

# Field hockey – Comeback man Riddell seals it with late winner



Todd Mills chases the ball down in Western's circle during Grange's 3-2 win at Fettes College. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Division One (men): Grange 3, Western Wildcats 2; Kelburne 5, Clydesdale 6; Hillhead 11, Aberdeen Standard 0; Grove Menzieshill 4, Uddingston 0. Division One (women): Glasgow University 1, Edinburgh University 6.

Duncan Riddell netted a last-gasp, game-winner against title rivals Western Wildcats to send defending domestic champions Grange into the Euro Hockey League on a high.

The 25-year-old Scotland star slammed the ball home for ten-man Grange from close range following a penalty corner.

And it cemented a spectacular comeback for the Edinburgh club who were 2-0 down to ambitious Western Wildcats early in the second-half following strikes from Scottish international Rob Harwood and Joe McConnell.

Edinburgh-born Riddell's first goal for the club for two years after spending last season with English cracks Reading followed strikes from Jacob Tweedie and Frank Ryan, who netted after a flowing move and a slide-rule pass from Todd Mills.

Grange skipper Cammy Fraser was red carded for violent conduct and Riddell, a hockey coach at Bellhaven Hill School in Dunbar, East Lothian, said: "Cammy's red-card got us going.

"We started to press Western and forced a number of corners and this shows that we have the hunger to win big matches."

Grange play in the European Hockey League in Barcelona next weekend against Austrian cracks SV Arminen and quality Dutch combine HC Oranje-Rood and Riddell added: "This result is ideal for us ahead of that."

Elsewhere, Clydesdale edged Kelburne 6-5 at Glasgow's National Hockey Centre, Grove Menzieshill beat Uddingston 4-0 and Hillhead hammered Aberdeen Standard 11-0.

And in women's Division One, Edinburgh University beat Glasgow University 6-1 in the West of Scotland after the sides were level at 1-1 at the break.