

Ice hockey – Bloodoff treble sinks Capitals



Edinburgh Capitals coach Dmitri Khristich has much to ponder after a second straight home defeat

Evan Bloodoff claimed three straight goals in less than ten minutes as Fife Flyers shot down hosts Edinburgh Capitals 7-3 at Murrayfield in Challenge Cup, Group B.

Earlier, Fife caught Capitals cold by scoring through Liam Heelis after 86 seconds, Peter LeBlanc and Ian Young setting-up the chance.

And it took another 23 minutes for the home side to level, Sergei Banashkov scoring on the power play after home-bred Tom Muir was in the sin bin for hooking. Igor Valeyev and Pavel Vorobyev assisted.

It was LeBlanc who fired Flyers ahead for a second time less than three minutes later with Bloodoff and Young involved.

But back came Capitals and Marek Tvrdon and Dylan Anderson were involved in the build-up with Mike Cazzola netting only 29 seconds later.

But the roof fell in for the home side when Flyers fired four unanswered goals, three of them from Bloodoff.

Chase Schaber netted the go-ahead goal at 32minutes with Russ Moyer and Danick Gauthier influential.

Then Bloodoff took centre stage. He scored after 36 minutes with Ricards Birzins and LeBlanc involved and again, this time on the power play, with a second to go in the period. Moyer set-up the chance.

And five minutes after the re-start it was Bloodoff again on the power play following a pass from Young.

Alex Islamov pulled one back for the home side after 52 minutes for 6-3 but Charlie Mosey finished the scoring with less than five minutes remaining, Young assisting on the power play.

Elsewhere, Joey de Concilys and Tyler Brickler netted doubles as Dundee Stars shot down Elite League newcomers Milton Keynes Lightning 5-1 on Tayside.

And Brendan Brooks claimed a late treble but Braehead Clan skidded to a 8-5 defeat at Elite League another of the league's new teams, Guildford Flames.

The former Fife Flyers star netted his hat-trick in 57 seconds deep in the final session but Clan were unable to recover after Flames hit five straight goals between the 39th and 53rd minutes.