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Goalball Times

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Welcome

Hi all,

We come to the end of another successful Goalball season culminating in a brilliant tournament in Birmingham. A total of 70 players played at this highly enjoyable event - an all time record for Goalball UK! Big thanks to Alex, Kathryn and Becky for their great planning and organisation of the day.

Since our last newsletter we have had another donation towards our "Men's Elite" fund. A fantastic £50k from a private source which will massively help our Men's GB squad in their preparations for the European "C" Championships (University of Worcester 5th-8th September). Good luck to them and our Women's GB team in their intensive build up for their

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Medway Park Taster Session



In partnership with Medway Sports Development and Action for Blind People on Saturday 21st July Medway Park hosted a taster session. This was a great session and we hope the club continues to develop

European "A" Championships in Turkey early November.

Enjoy your summer!

Cheers.

Mike Reilly, CEO

Goalball UK Welcome New Employees

Jackie Sheldon and Becky Ashworth

Jackie Sheldon has taken on the role of Performance Director and Head Coach for the Women's GB side. We are extremely happy with her appointment and feel her past experiences with the GB Womens Rugby League team will be beneficial for the development of our womens team and helping them get to Rio 2016.

Becky Ashworth has joined the team as a Development Officer and will work alongside Alex Bunney to help develop current clubs and create new ones.

In addition we have also been successful in appointing a new chair of our board, John Coles who specialises in Public Relations and over the years has advised UK and overseas

Club continues to develop and enters their first tournament next season.



Between 5th-8th September The University of Worcester will be the host of several nations across Europe competing in the IBSA Goalball European C Mens Championships in a bid to get promoted to the B Championships. This is an excellent opportunity to raise further the profile of our great sport and give big support on home territory to our Men's team. Something to really look forward to and free to come and watch. So invite your club members, friends and family to come and support the Mens team!

The competition schedule

businesses.

Club Scene

Next Season's Fixtures

The fixtures for the next season can now be found on our website by [CLICKING HERE](#)

The first tournament of the season will be in Reading on Saturday 28th September 2013 and that is a Novice tournament. The first Intermediate South tournament is in Nottingham on Saturday 12th October and the first Intermediate North is in Sheffield on 26th October. Finally, the first Elite tournament is the weekend of 16th/17th November in Birmingham where Goalball UK's AGM will be hosted too.

End of Season Tournament



A massive congratulations to everyone who took part at the

The competition schedule will be sent out soon.

GB Update



The GB Men's squad have over the last few months clocked up many air miles from Lithuania, Germany, Poland and finally onto Madrid playing 15 International Games as part of their build up to the European C's in Worcester this September.

In Lithuania GB were quickly reminded of the strength and depth of European A teams and improved game

End of Season Tournament in Birmingham (13th July). We had a record breaking number of 70 players enter the event across the 3 playing levels. We witnessed high quality action across all levels and the overall team winners on the day were String & Tape (Novice), Ellie Simmonds (Intermediate) and Tour de France (Elite).

In addition to the tournament there were team and individual awards in our End of Season presentation these were:

National League Winners: Leicester

Novice League Winners: Hull

Intermediate League Winners: NCW

Elite League Winners: Thames Valley

John Oakley Player Award: Laura Perry (RNC)

Keith Lound Memorial Award: Faye Dale (Nottingham)

Hope you have enjoyed the season and are looking forward to the next one as much as we are at Goalball UK!

Tracking and Monitoring

Update from the previous newsletter regards the online tracking tool. The system will be rolled out to clubs in early

on game. Also, Faye Dale (Nottingham) and Rob Tyas (York) enjoyed their first international experience on the GB bench under the watchful eye of Knut.

Germany saw 4 players from Goalball UK's Talent ID day join the squad for the 4 day training camp.

After Germany both the Men's and the Women's GB squads were invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate London 2012 (picture above).

Poland was up next and a great chance to put into practice all that had been practiced in Germany. This seemed to prevail as GB managed to record stunning victories against Hungary 2-0 a European B team and 11-5 against Iraq.

Finally Madrid in temperatures over 30 degrees in their first game against the Paralympic

tracking tool. The system will be rolled out to clubs in early September. The system is called UpShot. Clubs will receive a small training session from Goalball UK staff on the use of the programme for your club.

Free Membership

If you or any members of your club are not currently members of Goalball UK then please sign up! You are required to be a member to play and officiate in all Goalball UK events. You can become a member by [clicking here](#).

New Clubs

Following a well attended taster session on 1st June Glasgow launched as a club with 3 players participating in the end of season tournament in Birmingham - we look forward to seeing them in the league next season. Development work continues in the North East with a club due to launch in Newcastle soon.

Funding

Please contact your local County Sport Partnership (CSP) who will be able to help you find local funding streams. To find your local CSP [click here](#)

Tournament News

Results from all tournaments and all future tournaments together with the league table and top goal

Champions Finland 7 litres of water were drunk in just one match alone. It was a different kind of challenge to Poland but nevertheless great experience leading up to Worcester in September.

The Women's squad are preparing for their European A Championships in November in Turkey. A development squad consisting of 4 girls from the Goalball UK Talent ID day in April attended a tournament in Poland in May and regular training camps are taking place between now and November as the squad prepare for the tournament.

New Goalfix Eye Shades

Goalfix Sports Ltd is proud to announce the launch of two new versions of the already successful Goalball Eye Shade

scorer stats can be found on the Goalball UK [website](#)

Top Goal scorers



Elite	Adam Knott 44 (Thames Valley)
Intermediate	Richard Wheatley 62 (Worcester)
Novice	Taylor Vasey 33 (Hull)

Tournament Results

Eye Shade.

**Goalball Eye Shades
MKII: £42.00 including
VAT (per single pair)**

The foam cushion is sweat resistant and can be wiped clean. The material is ZOUCHseal 90, which has been rigorously tested and approved in the USA for contact with the face.

**Goalball Eye Shades
'Memory Foam': £38.40
including VAT (per single
pair)**

The foam cushion is 'Memory Foam' for superior comfort and fit. These foam pieces can also be removed from the visor when damaged or soiled and replacement pieces attached which can be bought separately in various quantities.

More information [click here](#)

Need Pads?

Wolverhampton Intermediate	Worcester
Mens GB Cup Elite	Leicester
Sheffield Elite	Thames Valley



March Sports are offering 10% off their advertised price for knee and elbow pads to all goalball players/clubs. [Click here](#) to visit the website. For more information please email Kathryn@goalballuk.com

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