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YHA Champions Trophy 2011-2012

Yorkshire Champions!

Sheffield Hallam retained the YHA Champions Trophy in style last weekend scoring 23 goals and conceding only four in their four matches.

Last season Sheffield beat Doncaster in the final ending a 13-year run of Doncaster victories and providing Sheffield with their first win since the 1993-94 season when the competition was known as the Yorkshire Cup.

Coincidentally 93-94 was last time that Doncaster didn't make the final of either the Yorks Cup or subsequently, the Champs trophy - until this year.

A weak Doncaster side played in the group stage at Wakefield last Saturday needing to beat the hosts, Wakefield in the last match to go through to the semi-finals top of their group.

Wakey played really well and the score stood at 1-1 in the dying moments when Doncaster were awarded an overtime penalty corner.

One good flick from Donny could win the match. But it was not to be. The game ended 1-1 and Doncaster would have to face Sheffield in the first semi-finals at Donny on the Sunday while Wakefield would play Ben Rhydding in the other one.

The rest is history. Donny succumbed 4-0 while Wakefield had a torrid time playing some easily forgettable hockey but managed to hold onto a one goal advantage and win through to the final. Match report of the final overleaf



Captain Longson holds the YHA Champions Trophy



YHA VP Ray Everitt congratulates Phil Roper on his Man-of-the-Match award



SHEFFIELD HALLAM TEAM: Back Row: Amy Hill (physio), David Goodfield, Tristan Gilbody, Scott Sanderson, Danny Berry, Mike Shaw, Duncan Longson (Capt), Martin Ebbage, Alex Bailey, Alex Humphries, James Cachia (GK) Andy Gough (Manager). Front Row: Tom Feasby, Tom Barrett, David Smith, Matt Gough, Will Musgrave, Phil Roper, Rhys Gowman, Gareth Furlong

Winning Ways

Sheffield Hallam retained the Yorkshire Champions Trophy this weekend in emphatic style, scoring 23 goals in just 4 games in the process.

This retention of the trophy is the first time since the eighties that Sheffield had had back-to-back wins in the Champions Trophy, as it now is, or the Yorkshire Cup, as it used to be.

Last year Sheffield Hallam ended Doncaster 13 year dominance in both competitions and this year saw another first when Doncaster failed to qualify for the final for the first time since the 1993-94 season, when the winners were Sheffield HC.

Saturday's Group matches against Sheffield Bankers and Ben Rhydding didn't provide much of a contest, both of them were despatched for the same 6-1 scoreline. Neither of these teams are as strong as they have been in recent years and it was no surprise that Sheffield scored at regular intervals in each game. Superior skill and fitness levels made the difference over the shortened 50-minute games on a hot day in Wakefield. Roper, Berry, Smith, Goodfield, Furlong, Ebbage, Musgrave and Feasby were the scorers on the day with the highlight being Danny Berry's two goals both of which saw him dribble past several defenders before emphatically lashing the ball home.

A surprise result in the other group meant that Sheffield's semi final opponents at Doncaster on Sunday were the hosts themselves. The large Doncaster crowd were silenced from the outset as Sheffield moved the ball around quickly and decisively, creating numerous goalscoring opportunities which were only thwarted by Watson in the Doncaster goal. However the pressure had to tell and mid way through the first half Tristan Gilbody finished off a flowing move with a volley from close range. Doncaster rallied in the second half, but Sheffield weathered this storm thanks to important contributions from keeper James Cachia and Mike Shaw in defence, and then in the last quarter of the match hit Doncaster with a series of devastating counter attacks, resulting in goals for Musgrave, Smith and Goodfield.

Sheffield's opponents in the final Wakefield had earlier beaten Ben Rhydding 1-0 in the other semi final and were certainly out to cause an upset in the final. Sheffield Hallam stamped their authority on the game from the push back, with early goals from Berry and Smith suggesting the potential for a rout. Wakefield showed spirit, however, and won a penalty flick which was duly converted. However Hallam re-focused, and Feasby and Smith again got on the scoresheet to give the holders a commanding lead at half time. Sheffield turned on the style in the second half as cracks began to show in Wakefield's

defiance, and Longson and Mike Shaw (2) added to the total, with Wakefield returning a consolation goal from a short corner late on, 7-2 the final result. Phil Roper was deservedly awarded the "Man of the Final" award for his direct running and creativity in the final third of the pitch.

