

Watsonians on the brink of retaining women's title

Watsonians could retain the women's hockey Premiership title on Sunday if they beat Western Wildcats at Tipperlin (15.00).

Keith Smith's side have 40 points and are five ahead of second-placed The University of Edinburgh University. They come into the test following a EuroHockey campaign in which they finished in fifth place, two above their seeding.

Western Wildcats have slipped to fourth in the table after taking only one point in their three games since the mid-season break.

The University of Edinburgh visit GHK on Saturday (14.15) and they won the previous game against the Glasgow side earlier this season but only by a single goal scored by Scottish international Jika Nyirenda in the final quarter.

Third-placed Clydesdale have recovered from an inconsistent start to the season and they host Grange Edinburgh Ladies who have enjoyed a good season to date.

At the bottom end of the table, Uddingston and St Andrews University are safe from relegation but Gordonians are relegated, however, only one point separates Inverleith, Hillhead and Glasgow University.

Inverleith have 11 points, Glasgow University and Hillhead have ten. Hillhead visit Inverleith in a match where the loser will emerge as favourite for the relegation play-off spot.

PICTURE: Watsonians v Inverleith at Tipperlin by ***Nigel Duncan***