Ice hockey — Racers could come out of cold storage

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A new team could use the Murrayfield ice next season. Picture courtesy of Ian Coyle

Murrayfield Racers could be back in British ice hockey next season after a shock move.

A company whose board includes David Hand, the brother of Racers legend Tony Hand, claim to have secured ice time at Murrayfield.

And they aim to compete under the name Murrayfield Racers, once Britain's best team.

David Hand and his fellow board members are set to start talks with the Elite League to obtain the franchise to run a team out of Murrayfield.

A statement said: "Racers Leisure Ltd are delighted to announce they have secured a contract for ice time at Murrayfield Ice Rink for season 2018-19.

"The directors of Murrayfield Ice Rink agreed with the vision of Racers Leisure Ltd for the future of ice hockey in Edinburgh.

"We will now formally contact the Elite League to secure the franchise for Elite League ice hockey in Edinburgh."

The Elite League said they are awaiting confirmation from Murrayfield regarding the ice contract and will make further comment later.

Meanwhile, Scott Pitt has been re-signed by Braehead Clan after the 30-year-old spent last season with MsHK Zilina of

the Slovakia Extraliga the Glasgow side's rivals, the Manchester Storm.

New Clan coach Pete Russell said: "Scott is a Braehead Clan legend and the all-time leading points scorer and to me it was a no-brainer to make a move to bring him back to Glasgow."