

Field hockey – Edinburgh pair in Scottish Cup Final



Edinburgh University tussle for the ball in a recent clash with Dundee Wanderers at Peffermill. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Edinburgh University are fed-up being bridesmaids after being runners-up in the Scottish Cup Final twice inside the last four seasons.

Bromac Kelburne and Grange have taken the silverware at their expense in recent campaigns.

And it is Edinburgh rivals Grange, who were runners-up to Kelburne last season, who provide the opposition again on Saturday, May 5.

The students have made it to the showpiece game the hard way by travelling to Tayside to dispose of Dundee-based Grove Menzieshill in the quarter-final.

Then they travelled to Auchenhowie to edge Western Wildcats 2-0 in the semi-final.

A set-piece conversion in each half settled the issue, South African defender Davyn Keuter opening the scoring with David Mawhinney netting in the second.

Grange were held to a 2-2 draw at Titwood with Callum MacKenzie opening for the Edinburgh club and David Nairn replying for Clydesdale.

James Nairn restored the Edinburgh side's lead but Andrew Allan equalised with a penalty corner.

Clydesdale only scored once in their four penalty shoot-out attempts, while MacKenzie, Nairn and John McCluskey converted for Grange, who are now third in the league table, to give them a 3-1 advantage.

In the women's semi-finals, Grove Menzieshill and Western Wildcats were level at 2-2 after regulation time but Lauren Kingston kept her nerve with the 13th penalty shot to put Grove Menzieshill into the final.

Defending champions Edinburgh University lead GHK 2-0 to at the break but fired another seven goals in the second-half to win 9-0 and book their place.