Ice hockey — Capitals to 'strengthen'

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Action from Murrayfield courtesy of Ian Coyle

Edinburgh Capitals have assured succes-hungry fans that they will strengthen on and off the ice.

The Murrayfield side, who anchor the 12-strong table with only six points from 22 league fixtures, promise to confirm new signings next week.

And they are advertising for a commercial manager in a bid to identify new growth areas.

A statement on the club's website said management acknowledged that recent weeks have been frustrating for loyal fans.

The statement added: "We'd like to assure our supporters that the Edinburgh Capitals are about to become stronger both on and off the ice.

"We are in talks with a number of players and expect to announce new recruits from next week.

"We want to significantly strengthen the squad for the secondhalf of the season.

"We have three full calendar months left this season and we're focussed on bringing in players who will battle for the club week-in, week-out from now until the final game of the season.

"We are also seeking to strengthen off ice and are advertising for a commercial manager.

"We want to strengthen our current commercial ties whilst

seeking to expand and identify new opportunities for growth.

"We recognise the need to strengthen in such areas as a necessity to bring success in the longer term in the Elite League."

The unnamed spokesman said: "We recognise that our supporters have remained loyal during this period, but naturally frustration has been felt.

"Our immediate goal is to provide you with a significantly stronger roster this season, a stronger second-half to the season and for us to continue to build a club structure that provides a strong future in the Elite League."