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## Scots Take Silver



but France netted a goal off an intercepted pass with 16 minutes to go. Scotland's Amy Rowan made a line drive in the last 10 minutes but was unable to convert.

The players can hold their heads high as the top scoring team with 13 goals and Bonagrass Grove's Nikki Kidd was named Player of the Tournament.

The squad was quick to recognise support from major sponsors MacRoberts and PKF Accountants along with individual player sponsors:

Keyline (Amy Rowan and Becky Ward-both Dundee Wanderers), Genesis Consulting (Nikki Kidd-Bonagrass Grove and Emily Maguire-Kelburne), Edgeview Ltd and J&J Wilson Ltd (Kimi Bright-Giffnock), Wood Mackenzie (Becky Merchant-Bonagrass Grove), Pacitti Jones (Susan McGilveray-GHK), Argyle Consulting (Kay Bartlett-Milne Craig Western) and Expro (Siobhan Price-Edinburgh University).

## One World, One Dream, One Team: GB

A clinical Great Britain men's side beat Pakistan 4-2 today in their first game of the Beijing Olympics while GB's women fell 5-1 to reigning gold medallists, and current European champions, Germany yesterday.

GB men's coach Jason Lee said: "We're obviously delighted with this win in our opening match. There is no doubt that it has given us a boost to our confidence. There is less pressure on us now in our two games against Holland and Australia, so we can just go for it."

Women's coach Danny Kerry said their first match had 'patches of isolated play,' and added: "The team's defence worked on their own rather than as a unit and we need to work more on that. Some haven't played their best; they know that and know they will have to do better in the next game."

The women are looking to pick themselves up against Argentina, world number two, Tuesday 01:00 BST followed by the men who play, current European champions and world number three, the Netherlands next at 14:00 BST Wednesday.

To help British fans follow all the action, we have a few helpful links: Keep up to date with Team GB's full schedule and results at the official website of the 2008 Beijing Olympics:

<http://results.beijing2008.cn/WRM/ENG/Schedule/HO.shtml>

FIH has launched Olympic coverage web pages with: live written commentaries from every match, action photos, results, tables, top scorers, match sheets and daily round-ups. Fans can also download the Olympic Daily newsletter, being produced by the FIH media team in Beijing. See information at

<http://www.worldhockey.org/olympics/>.

Full GB player and staff profiles, statistical information on each hockey playing country and an introduction to British umpires and technical officials is available in GB's Media Guide [5.10MB PDF], download at:

[www.greatbritainhockey.co.uk/olympicmediaguide](http://www.greatbritainhockey.co.uk/olympicmediaguide)

## National League Fixtures

They're here; the National League Fixtures for the 2008/09 season are now available online. See who's playing who when at <http://www.scottish-hockey.org.uk/outdoorleagues.aspx>.

## U16 Girls' Push for Pounds

Money doesn't grow on trees but Scotland's U16 girls found income in herbs as they secured support from R&G Herbs to bring their sponsorship campaign total to over 10k this year.

R&G Herbs, a third generation family business that supplies fresh cut culinary herbs across the UK, handed hefty backing to the girls, enough to splash their company logo across the front of the squad's kit. Find out Managing Director, Matthew Prestwich's connection with hockey and more about the squad's effort on Scottish Hockey's website at <http://www.scottish-hockey.org.uk/u16girlspushforpounds.aspx>.

Scotland's U21 women missed making it to the podium undefeated by one measly goal at the Europeans, falling short to France to take silver on 26<sup>th</sup> July in Prague.

Coach Dave Stott said: "We are very proud of the girls, our main objective was to get to the Championship level, where we belong, and we've done that."

The Scots dominated most of the match in heavy rain



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## One Step Closer to Online Registration

Scottish Hockey's new database system is now live in the office and populated with club and member details.

Business and Finance Manager Ruth Crawford said: "This has been a major project undertaken in partnership with **sportscotland**, and we look forward to the system making hockey's governance more efficient, enabling us to focus more developing the sport than administering it."

Within the next couple of months, all clubs will receive a login to their own secure club web portal, and be able see and update their club and member details online. We'll keep you posted on all the latest developments.



## U16 Boys' Talent Camp

The U16 boys' national squad would like to extend an invite to U16 male players to attend a talent camp at DISC in Dundee Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August.

This is an opportunity for young players to train with the national coaches and to get insight into the standards and commitment required to represent their country.

Nominations and confirmation of attendance should be forwarded, no later than 27<sup>th</sup> August to U16 boy's manager Alan Auld. Use the form found at <http://www.scottish-hockey.org.uk/under16s.aspx>, which provides all necessary contact details.

Please note: Players should be 16 as of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 and numbers will be restricted to the first 50 out-field players that register full details. There is no restriction on the number of goalkeepers wanting to attend.

## It's Official: Scottish Hockey's Association for Umpires

Scottish Hockey welcomes anyone involved, or interested, in umpiring to join the newly formed Officials Association for the 2008/09 season.



Coach Education Development Manager, Colleen Reid said: "The group will provide umpires, umpire coaches and managers, judges, and technical officials a forum to share expertise, discuss ideas, organise useful seminars and workshops in order to develop this important area of hockey; it's a great opportunity."

An aim of the group is to also increase awareness and activity across Scotland, specifically at district level.

Scottish Hockey members receive a discounted annual membership fee of £13 while those not affiliated pay £43. For more information, and an application form, go to <http://www.scottish-hockey.org.uk/officialsassociation.aspx>

## Successful Summer Camps

Scottish Hockey's Summer Camps were a big success this year, with an overall 10% increase in participation across Scotland.

Youth Development Officer Stacy Bookless said: "The weather was great and ensured outdoor activities went ahead, allowing our aspiring hockey players to make the most of the excellent coaching and facilities available.

"The kids enjoyed evening activities such as karaoke or Sing Star, movie nights, talent shows and, in the spirit of the global sport event in Beijing, an Olympic quiz night."

Children from 10-17 yrs old enjoyed hockey activities and games in excellent conditions at Strathallan School, Perthshire; Glenalmond College, Perthshire; Fettes College in Edinburgh and at Inverclyde National Sports Centre, Largs. Scottish Hockey has set out targets to annually increase attendance at the camps to get more kids involved.

Bookless added: "A special thanks goes out to all the coaches for their hard work throughout our Scottish Hockey Summer Camp Programme and congratulations to all that participated, we hope to see them back next year to keep up the good work."

## New Faces Grace Scottish Hockey Office

Following recruitment campaigns this summer, Scottish Hockey is pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our Edinburgh office. Graham Nelson is a few weeks into post as part-time Accounts Assistant and our new Development Administrator, Murray McBain, starts today.

Chief Executive Brent Deans said: "Accounts Assistant is a new role that Scottish Hockey introduced, recognising that additional resource is required to support the business needs of the sport as we continue to develop and plan for growth. Graham is a qualified accountant with many years experience working for one of the Big Four firms - his additional resource and expertise will stand us in good stead as we progress as a business.

We look forward to welcoming Murray as Development Administrator into post, filling a vacancy created when Stacy Bookless was successful in gaining the position of Youth Development Officer after an open recruitment process."