

Ice hockey – champions Racers entertain Thunder

Murrayfield Racers skate in front of their fans for the first time since winning the Scottish National League title at the first attempt.

They host Kilmarnock Thunder on Sunday (6pm) and the Ayrshire side prop up the table and are unlikely to cause Tony Hand's men any problems.

Racers have 28 points from 15 games having won 13 and drawn two so far while Thunder have won one game and lost 14.

The Capital combine have rattled in 122 goals and let in 40 while Kilmarnock have scored 42 and shipped 201.

Elsewhere, Todd Dutiaume has warned his men not to cut corners as it could cost them dear in their bid to make the end-of-season play-offs.

The Kirkcaldy club face a crucial double-header with Sheffield Steelers with the first clash is in Yorkshire on Saturday (7pm) with the return at The Fife Ice Arena on Sunday (6.30pm).

And the key game in the play-off race follows a 4-2 home defeat to Elite League pace-setters Cardiff Devils on Thursday.

Dutiaume said: "This is big. We are virtually sitting even in the table with a home and away series to come.

"There are four valuable points at stake going towards securing a play-off spot and if we go out as we have in the

last six games then we will be OK this weekend.

“If guys take a nights off and take short cuts and cut corner that is where this team runs into problems.

“If the guys are engaged and ready to go then we will be fine.”

Ninth-placed Dundee Stars visit Nottingham Panthers, who are fourth on Saturday (face-off 7pm) and host Manchester Storm on Sunday (face-off 5pm) in a key clash as the North-West of England side currently occupy the eighth and final slot for the end-of-season play-offs.

Stars have two games in hand over Storm heading into this weekend and are only a point behind.