

Watsonian Ladies celebrate historic Scottish Premiership victory

Watsonian Ladies clinched the women's Premiership for the first time in their history, opening the path to a domestic double as they are in the Scottish Cup Final against Edinburgh University on Sunday, May 15.

The students are their opponents on Sunday (4pm) in a dress rehearsal at Peffermill as Watsonians face their final match of the domestic league season.

And Newburgh, Fife-based Emily Dark is desperate to keep momentum going ahead of the cup final and confirmed the team are hungry for even more success.

The physics student at the University of St Andrews said the squad were buzzing after Thursday's 3-0 victory over nearest rivals, Clydesdale Western, at Titwood in Glasgow.

The Edinburgh side were 1-0 ahead in the first quarter thanks to Mairi Drummond and they claimed their other strikes through Ellie Stott and Scottish international Sarah Jamieson who beat two defenders before slotting home.

Dark, a Scottish international, admitted: "We were nervous as it was such a big game and we have gone so long unbeaten in the league and cup."

Clydesdale also beat us in the first game of the season, 1-0 at Peffermill, and it was a game we should have won. They had patches, but we felt in control.

"It was a great game, very enjoyable, and we now move on to the final game of the league season against Edinburgh University on Sunday and the Cup Final in May. We're also in

Europe next season.”

Thursday’s win means the team have 19 wins for the season so far with only one defeat against Clydesdale Western, scoring 98 goals and conceding 10 for 57 points. Clydesdale Western have won 16 of their 19 games so far but have lost three including a 3-2 reverse to Watsonians and a 4-1 defeat to Edinburgh University. They have scored 94 goals and conceded 15 for 48 points.

Edinburgh University are third with 45 points from 18 games, winning 15 and losing three, scoring 86 goals and conceding 12, and Dark added: “We’re looking to keep our unbeaten run going on Sunday ahead of the Scottish Cup Final.”

PICTURE: Emily Dark, a key player for Watsonian Ladies, pictured here playing for Scotland