Men's hockey — Wildcats looking end treble dream



Coach David Knipe barks out his orders during last Saturday's Scottish Cup Final at Glasgow's National Hockey Centre. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

Coach Harry Dunlop has a habit of causing Grange concern and a trip to the Capital holds no fears for Western Wildcats.

The Auchenhowie side came from behind over a year ago to win 3-2 and end Grange's Division One title dream.

Then, in mid-March this year, Western drew 1-1 at Fettes College after giving newly-crowned Division One champions Grange another scare.

The loss of two points that day was considered a big blow, but Grange recovered to take the title.

Dunlop will, however, fancy his chances of ending Grange's great recent run in the play-offs at Fettes College on Saturday (14.00).

However, David Knipe's men are on a high having won the Division One title in a dramatic final day of the league season.

And last weekend they beat Edinburgh University 6-3 to take the Scottish Cup at Glasgow's National Hockey Centre.

Knipe noted issues during the Scottish Cup Final and he has worked on them in training this week as he bids to clinch a glory treble and he conceded that Western will punish Grange if they are not on their A game.

Elsewhere, Bromac Kelburne entertain Grove Menzieshill at Glasgow's National Hockey Centre in the other play-off semifinal.

Yo-yo club Watsonians travel to Dalnacraig (push off 14.00) to face Dundee Wanderers in the relegation/promotion play-offs.

The other semi-final features Hillhead at home to Uddingston at Old Anniesland (15.00).