

Ice hockey – Flyers bosses warn squad



Todd Dutiaume warning his men not to let their foot off the gas

Fife Flyers entertain misfiring Edinburgh Capitals on Saturday 7.15pm and coach Todd Dutiaume confirmed that the coaching staff would not allow complacency ahead of the game against the Elite League bottom-markers.

Edinburgh let a 2-0 lead slip to go down 5-3 at home to league champions Cardiff Devils in midweek to remain on six points from 19 fixtures.

Fife are eighth with 20 points from 16 starts and go into the clash on a high.

Ian Young stunned pace-setters Nottingham Panthers with an overtime strike as Fife Flyers again came from behind to beat one of the Elite League heavyweights 5-4.

The 25-year-old Canadian was set up by Danick Gauthier to net the game-winner only 36 seconds into the extra session and It's the second major road win for the Kirkcaldy club so far this season after an 8-6 triumph at league champions Cardiff Devils when they were 5-1 down at one stage.

Dutiaume said nobody would help Edinburgh get out of their current form slump.

And he urged his men to focus on earning two more points to continue their climb up the standings. He added: "You can't take a night off in this league."

The experienced Canadian will look for his men to jump on Capitals early and establish a platform.

Second-bottom Dundee Stars are also suffering and they travel to league newcomers Guildford Flames (6pm), who are seventh, looking to snap a depressing four-game losing streak.

The Tayside team, beaten 7-2 at home to Sheffield Steelers, the play-off champions, on Wednesday, also want to complete the game as on they only played one period on their last visit.

Elsewhere, Brendan Brooks has seen in-form Braehead Clan claim five straight Elite League wins.

And the former Fife Flyers star would love to claim a sixth when the Glasgow side host Coventry Blaze tonight (SAT, 7pm).

It's a key clash as Blaze have hit the skids with five league defeats in a row.

And they have slipped to tenth in the 12-strong table with 19 points from 19 games.

Clan are ninth with 19 wins from 18 starts but one of their early-season defeats came at Coventry when they went down 4-1.

For Fife star Danny Stewart brings success-hungry Blaze to Braehead for the first time this season.

And Brooks, who scored a hat-trick in the big home win over bottom club, Edinburgh, last Saturday, said victory over the Midlands outfit was vital.

He added: "They're a good team and we'll have to bring more to this one than we did against Edinburgh on Saturday.

"It's important for us to keep winning and moving up (the table) and into the play-off places."