

Ice hockey – D’Orazio urges action replay



Action from Fife Flyers v Edinburgh Capitals courtesy of Ian Coyle

Mike D’Orazio described Sunday’s narrow win over Manchester Storm as an awesome feeling.

It ended a 15-game losing streak and trialist Ainars Podzins grabbed the winner with six minutes remaining.

New starting netminder Tyler Beskorowany was hailed by co-coach D’Orazio as the former Dallas Stars draft pick made several big saves.

The Canadian-born playcaller, who doubles as club skipper, enjoyed the winning feeling on Sunday.

Now, Capitals plan to follow up at Braehead Clan on Saturday and he believes Sunday’s secret was that Capitals worked hard for a full 60 minutes.

D’Orazio also said that his men did not let their heads drop when Storm tied the game in the third period.

He said: “We took it to them, we battled and got rewarded.” The coach, who is studying at Heriot-Watt University, admitted to being a big fan of current Toronto Maple Leafs head-coach Mike Babcock.

Some fans will remember him as a former Nottingham Panthers defenceman.

Babcock talks about making your own luck and if you work hard in practice things will go your way.

That's what D'Orazio preaches in training and he hopes to be rewarded at Braehead on Saturday. Face-off is 7pm.

Meanwhile, Dundee Stars visit Kirkcaldy (face-off 7.15pm) as they bid to earn valuable points to edge them closer to a play-off slot.