So the trophy was won for a second successive year, and this time on the turf of old rivals Doncaster. A statement of intent for the season as Sheffield aim to go one better this year by topping the league table come April 2012.

EHL League Startup

Sheffield Hallam begin their England Hockey League North Conference campaign this Saturday with an away trip to Cheshire side Deeside Ramblers and Hallam will be looking to repeat last season's 4-1 win when Phil Roper scored a hatrick for Sheffield.

Roper will once be spearheading Hallam's efforts but the other Sheffield goalscorer from last year's match, Will Hearne has finished his studies at Hallam University and is now playing for Premier Division club Cannock.

Last year Sheffield were pipped at the post for the title by Durham University and once again it will probably be these two sides who will be in contention at the end of the season. Sheffield do, however, have an advantage over Durham in that Durham's keeper from last season, James Cachia, another student who has finished his studies, who has moved to Leeds and joined Sheffield Hallam.

As well as losing England U21 Will Hearne Sheffield's keeper from last season, Pete Metcalfe has moved to London while Sheffield's homegrown England U16 star Ollie Lobo has started his studies at Oxford University.

Another departure sees ex-Hallam Uni student Dave Measom return to work in Hull.

Sheffield may have lost some very skilful top-level players but the new crop of talented Hallam University students who have joined the club look set to be more than adequate replacements.

Dave Goodfield, Gareth Furlong and Tom Barrett performed well last weekend and looked as though they would easily fit in to the Sheffield style of play.

Another returnee is Alex Humphries who received a nasty injury in training last season when he was hit in the head by a hockey ball and had to undergo surgery. Its good to see Alex back in action and playing with the same determination.

Sheffield Hallam 1s do have some evening league matches lined up starting with the ultimate local derby against Doncaster on 24 September when the match starts at 18.30 at Abbeydale Park.



Men's England Hockey League 2011 Preview

The 2011-12 Men's England Hockey League begins this weekend amid a pre-season of comings and goings in player personnel. With teams strengthening up to the first registration deadline, fans and players will be anxious to see how their clubs compare with the rest in their division. Here we preview teams throughout the league ahead of the weekend.

Beeston's steady development bore fruit last season with a surprise Championships Final victory over East Grinstead which earned them the Premier Division title. The Nottingham based side have picked up Scottish international Gordon McIntyre (Kelburne) and Tom Pinnegar (Cannock), as well as venturing further afield by adding Jonathan Beckers (Belgium) and Patrick Schmidt (Germany) to strengthen their campaign as defending champions (pictured below).



East Grinstead, determined to return the trophy to Surrey this season, did not rest on their laurels, instead bringing in England & GB captain Barry Middleton from Der Club an der Alster whilst welcoming back Andy Piper from a stint in Spain and Will Arthur from Loughborough Students. Reading secured a place in Europe thanks to a 3-1 win over Surbiton in the 3rd/4th play-off; they welcome back England International Nick Catlin from Loughborough Students with team-mate Ben Carless joining too. Tom Woolvern (University of Exeter) also joins to add to the mix at Sonning Lane. Having missed out on the chance to play in

Europe, Surbiton have seen a number of players join their ranks including Tim Deakin and Alex Penney from Las Palmas, Fergus Dunn (FC Barcelona), Chris Borrett (Bowdon) and a return to the club for Jamie Ruiz. Bowdon, the last of the Championships qualifying teams last season, have complemented their squad with players including Sam Mee (Cannock), Geoff Price and Jimmi Hill (Deeside Ramblers) and Guim Ursul Colome (Spain) and Thorsten Kuffner (Germany) from the continent.

Hampstead & Westminster will be looking to improve on a sixth placed finish which saw them miss out on a Championships place by just two points last season. The Londoners have added depth to their squad in the shape of Inderpal Laly (East Grinstead), Rafael Lopez Jimenez (Indian Gymkhana) and Harwinder Chima who returns from Reading.



Despite seeing a number of faces leave Loughborough Students, they have added Sam Ward (pictured above) from local rivals Beeston and welcome back Carl Sitch from Harlestone Magpies. Loughborough's intake also includes a number of young players with Conference experience in a turnover of players.

