

Grange 'excited' by Premiership title prospect

Grange have one hurdle to climb if they want to retain the men's Premiership title and it comes in the shape of Uddingston who come to Fettes on Saturday (11am).

The defending champions stayed on course with a nervy 1-0 victory over Capital rivals Watsonians last Saturday and coach Steve Grubb revealed that his men are excited at the prospect of being crowned champions for a second year running.

Aidan McQuade missed training this week but the rest of the squad has been in and Grubb declared: "We are focused on playing our game."

He added: "Uddingston gave us a tough game in our first outing and we are taking nothing for granted this weekend. They are preparing to secure a top four finish and we are prepared for another tough game.

"We both have a lot to play for and this week, in training, we have focused on the final third of the pitch, looking to increase our outcomes in the D which were hard to come by last week against Watsonians."

As it stands, Grange head the table with 40 points from 15 games with The University of Edinburgh breathing down their necks with 39 points.

Western Wildcats are out of the picture with 36 points in third place but they host The University of Edinburgh with

Hillhead entertaining Watsonians (13.30).

The bottom six fixtures are FSEG Clydesdale v Dundee Wanderers, Inverleith v Erskine Stewart's Melville and relegated Kelburne v Grove Menzieshill.

Wanderers top the bottom six with 21 points with Clydesdale second on 20, Inverleith third on 19. Grove Menzieshill are fourth on 14, Erskine Stewart's Melville fifth on 13 and Kelburne bottom with three.

In the women's Premiership, The University of Edinburgh host Clydesdale Western, Western Wildcats entertain Grange Edinburgh Ladies (13.30) and GHK are at home to champions Watsonians (14.15).

Watsonians have 43 points, The University of Edinburgh 38, Clydesdale Western 33, Western Wildcats are on 25, GHK have 21 the same points as sixth-placed Grange Edinburgh Ladies.

In the bottom six, Hillhead face Glasgow University, The University of St Andrews host Gordonians and Uddingston are at home to Inverleith (15.00).

Uddingston top the bottom six with 22 points with The University of St Andrews second on 18, Glasgow University third with 16, Inverleith next on 14, Hillhead on ten and Gordonians propping up the table with one.

PICTURE: recent action from the men's Premiership featuring Western Wildcats v Watsonians at George Watson's College and courtesy of **Alex Rose**