Field hockey — Kelburne put skids under Grange's title bid



Nigel Lucas wheels away to celebrate Edinburgh University's goal at Peffermill. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Division One: Bromac Kelburne 5, Grange 3; Edinburgh University 1, Dundee Wanderers 1.

Grange's bid to deprive Bromac Kelburne of a 14th straight Division One title was dealt a potentially fatal blow when they lost 5-3 to their big rivals in Glasgow.

The champions, who wrenched the title away from Grange on a dramatic final day last season, enjoyed a fast start and won two penalty corners inside first five minutes.

The first was converted following an initial save and the second became a penalty stroke which was netted for a 2-0 lead.

Kelburne increased their advantage mid-way through the session

following a turnover in midfield.

Grange, however, started to find a rhythm and forced the pace of play to win two penalty corners.

From the second, just before the break, Frank Ryan scored but Kelburne started the second-half strongly to take a 4-1 lead.

Grange then started to look for goals and won a penalty stroke converted by Killin Polling.

The visitors then pressed but Kelburne broke to score a fifth.

With about ten minutes left, Grange resorted to a kicking back and Todd Mills scored from open play in a crowded circle, but there was too little time left to make further progress.

At Peffermill, Edinburgh University were held 1-1 by Dundee Wanderers in a scrappy game.

Alan Oldham fired the home side ahead after 20 minutes and plucky Wanderers levelled early in the second-half through a penalty flick slotted by Sean Dowie.

And Tom O'Kelly had to produce a great save near the end when Fergus Sandison broke through.

There was controversy in the final minute when the students thought they had found the game-winner through Ewen Mackie, but the referees ruled the goal off.

Edinburgh University's women's team edged Dundee Wanderers 1-0 thanks to a goal from Sophie Maunder, but they dominated play for most the game.