

Indoor hockey – Inverleith aim for glory double

Inverleith, who currently lead Division One of the Scottish Indoor Hockey League, face two of the top teams in a testing double-header at Dundee International Sports Centre on Saturday.

It is the first games for clubs domestically since the Festive shutdown, but Edinburgh-based Inverleith warmed up by jetting to Hamburg in Germany last weekend for a training weekend.

There they played six games against quality teams in less than 48 hours of intense competition, winning two, drawing one and losing three games.

On Saturday, Inverleith play fourth-placed, Dundee-based Grove Menzieshill, and Western Wildcats from the West of Scotland who are second in the table.

The Inverleith side have a full 15 points from five games so far in the event with Western on 12 points having lost one of their five fixtures.

Grove, who traditionally provide a stern challenge to Inverleith, are fourth with six points from only three games.

Edinburgh side Grange are third in the table with ten points having won three and drawn another of their five games and they also play Grove and Western on Saturday.

Kinross-based Stuart Neave, Inverleith's coach, said: "The purpose of last weekend was to get the squad up to pace for the league restarting this weekend.

“Grove Menzieshill is always a challenging fixture and when you add in Western who have been playing well and scoring goals, it makes for a very competitive two fixtures.

However, we are all looking forward to getting back into the league games.”

FIXTURES: 9.15am: Grove v Grange; 10.10: Dundee v Clydesdale; 11.05: Dunfermline v Kelburne; 12.00: Grange v Western; 12.55: Inverleith v Grove; 13.50: Kelburne v Dundee; 14.45: Clydesdale v Dunfermline; 15.40: Western v Inverleith; 16.35: Grove v Dundee (all at Dundee International Sports Centre).