Cannock has seen more players exit than arrive, but welcome Oliver Westbrook (Bournville) to the club and Paul Harris back from injury in a bid to avoid a repeat of last season which saw them flirt with relegation. University of Exeter returns to the Premier Division following a season's absence, Maxime Cerrulus (Belgium), Frank Di Mercurio (Spain), Tom Cooper (Surbiton) and Matthew Laidman (Holcombe) bolster their squad ahead of a campaign to retain their Premier Division status. Southgate completes the division after their success in the Promotion Tournament; they have retained the majority of their squad with the notable addition of Spaniard Joan Elias.

Men's Conference East is shaping up to be keenly contested with Wimbledon, Canterbury (pictured below against East Grinstead) and Holcombe all seeing a flurry of new faces. Holcombe saw 4 players depart for a Canterbury side relegated from the Premier Division, including the return of David Mathews. Over the summer Canterbury also added Kiwi Nathaniel Joy and welcomed Simon Hare back from

University of Exeter. Holcombe, meanwhile, recruited Premier Division quality in Richard Lane (Cannock) and Stephane Vehrle-Smith (Hampstead & Westminster) as well as James Stedman from Old Loughtonians.



Although last season was Wimbledon's first in the EHL, the strength of their squad belied their sixth placed finish. This season, in a bid to change their fortunes, they see Christian Pryce and Alex Collins (Hampstead & Westminster), James Osborne (Loughborough Students) and Rob Pryce (Canterbury) all arrive with valuable Premier Division experience. City of Peterborough returns to the Conference East after a season's absence; player/coach Gareth Andrew's goals will be important to their bid for survival. Teddington's return to the EHL comes after three seasons in the South Regional League, Warren D'Souza (pictured below in action for Reading against EG's Glenn Kirkham) drops down a division from Reading to aid their campaign.



Durham University suffered the cruellest of blows in last season's Promotion Tournament, missing out on a Premier Division spot, on goal difference, despite finishing level on six points with University of Exeter and Southgate. Though they retain the core of their side they see a major turnover in squad this season including Tom Batchelor's arrival from Guildford as well as Martin Lear (Deeside Ramblers). A major departure in pre-season from that side saw James Cachia link up with Sheffield Hallam. Cachia is joined by Brendan Creed (Bowdon) and Patrick Longson from relegated Harborne at Abbeydale to strengthen a side that ran Durham University close to the top spot last season. Brooklands MU are aiming to bounce back from their relegation from the Premier Division last season, having kept the majority of their squad. Preston joins the

Conference North after finishing five points clear at the top of the North Regional League.

With no team relegated into the Conference West, Team Bath Buccaneers will be aiming for a repeat of the 2009-10 season – which saw them dominate the regular season – after finishing in second last season, eight points shy of University of Exeter. They will hope that penalty corner specialist Rufus McNaught-Barrington will add goals following his move from Sevenoaks. Guildford finished in third and will hope to challenge Team Bath Buccaneers along with a Havant side that has recruited internationally with Argentinean dual passport holder Rodrigo Elias Levy Favier and overseas player Sumeet Singh joining the club. Cardiff & UWIC and Lichfield both return to the EHL in the Conference West following two and four seasons away, respectively.



Opening Weekend Fixtures of the Men's England Hockey League

Saturday 17 September Men's Conference East

Oxted v Old Loughtonians 17:00

Sunday 18 September Men's Premier Division

Beeston v Surbiton 14:00

Bowdon v Loughborough Students 14:00

Hampstead and W v Cannock 14:00

Southgate v East Grinstead 14:30

Exeter Univ v Reading 12:30

Men's Conference North

Brooklands MU v Preston 12:00

Deeside R v Sheffield Hallam 14:00

Doncaster v Belper 14:00

Leek v Barford Tigers 14:00

Olton & WW v Durham Univ 13:30

Men's Conference West

Bournville v Fareham 12:30

Cardiff & UWIC v Guildford 13:00

Havant v Cheltenham 14:00

Lichfield v Birmingham Univ 15:00

Team Bath Buccs v Whitchurch 13:00

Men's Conference East

City of Peterborough v Canterbury 13:00

Harlestone Magpies v Holcombe 14:15

Teddington v Indian Gymkhana 12:30

Wimbledon v Bromley and B 14:00

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Sheffieldhallam - League Structure 11-12

League Structures for 2011/12

No changes to the national league or north leagues structures this year but there may be a change in the offing next year or the year after for the women's north league.

