

Joy for Clan but disappointment for Flyers

Challenge Cup, quarter-final, second-leg: Cardiff Devils 1, Glasgow Clan 3 (agg: 5-6); Guildford Flames 3, Fife Flyers 2 (agg: 6-3)

Gary Haden, Jake Bolton and Darien Craighead scored for Glasgow Clan as they clawed back a first-leg deficit to move forward into the semi-finals of the Challenge Cup.

The Braehead side, 4-3 behind after the first-leg, won 3-1 in The Principality despite being outshot 36-29 by the Welshmen.

Elsewhere, Fife Flyers bowed out of the Challenge Cup following a 3-2 defeat at Guildford Flames who moved into the semi-finals for the second straight season.

The injury-hit Kirkcaldy club, who were the beaten finalists last season, also lost the first-leg 3-1 at Kirkcaldy last week.

Anthon Eriksson was scratched from Fife's line-up just before warm-up and it took Flames 16 minutes to break the deadlock at the Guildford Spectrum when Steven McParland netted on the power play,

The home side netted again just over two minutes later through Ryan Tait and it became 3-0 when Austin Glover counted after 33 minutes.

However, 1min 15sec later Kyle Osterberg threw Fife a lifeline

with their opening goal with Aleksii Makela and Troy Lajeunesse involved in the build-up.

Newcomer Vitalijs Pavlovs added a second with ten minutes left but Fife failed to add to the total and now they must re-group ahead of the resumption of the league campaign. Currently, Fife are bottom of the ten-strong table.

Elsewhere, Glasgow Clan now carry Scotland's hopes in the first major of the season as they overturned a first-leg deficit to move into the final four thanks to a 3-1 road win at high-flying Cardiff Devils to claim a 6-5 aggregate win.

PICTURE: Fife v Guildford in the first-leg captured by ***Jillian McFarlane***