

Hockey – Coultas treble as Grange hit magnificent seven

Men's Premiership: Grange 7, Grove Menzieshill 0 (at Fettes College); Western Wildcats 9, Uddingston 0; Clydesdale 4, Watsonians 1

Dan Coultas (white shirt) claimed a glory treble as Grange consolidated their position at the top of the men's Premiership.

But the English-born Scottish international penalty corner specialist claimed: "It should have been four."

Coultas collected the club's first treble of the season as last season's Grand Slam champions thrashed second-placed Grove Menzieshill 7-0 at Fettes College.

The former Great Britain defender was returning to duty after a calf strain which meant he only played five minutes of last weekend's 2-2 draw with Western Wildcats at the same venue.

Coultas said: "I had Tuesday training off and had treatment and rested on Wednesday.

"I trained Thursday and it felt fine and when we were warming up it was a little frosty but we knew it would warm up.

"We worked in a few things in training and I'm annoyed I didn't get four. I had scored three on one side but the last one was a poor decision by me to go the other side."

Australian Josh McRae, plus Callum Lothian, Jacob Tweedie and Marcus O'Brien also netted in a performance which was comfortably the club's best of the season.

The Dundee outfit were only 2-0 down at the half-time but suffered a nightmare after the break and Neil Allan, Grove's coach, would only say: "Grange deserved to win. They were clinical and played with great intensity. We made it easy for them at times."

Elsewhere, Western Wildcats thrashed Uddingston 9-0 at Auchenhowie to move into second place in the table and relegate Grove to third while Watsonians lost 4-1 at Clydesdale.