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Packed Summer Schedule Awaits Scotland's Hockey Squads

The 2009/2010 season may now have drawn to a close, but for the players of Scotland's national teams, there is little respite with a number of international fixtures and tournaments coming up over the summer.

Both the Senior Men and Women's squads now enter into an important build up period towards competing at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in Delhi this October.

The Senior Men will contest the Celtic Cup in France at the end of June, before facing England, Belgium and Ireland throughout July. Russell Garcia's men will then return to France for the 4 Nations Championship at the end of August.

Meanwhile, the Senior Women have a double header of August fixtures to contest, travelling to Holland and Belgium for away fixtures against these nations. Gordon Shepherd will then lead the national side to take on Germany in September, their final warm up game before travelling to India and the Commonwealth Games.

The Scotland U21 squads both have European competitions to look forward to in July. Scotland U21 Men will take part in the EuroHockey Junior Nations Trophy in Vienna, whilst the Scotland U21 Women will be pushing to restore their place in the Top 8 of the EuroHockey Junior Nations Championship when they travel to Lille.



In youth, the U18 and U16 Scotland squads will also be in action with both U18 squads competing in the Home Nations tournament, and the U16 teams facing England at Peffermill. The U18 and U16 squads will have one eye on the UK School Games taking place in September.

Good luck to all our teams playing in internationals this summer, and visit the Scottish Hockey website for match previews, results and reports.

Scottish Hockey 2010 AGM

The Scottish Hockey AGM took place on 12th June at Dundee. A brief report on the AGM may be found on the Scottish Hockey website: http://www.scottish-hockey.org.uk/agm2010_1.aspx

Youth Summer Camps

The summer camps are filling up, places are limited. Sign up for a summer experience where children from ages 10 to 13, and young adults from ages 14 to 17, can spend time honing and developing their hockey skills under the tuition of fully qualified coaches – including Alan Forsyth and Callum Milne from the Scotland Senior Men's Squad. The camps provide a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some hockey with players of the same age and create new friendships.

You can find out more information about prices, booking places and payment option via the [Scottish Hockey Youth Section](#)

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Midlothian Sports - Service to Local Sport Award

Scottish Hockey would like to congratulate John McCrossan on receiving the Service to Local Sports Award from the Midlothian council. John received this award for setting up, and running, the Midlothian Hockey Development Group and his work in raising volunteers and communicating with schools to help hockey grow in Midlothian. Thanks to his work, many more children are exposed to hockey each year and players are being channelled into clubs to continue playing outside of school, there are many more coaches, and volunteers helping across Midlothian and there is greater capacity for delivery of hockey.

Help us complete our collection of Hockey Scotland magazine

Scottish Hockey is looking to complete its archive of Hockey Scotland magazines. We are looking for three issues that we do not have copies for; issue 2 (1996), issue 4 (1997) and issue 17 (Autumn 2004). If anyone has these copies in their possession and would be able to donate them back to us, we would be extremely grateful.

Please contact us on 0131 453 9070 or email info@scottish-hockey.org.uk if you can help us out.

Scottish Hockey 2010 Annual Awards



The Annual Awards Dinner took place on Saturday 19th June in Edinburgh. We would like to thank everyone who made it along and we hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we did.

This year's Players of the year were:

Women: Vikki Bunce

Men: Chris Nelson

(Young) Women: Heather Elder

(Young) Men: Alan Forsyth

Scottish Hockey Partners Cashback for Communities Programme

Cash recovered from the proceeds of crime is being used to help develop the next generation of Scottish sporting superstars, with Scottish Hockey playing a pivotal role.

Cabinet Secretary for Justice Kenny MacAskill announced today that grass-roots level athletics, badminton, hockey, squash and tennis will benefit from a £1.5 million investment over the next two years using funds from the Government's Cashback for Communities initiative, of which Scottish Hockey is a sports partner for the next two years.

Lee Cousins, Scottish Hockey President, commented, "Scottish Hockey is delighted to be a national sports partner with the Cashback for Communities programme for the next two years, and we are committed to providing a comprehensive programme of hockey that will serve as an effective diversionary activity for disadvantaged and disenfranchised young people across Scottish local communities".

For more details see the [full article](#) on the Scottish Hockey website.

Scottish Hockey Vacancies

Scottish Hockey, the national governing body for hockey in Scotland, with support from the **sportscotland** Institute of Sport, are currently looking to recruit a High Performance Coach to the senior women's squad. Scottish Hockey invites coaches who are capable of fulfilling the challenges of this exciting post to register their expression of interest for the position.

There are also a number of Future Jobs Fund positions available: Sponsorship Assistant, Future Jobs Fund Assistant and Assistant Hockey Development Officers.

For more details check the [vacancies](#) page on the Scottish Hockey website.