

Men's hockey – Neave faces massive challenge



Action in a recent league game

Stuart Neave is now fully concentrated on lifting his Inverleith squad off the bottom of Division One.

And the coach hopes regaining the Scottish indoor hockey title will act as a spur.

The Edinburgh-based side have only earned one point from their ten games since being promoted from Division Two.

And they have a goal difference of minus 32, the worst in the ten-strong division.

Inverleith trail second-bottom Uddingston by six points and Clydesdale and Hillhead by eight points.

Neave's men visit Edinburgh University on Saturday (push-off 4pm) and students are fifth in the table with 13 points from ten games. They want to stay there to avoid appearing in the relegation play-off.

Kinross-based Neave knows he has a massive task ahead of him and a confidence-boosting win in the first game back after the winter break would be such a tonic for his squad.

At the other end of the table, Grange have 29 points from 11 fixtures and hold a six-point lead over second-placed Kelburne but the Edinburgh side have played a game more.

On Saturday, they visit third-placed Grove Menzieshill who have 21 points from ten outings.

The other matches feature fourth-placed Western Wildcats who host second-bottom Uddingston while Kelburne are at home to eighth-placed Clydesdale.