defending champions Bromac Kelburne (14.00).

The Paisley side will be keen for a big result after being dumped out of the EuroHockey League in Barcelona last weekend following back-to-back defeats.