

Hockey – Grange close in on second straight league title

Division One leaders Grange hope influential Dylan Bean has recovered from a leg strain as they aim to extend their unbeaten run to 16 games when they entertain Clydesdale at Fettes College on Saturday at 11am.

Clydesdale are seventh in the table with 19 points, 20 adrift of the defending Division One champions Grange.

They have won five and drawn four of their games so far and lost six against Grange's 12 wins and three draws.

Furthermore, Grange have scored 58 goals and lost 17 while the Glasgow side have scored 27 and let in 38.

Elsewhere, Edinburgh University will look to consolidate sixth position in the ten-strong table when they entertain pointless Aberdeen Standard Gordonians (push-off 14.30 at Peffermill).

They have let in 111 goals and scored seven while the students gave Grange a late scare last Saturday, going down narrowly 3-2 at Fettes College.

Edinburgh University have won six and drawn four of their 15 games but the students have three players missing.

Graham Moodie, Edinburgh's coach, said: "We have an important game against Aberdeen to try and keep ourselves in contention for top four.

"The boys are feeling confident after an excellent performance

against Grange last week and a good 2-1 win midweek against Nottingham University 2s to confirm second place in the British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) North Premier Division.

Watsonians, who are eighth, travel to third-placed Grove Menzieshill (14.30) boosted by last Saturday's narrow 2-1 win over second-bottom Kelburne.

Coach Mike Leonard will need an improvement on that performance to keep Grove at bay.