

Ice hockey – Racers win away but miss out at home



Goalmouth action from Murrayfield from Ian Coyle

Murrayfield Racers enjoyed mixed fortunes with a 5-2 win at Aberdeen Lynx in the Scottish National League followed by a 4-0 home reverse to Billingham Stars in the NIHL North Cup.

Tony Hand, Racers' director of hockey, felt the win at Aberdeen on Saturday took a lot out of his players who, he said, looked flat in Sunday's game.

Incidentally, Racers' under-20 netminder Andrew Wright had a shutout standing in for Stars after their goaltender suffered an injury.

Elsewhere, Dundee bounced back from a 3-0 defeat at bottom club Milton Keynes Lightning with a 5-2 victory at Coventry Blaze.

Shane Owen made key saves early on which played a major part in Fife Flyers edging Guildford Flames.

That's the view of Flyers' experienced coach Todd Dutiaume whose men ground out a 3-1 victory over the English side at The Fife Ice Arena on Saturday.

It's Fife's fourth success over Flames this season but head coach Dutiaume singled out highly-rated netminder Owen whose heroics in the first period were, he said, pivotal.

All the goals came in the third period with Paul Crowder breaking the deadlock after five minutes.

And Glasgow Clan completed a memorable 24-hours after they

advanced to the Challenge Cup semi-finals by beating Cardiff Devils on Friday.

Coach Pete Russell guided his men to a 4-2 victory over long-time league pace-setters Belfast Giants at Braehead with former Giants star Craig Peacock netting a double.

Scottish National League: Aberdeen Lynx 2, Murrayfield Racers 5. NIHL North Cup: Murrayfield Racers 0, Billingham Stars 4. Elite League: Coventry 2, Dundee 5; Fife Flyers 3, Guildford Flames 1; Milton Keynes 3, Dundee 0; Glasgow 4, Belfast 2.