

# Ice hockey – Capitals end nightmare season



Action from Murrayfield courtesy of Ian Coyle

Edinburgh Capitals complete their nightmare season by visiting Sheffield Steelers on Saturday then they host Nottingham Panthers on Sunday (face-off 6pm).

The fixtures come after confirmation of a major reshuffle to build a team fans can be proud of.

Capitals, who prop up the 12-strong Elite League with only 11 points and five wins this season from 54 fixtures, will now be managed by a board.

It has investors and representatives from business areas and professionals and they have admitted that mistakes have been made and that the new structure should have been in place some time ago.

The board have committed “to a significant level of investment” and a statement on the club’s website said the new board are ready to implement a robust business plan. They promise a stronger squad next season.

Scott Neil will be the Head of Hockey Operations and will also attend the Edinburgh Capitals and Elite League Board meetings.

The statement said: “The club has spent the last few months working on a major change in structure which will help it develop and create a stronger future.

“This new structure is something that should have been put in place some time ago. There is no hiding the fact that mistakes have been made.”

The board will also include a member of the Edinburgh Capitals Supporters Club as well as a fan representative.

The statement added: "This new access will allow the Capitals to have far greater transparency in the way in which the club is run.

It is the first step in earning back trust from Edinburgh Capitals fans."

Initial board members are Ross McKay, a chartered accountant, Douglas Jaap, a solicitor, Alex Robertson, George Ferdinando, Kris Grabowski, a fan representative and Blyth Crawford a Supporters Club representative.

The statement ended: "The Edinburgh Capitals Board are committed to bringing the fans competitive Elite League hockey next year with a strong roster of players and a club they can be proud of once again."