

Grange close gap on Western

Rob Harwood netted a double as men's Premiership pace-setters Western beat Watsonians 3-0 in Edinburgh to extend their unbeaten run to nine games.

The three points takes the Glasgow club on to 25 points but Fraser Heigh continued his free-scoring start to the season with a double as title-chasing Grange beat Clydesdale 6-4 in Glasgow to move two points behind the leaders.

Jacob Tweedie also netted twice in the welcome win following the Edinburgh side's 3-3 draw at former league pace-setters Dunfermline Carnegie on Saturday.

Callum Milne, Grange's player/coach, said: "The result in Glasgow was an improvement from Saturday when you did not see the best of Grange." "We had a good first half at Clydesdale and were 5-1 ahead at one stage even though we missed a couple of chances and the three points keeps us in touch with Western."

Edinburgh University continue to stay tucked in behind the top two after their 5-3 road win against Kelburne with Keir Robb netting twice after the home side had snatched the lead in the first minute only for the students to level 30 seconds later.

It took injury-hit Western until the third quarter to break the deadlock, Scott Menzies netting Western's opener after Watsonians well-organised defence had kept Western's eager forwards at bay for long spells.

A few minutes earlier, the home side's player/coach Dan Coultas had crashed a penalty corner off the bar but Western weathered shrugged that off to claim two goals in the final quarter, Scottish international Harwood capitalising on a defensive mistake to calmly dink the ball over the goalkeeper. Harwood netted following a penalty corner award on the final

whistle.

Stand-in Western coach James Moran felt that his men had been in control for the entire match and Coultas claimed that his men had played well defensively but lapses had cost them.

SATURDAY: Men's Premiership: Kelburne 3, Edinburgh University 5; Watsonians 0, Western 3; Dunfermline Carnegie 3, Grange 3; Hillhead 6, Dundee Wanderers 3; Grove Menzieshill v Inverleith (abandoned after player injury). SUNDAY: men's Premiership: Clydesdale 4, Grange 6

Meanwhile, Glasgow side GHK edged Grange 2-1 to win the under-18 National Club Final at Peffermill but Grange boys beat Perthshire to regained the silverware they last won in 2018.

PICTURE: goalmouth action as Watsonians play Western at Peffermill