

Ice hockey – Stockton urges team-mates to re-focus



Todd Dutiaume gives instructions on the bench

Shayne Stockton urged his fired-up Fife Flyers team-mates to re-focus and added: “We still have a lot of work to do.”

The 28-year-old centre ice was pivotal as Fife wrapped up the Gardiner Conference title in dramatic fashion at arch rivals Dundee Stars on Sunday.

He scored two goals but crucially assisted on Charlie Mosey’s game-tying goal with 16 seconds left to make it 6-6.

And the ice cool New Yorker was involved in Dan Correale’s history-making game-winner after 3min 19 sec of overtime.

Influential Stockton said: “A lot of hard work went into that and it was a great accomplishment to win the Gardiner Conference title.

“We’ve enjoyed that and we’re proud of ourselves, but we still have a lot of hard work to do.”

Stockton desperately wants to make the Grand Final at The Motorpoint Arena, Nottingham, on Sunday, April 8.

And the 6ft 2in forward said: “A lot of guys (in the dressing-room) love to play the game and we want to win.

“Guys are playing for each other and we’re prepared to battle every step of the way. Now it’s back to work (against Nottingham) this week.”

Elsewhere, Dundee Stars visit Braehead Clan where they have

yet to win in the league this season.

John Tripp's men have won 3-2, 6-0 and 3-1 in Glasgow and defenceman Craig Cescon has called on his team-mates to up their game.

Clan, Coventry Blaze, Stars and Milton Keynes Lightning are currently battling for the final play-off slot.

Cescon said it is a must win and Cescon, who joined Clan in the summer from Dundee, said: "With Dundee, Coventry and Milton Keynes right behind us it's important we get the two points.

"Every game right now is a must win and we can't afford any slip-ups."