Yorkshire Leagues are not due any changes at the end of this season although if there any problems with the women's league new amalgamated structure there could be changes associated with that.

No changes to the FIH Rules of Hockey but there are changes to some rules in the England Hockey League (see page 6)

Men

PREMIER

| | |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Beeston | Loughborough Students |
| Bowdon | Reading |
| Cannock | Southgate |
| East Grinstead | Surbiton |
| Hampstead & W | Exeter Univ |

EAST CONFERENCE

| | |
|----------------------|------------------|
| Bromley & Beckenham | Indian Gymkhana |
| Canterbury | Old Loughtonians |
| City of Peterborough | Oxted |
| Harleston Magpies | Teddington |
| Holcombe | Wimbledon |

NORTH CONFERENCE

| | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Barford Tigers | Durham University |
| Belper | Leek |
| Brooklands MU | Olton & WW |
| Deeside Ramblers | Preston |
| Doncaster | SHEFFIELD HALLAM |

WEST CONFERENCE

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Bournville | Havant |
| Cardiff & UWICC | Lichfield |
| Cheltenham | Team Bath Buccs |
| Fareham | Birmingham University |
| Guildford | Whitchurch |

North League - Men

PREMIER DIVISION

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Ben Rhydding 1 | Kingston-upon-Hull 1 |
| Bowdon 2 | Leeds Univ 1 |
| Brooklands MU 2 | Oxton 1 |
| City of York 1 | Sheffield UB 1 |
| Durham University 2 | Timperley 1 |
| Formby 1 | Wakefield 1 |

DIVISION 2 EAST

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Chapeltown | Leeds Adel Carnegie 1 |
| Doncaster 2 | Leeds University 2 |
| Durham City 1 | Lincoln Roses 1 |
| Gateshead 1 | Sheffield UB 2 |
| Harrogate 1 | Sunderland 1 |
| Huddersfield Dragns 1 | Wakefield 2 |

Women

PREMIER

| | |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Birmingham Univ | Leicester |
| Bowdon Hightown | Olton & West Warks |
| Cannock | Reading |
| Canterbury | Slough |
| Clifton | Sutton Coldfield |

EAST CONFERENCE

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Chelmsford | Old Loughtonians |
| Ipswich | Oxford Hawks |
| Harleston Magpie | Sevenoaks |
| Horsham | St Albans |
| Maidstone | Surbiton |

NORTH CONFERENCE

| | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Beeston | Liverpool Sefton |
| Brooklands P | Northampton Saints |
| Doncaster | Springfields |
| Durham University | Wakefield Bradford |
| Loughborough Studnts | Whitley Bay & T |

WEST CONFERENCE

| | |
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| Barnes HE | Isca |
| Buckingham | Staines |
| Exe | Swansea |
| Firebrands | Bath Buccs |
| Gloucester | Trojans |

DIVISION 1

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Alderley Edge 1 | Lytham St Annes 1 |
| Chester 1 | Newcastle Univ 1 |
| City of Manchester 1 | SHEFFIELD HALLM 2 |
| Crewe Vagrants 1 | Stockton 1 |
| Didsbury Northern 1 | Urmston 1 |
| Leeds 1 | Whitley B & T 1 |

DIVISION 2 WEST

| | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Bolton 1 | Preston 2 |
| Deeside Ramblers 2 | South Cheshire 1 |
| Liverpool Sefton 1 | Stockport Bramhall 1 |
| Neston S Wirral 1 | Urmston 1 |
| Northern 1 | Winnington Park 1 |
| Northop Hall 1 | Wrexham Glyndwr1 |

North League Women

PREMIER DIV

| |
|-------------------|
| Ben Rhydding 1 |
| Bolton 1 |
| Bowdon 2 |
| Brooklands P 2 |
| Chester 1 |
| Durham Univ 2 |
| Harrogate 1 |
| Kendal 1 |
| Sheffield Hallam1 |
| Timperley 1 |
| Whitley Bay & T 2 |
| Wigton 1 |

