

Nairn back with double as Grange march on

Grange stormed into the next round of the Scottish Cup with an 8-0 victory over a hard-working Inverleith side who were overpowered and outgunned by their city rivals.

And it could have been more had goalkeepers Greg McKenzie and James Drake not performed well for the visitors for whom Kyle Taylor showed some nice touches and Charlie Jack worked tirelessly trying to drive his men forward at Fettes.

David Nairn, Dylan Bean and Aiden McQuade all netted doubles and Martin Shepherdson (pictured by *Nigel Duncan*), Grange's team manager, said this was an improved performance. They controlled the game.

He was happier with the finishing which had largely deserted Grange in last weekend's 1-1 draw in the Premiership at Hillhead in Glasgow.

Shepherdson was also pleased that Nairn was able to make his comeback after missing the first part of the season with a broken foot sustained in pre-season training.

Grange hit the post in the opening minutes and it took Nairn only seven minutes to write his name on the scoresheet. Three minutes after that Dylan Bean slotted from a penalty corner.

Six minutes after that Nairn was on the mark again for 3-0 and the scoreline stayed that way until the first break.

Two more goals arrived before half-time, McQuade scoring from a penalty corner and Joe Waterston from open play to make it 5-0.

Three more goals arrived as Grange continued to squeeze Inverleith, hemming them into their own half for long spells. McQuade converted a penalty corner after 53 minutes and Bean added a seventh ten minutes later from open play, delaying his shot before letting fly.

And Jamie Green completed the scoring with 69 minutes on the clock after another slick move.

In Turkey, Watsonians slipped to two defeats in the EuroHockey Indoor Club Cup, losing 4-3 to Slavia Prague and 6-1 to Gaziantep leaving them bottom of Pool B with four points.