Humitz hero as Fife secure win double

Battling Fife Flyers completed a four-point weekend to move into the top eight in the ten-strong Elite League table thanks to a third-period strike from American Max Humitz.

The 28-year-old scored with 44 minutes on the clock as the Kirkcaldy club came from 2-0 down at Guildford Flames to back-up their 9-7 victory over Nottingham Panthers at The Fie Ice Arena on Saturday.

Fife were outshot 41-31 and were 2-0 down after just over 16 minutes. Matt Tugnutt opened the scoring after seven minutes and nine minutes later Matt Alvaro netted unassisted for No 2.

Tom Collen's battling side opened their account after 24 minutes when Lucas Chiodo was set up by Humitz and Brady Pouteau.

And ten minutes later the teams were level at 2-2 when Johan Eriksson latched onto a Chiodo pass after Lucas was fed by Aleksi Makela.

The scoreline stayed that way until a move initiated by Sean Giles and involving Eriksson found American-born Humitz and he slotted at 44min 25sec. The Fifers held out for a memorable win against a side who have qualified for the Challenge Cup Final.

The two points means Fife move onto 33 points from 38 games. Results elsewhere assisted with Glasgow Clan skidding to a 3-2 defeat at Nottingham which sees them slip to ninth position with 32 points from 36 games. Nottingham have 27 points from 33 outings and continue to prop up the rest.

Manchester Storm are seventh with 34 points from 36 starts after skidding to a 6-1 home reverse to second-placed Cardiff Devils.

PICTURE: Fife v Nottingham by *Jillian MacFarlane* courtesy of the Elite League