DIVISION 1

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|--------------------|
| Broom 1 |
| City of York 1 |
| Crewe Vagrants 1 |
| Deeside Ramblers 1 |
| LA Carnegie 1 |
| Lancaster 1 |
| Leeds Univ 1 |
| Longridge 1 |
| Morpeth 1 |
| Pendle Forest 1 |
| Preston 1 |
| Wakefield 2 |

DIVISION 2 E

| |
|-----------------------|
| Alnwick 1 |
| Chapeltown 1 |
| Don Valley 1 |
| Driffield 1 |
| Durham Univ 2 |
| Huddersfield Dragns 1 |
| Kingston-upon-Hull 1 |
| Newcastle 1 |
| Newcastle Univ 1 |
| Roseberry 1 |
| Rotherham 1 |
| Slazengers 1 |

DIVISION 2 W

| |
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| Alderley Edge 1 |
| Carlisle 1 |
| Clitheroe 1 |
| Didsbury Greys 1 |
| Didsbury Northern 1 |
| Formby 1 |
| Kirkby Stephen 1 |
| Manchester Univ 1 |
| Northern 1 |
| Oldham 1 |
| Springfields 2 |
| Wigan 1 |

Yorkshire League Women

PREMIER DIV

| |
|---------------------|
| Ben Rhydding 2 |
| Bingley Bees 1 |
| Boston (Spa) & A 1 |
| Doncaster 2 |
| Halifax 1 |
| Kingston-upn-Hull 2 |
| L.A.Carnegie 2 |
| Leeds 1 |
| Leeds Univ 2 |
| SHEFF HALLAM 2 |
| Wakefield 3 |
| Wakefield 4 |

DIVISION 1

| |
|---------------------|
| Airedale 1 |
| Ben Rhydding 3 |
| Brigg 1 |
| Doncaster 3 |
| Driffield 2 |
| Huddersfld Drgns 2 |
| Leeds 2 |
| Otliensians 1 |
| SHEFF HALLAM 3 |
| Skipton 1 |
| Tadcaster Magnets 1 |
| York Uni 1 |

DIVISION 2

| |
|--------------------|
| Ben Rhydding 3 |
| City of York 2 |
| Colne Valley 1 |
| Dewsbury 1 |
| Doncaster |
| Halifax 2 |
| Hull University 1 |
| Leeds University 3 |
| Northallerton 1 |
| Selby 1 |
| Thirsk 1 |
| Wakefield Wands 1 |

DIVISION 3

| |
|--------------------|
| Harrogate 3 |
| Batley 1 |
| Garforth 1 |
| Boston (Spa) & A 2 |
| Bridlington 1 |
| Canalside T 1 |
| City of York 3 |
| Harrogate 3 |
| Leeds Univ 4 |
| Netherwood 1 |
| Sheffield UB 1 |
| Wakefield 5 |

Men's North League Match Sheets available at www.northhockey.org

Sheffieldhallam - League Structure 11-12

DIVISION 4
Ben Rhydding 4
Bingley Bees 2
Cleckheaton 1
Doncaster Indpdnt 1
Driffield 3
Halifax 3
Harrogate 5
Heckmondwike 1
Horsforth 1
Huddersfield Drgns 3
Leeds 3
Slazengers 2

DIVISION 5
Brigg 2
Chapelton 2
Huddersfield 1
Hull University 2
Kingston-u-Hull 3
LA Carnegie 4
LA Carnegie 5
Leeds Univ 5
Legiolians 1
Pocklington 1
Pudsey 1
Sheffield Hallam 4

DIVISION 6
City of York 4
City of York 5
Colne Valley 2
Doncaster 4
Hull University 3
Lincoln Roses 1
Otlensians 2
Pickering 1
Slazengers 3
Thirsk 2
Wakefield 6
York University 2

DIVISION 7Y
Ben Rhydding 5
Bradford University 1
Driffield 4
Halifax 4
Horsforth 2
Leeds 4
Leeds Univ 6
Pickering 2
Sheffield UB 2
Tadcaster Magnets 2

DIVISION 7HN
Bridlington 2
Burton Pidsea 1
Hornsea 1
Hull Circle 1

Kingston-u-Hull 4
Kingston-u-Hull 5
Newland 1
Scarborough 1

DIVISION 7HS
Appleby Frodingham 1
Barton 1
brigg 3
Goole 1
Grimsby 1
Grimsby 2
Lincoln Roses 2
Winterton 1

