

# Ice hockey – double winner Owen is key to play-off success

Shane Owen won two major awards at Fife Flyers' Player of the Year event and the Canadian netminder will be a key man if the Kirkcaldy club want to make the play-off final four in Nottingham.

The 28-year-old finished the season with a save percentage of 91.2 per cent having played 60 games, facing 2,163 shots and standing for 3,666 minutes. He was both the fans and players' player of the year.

And much-travelled not-stop, who has played in North America, Sweden and Poland, will be in the firing line as Fife, who finished the regular season in sixth position, square-up to Nottingham Panthers, who finished third, in the play-off, quarter-final, double-header this weekend.

The English side have prepared well for the crunch double-header and Nottingham-born left-wing Robert Farmer said that Panthers' squad was feeling good going into the games.

He added: "Everybody has experience and we know the format and what we need to be successful."

Initially, that means knocking Fife out with the first-leg at Kirkcaldy on Saturday (7.15pm) and return at Nottingham on Sunday (4pm).

Brett Bulmer is out as he is serving a three game ban following an incident at Kirkcaldy on Sunday which has counted

Glasgow Clan forward Brendan Connolly out for the season.

Clan face Guildford Flames on Saturday (6pm) in Surrey with the second-leg in Glasgow on Sunday (6pm).