

Defeats for Flyers and Clan in England and Stars in Scotland

Elite League: Coventry Blaze 3, Fife Flyers 2; Manchester Storm 6, Glasgow Clan 3. Challenge Cup: Dundee Stars 1, Belfast Giants 4

Fife Flyers ended the weekend pointless after being edged 3-2 at Coventry Blaze. The Kirkcaldy club, who lost 5-1 at home to Manchester Storm also in the Elite League on Saturday, lost the first session in the Midlands 1-0 following a goal from Brady Norrish after 18min 40sec.

They tied the next 1-1 with Marly Quince scoring after 36 minutes on the power play for 2-0 only for Janne Kivilahti (pictured by *Derek Young* and courtesy of Fife Flyers) to pull one back 30 seconds later.

Blaze scored a third through former Glasgow Clan forward Colon Yellow Horn on the power play with less than ten minutes left.

Fife netted a second through Kivilahti with seven seconds left but they could not find another in a game watched by over 1,700 fans and in which they were outshot 32-27.

Elsewhere, Glasgow Clan slipped to their seventh straight defeat when they went down 6-3 at in-form Manchester despite outshooting the home side 40-29 in a penalty-filled game.

Clan were 4-1 down after 45 minutes but pulled the scoreline back to 4-3 with less than four minutes left.

But Manchester weathered the storm to claim two goals inside the final three minutes to take the points.

Dundee Stars emerged with one point out of a possible four from back-to-back Challenge cup jousts with Belfast Giants.

The Tayside team were edged 5-4 in overtime in Northern Ireland on Saturday (teams get a point if they are tied at the end of regulation time) and lost 4-1 at home to Belfast whose journey to Dundee was delayed because of ferry crossing problems.

The sides were locked at 1-1 after two periods at the Dundee Ice Arena but Giants took the third session 3-0 with the help of a double from Scott Conway inside the final four minutes and now replace Stars at the top of the four-team group.