

Fife Flyers looking to add trialist to squad as Glasgow Clan seek first win

Fife Flyers are pulling out all the stops to sign an unnamed centreman ahead of their home Elite League clash with Manchester Storm on Saturday (face-off 7.15pm).

Jeff Hutchins (pictured), the club's Edinburgh-based associate coach, said that talks were at an advance stage and the player was based in Europe making travel to Kirkcaldy easy if the deal is done.

The experience forward would arrive on a one-month trial giving Flyers and the player a chance to assess the move on both sides.

Hutchins stressed that the club need to do the business now to allow the player time to train at least once with the team.

And the playcaller stressed the need for extra bodies to help the squad, but he revealed that the four players on the club's injury list skated in training in midweek.

Big defenceman Jonas Emmerdahl could make his comeback after suffering an upper body injury earlier this month.

The 30-year-old Swedish-born star played 51 games for the Kirkcaldy club last term and is seen as pivotal to the defence unit this season.

Fife have not won at home this term and Hutchins is determined to break their duck to repay the fans for their early-season support.

The former Great Britain international declared: "The fans have been great for us so far, coming to games despite us

being short of bodies, and we would love to reward them with a win in our opening league game.”

Meanwhile, Glasgow Clan host an in-form Sheffield Steelers side on Thursday 7.30pm) looking for their first win of the season.

The Yorkshire combine thrashed Dundee Stars 7-1 on Tayside on Sunday in the Elite League, and the Tayside combine have beaten Clan 4-3 in Dundee and 3-1 at Braehead this season, both games in the Challenge Cup.

And the men from The House of Steel come north looking for a fourth straight win.

Coach Malcolm Cameron was heartened by Clan’s display at Guildford Flames in the Elite League on Sunday, despite losing 2-1 to a last-minute goal.

He added: “The work ethic is there and the defensive play has improved, but we have to find consistency in putting the puck in the net.”