

Ice hockey – Tigers maul Racers in North Cup



Joel Gautschi on ice and scoring Racers only goal against Telford.

Joel Gautschi provided Murrayfield Racers with their only joy as they were beaten 9-1 by Telford Tigers in the National Ice Hockey League, North Cup, in the Capital.

The home side were 4-1 behind after the first session and 5-1 down at the end of the middle period.

Across the Forth, Fife Flyers' 4-1 victory over Elite League bottom club Milton Keynes Lightning fired the Scots back into pole position in the 11-strong table.

Fife now have 20 points from 12 fixtures, a record which includes nine wins in regulation time.

Belfast Giants are also on 20 points but from 14 starts and Nottingham Panthers have 20 points but from 17 games.

Victory came after an early scare when Lightning went ahead after 28 minutes through Andreas Valdix.

Paul Crowder levelled after 45 seconds of the final session and only 35 seconds later the home side went ahead.

It was former Edinburgh Capitals star Mike Cazzola who provided the finishing touch and new signing Marcus Basara, who joined in midweek after being cut by Fife's league rivals Manchester Storm, opened his account in the 47th minute with Cazzola provide the ammunition.

And Carlo Finucci made sure after slotting home from a Bloodoff pass after 49 minutes.