

Europe here we come says Judge



Sam Judge on the ball for Scotland

Edinburgh University player/coach Sam Judge takes her treble-winning squad into Europe from Friday after a “stressful” Sunday.

She guided the students to a penalty 3-1 shootout success over arch rivals Clydesdale Western in the domestic Grand Final in Glasgow after the sides were level at 1-1 at the end of normal time.

That nerve-jangling victory came after her players won the Division One title and the Scottish Cup.

And they now face the challenge of seven other teams in Edinburgh in the EuroHockey Club Challenge I on their own pitch at Peffermill from Friday.

Judge said: “I was really pleased with the way we played (against Clydesdale Western).

“We just needed to convert our chances and their goalkeeper (15-year-old Jessica Buchanan) played well and kept them in the game.”

The stress mounted after the Glasgow side scored late-on thanks to a brilliant solo run by Lexi Sabatelli.

Judge admitted: "After Clydesdale Western scored they started to press us so the last 15 minutes were stressful.

"We made hard work of it but the girls re-grouped and were excellent in the running penalties.

"However, last weekend was great preparation for the Euros."