

Fife earn precious point in shootout defeat

Elite League: Fife Flyers 2, Manchester Storm 3 (after a shootout)

Fife Flyers led twice but had to be content with a point against Manchester Storm in a key clash last night (FRI) at The Fife Ice Arena.

Zack Phillips scored to break Fife who outshot their opponents 47-35 in normal time and led 1-0 and 2-1.

Earlier, Shane Owen started in goal for the home side, who have only 12 games left of the regular season after Friday's game, and time is running out to claim a slot in the top eight which guarantees and play-off spot.

And the Fife club, who have lost their last three games, cheered fans when they took an early lead. Max Humitz netted after being set up by Teemu Pulkkinen and Collin Shirley. Time 3min 51sec.

Storm, who ended a losing run with two home wins last week, levelled less than three minutes later when Raymond Brice counted but nine minutes after that Fife edged ahead for a second time. Skipper Jonas Emmerdahl scored with Troy Lajeunesse and Kyle Osterberg, back in the team after injury, setting up the chance.

The scoreline remained that way until 55 seconds into the final session when Brice was on the mark again. The teams could not be separated by the end of regulation so the game went into overtime.

Storm's Canadian defenceman C J Garcia (cor) was called for tripping 57 seconds into the extra session giving Fife an advantage but they failed to capitalise.

On they went into penalty shots and Storm's Phillips kept his cool to slot the game-winner for the visitors.

PICTURE: Action from Kirkcaldy as Fife edged by Storm.
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