Ice hockey - Hand praises injury-hit squad

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Action from Murrayfield earlier this season from Ian Coyle

Tony Hand believes his injury-hit Murrayfield Racers squad put up a fantastic display against a quality Telford Tigers squad in the National Ice Hockey League, North Cup, in England.

The Murrayfield men travelled with only 12 skaters due to injury and illnesss and Dundee Comets star John Dolan — who was in Birmingham for a wedding — made a guest appearance and scored a goal and set up two other strikes.

Aaron Robertson, Daniel Abercrombie and veteran Martin Cingel, returning after a three-week lay-off, also scored.

Hand is Racers' director of hockey and he said: "The guys were fantastic and I couldn't ask for any more from them."

The squad, he said, are learning from playing quality sides and they realise how smart then need to be with the puck to play at this level.

Meanwhile, Racers are next at home on Sunday, November 18 when Solway Sharks visit.