

# Ice hockey – Racers secure two netminders



Craig Mallinson in action for Capitals

Murrayfield Racers have made a double swoop for two experienced netminders.

Home-bred talents Craig Mallinson and Mark McGill have been signed by the ambitious club.

Mallinson, an architect, is a former Edinburgh Capitals player and the 6ft 1in, 27-year-old netminder is currently abroad with the Great Britain roller hockey squad. He is an architect by profession.

Broxburn-based McGill joins the team after icing for three seasons with Edinburgh Capitals and spending four years with Dundee Stars.

The 5ft 9in hot-stop has also seen service with Solway Sharks and for Kent-based Invicta Dynamos in the Northern Ice Hockey League (NIHL) and Dundee Comets and Dundee Tigers in the Scottish National League (SNL).

Businessman McGill, who runs a busy hairdressing shop in Gorgie Road, minutes away from Murrayfield Ice Rink, said he has not played competitive hockey since 2015 but is in shape as he visits the gym regularly.

And the 26-year-old can't wait to get started for the club and to work with much-decorated player, Tony Hand, the club's director of coaching.

McGill said: "I went to hockey schools with Tony when I was a kid and he's a serious competitor. Murrayfield Racers are the best team ever to play in Scotland and I want to be part of that.

"It's also a bonus that the rink is only a few minutes away from my shop."

Hand said securing two experienced netminders was critical to the success of the club which will play in the NIHL and SNL.

He added: "We're looking to build a really strong roster and the signing of Craig and Mark is a really positive move for us.

"This shows the quality of player we are looking for and I am sure that the two men will both be big assets for the club."