DIVISION 7S&D
Barnsley 1
Dronfield 1
Epworth 1
Grasshoppers 1
Leopold 1
Phoenix 1
Rotherham 2
Rotherham 3

Yorkshire League Men

PREMIER DIV
Ben Rhydding 2
Boston Spa 1
Brigg 1
City of York 2
Doncaster 3
Driffield 1
Halifax 1
Hull University 1
Kingston-u-Hull 2
Leeds 2
Sheff Univ Bankrs 3
SHEFF HALLAM 3
York University 1

DIVISION 1
Bradford 1
City of York 3
Doncaster 3
Harrogate 2
Huddersfield Drgns 2
Grimsby 1
LA Carnegie 3
Leeds Univ 3
Lincoln 1
Rotherham 1
Sheffield Hallam 4
Sheff Univ Bankrs 4

DIVISION 2
Ben Rhydding 3
Brigg 2
Chapelton 2
LA Carnegie 3
Leeds 3
Lincoln Roses 2
Normanby Park 1
Old Malton 1
Ramgarhia 1
Slazengers 1
Thirsk 1
Wakefield 3

DIVISION 3
Airedale 1
City of York 4
Doncaster 4
Halifax 2
Kingston-u-Hull 3
Leeds Univ 4
Leeds Univ 5
Rotherham 2
Scarborough 1
Sheffield Hallam 5
Sheff Univ Bankrs 5
Tadcaster Magnets 1

DIVISION 4
Acomb 1
Ben Rhydding 4
Boston Spa 2
Bradford University 1
Chapelton 3
Huddersfield Drgns 3
Leeds 4
Lincoln 2
Rotherham 3
Sheffield Hallam 6
Wakefield 4
York University 2

DIVISION 5N
Ben Rhydding 5
Ben Rhydding 6
Bradford 2
City of York 5
City of York 6
City of York 7
Driffield 2
Harrogate 3
Harrogate 4
LA Carnegie 4
Thirsk 2

DIVISION 5S
Barnsley 1
Doncaster 5
Doncaster 6

Hull University 2
LA Carnegie 5
Leeds 5
Leeds Univ 6
Lincoln Roses 3
Lincoln Roses 4
Sheff Univ Bankrs 6
Sheff Univ Bankrs 7
Slazengers 2

DIVISION 6N
Ben Rhydding 7
Bingley Bees 1
Boston Spa 3
Boston Spa 4
Bradley 1
Halifax 3
Halifax 4
Huddersfield Drgns 4
Huddersfield Drgns 5
York University 3

DIVISION 6S
Brigg 3
Grimsby 2
Huddersfield Drgns 6
Kingston-u-Hull 4
Leeds 6
LA Carnegie 6
SHEFF HALLAM 7
SHEFF HALLAM 8
Wakefield 5
Wakefield 6

DIVISION 7N
Acomb 2
Airedale 2
Ben Rhydding 8
Bradford 3
City of York 8
City of York 9
Halifax 5
Harrogate 5
Tadcaster Magnets 2

DIVISION 7S
Brigg 4
Chapelton 4
Garforth 1
Hull University 3
Leeds 7
Lincoln 3
Normanby Park 2
Rotherham 4
Sheff Univ Bankers 8
Slazengers 3

DEVELOPMENT DIVISION
Airedale 3
Barnsley 2
Bradford 4
City of York 10
Doncaster 7
Huddersfield Drgns 7
Rotherham 5
Slazengers 3

YORKSHIRE LEAGUES: CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR

PITCHES

Brumby Hall Sports Centre - new pitch in Scunthorpe being used by Brigg (some matches still being played at Quibell Park)
St Aidens School, Harrogate - new satellite pitch for Harrogate HC

MEN'S LEAGUE

Scunthorpe 1 - disbanded
King Cross 1 - disbanded
no new clubs

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Syngenta 1 are now Canalside Terriers 1
An amalgamation has occurred between the yorkshire Women's League, the Humberside League and the Sheffield & District League.
Four new divisions have been created: Div 7 Yorkshire; Div 7 North Humberside; Div 7 South humberside & Div 7 Sheffield & District
Teams from each district have more or less stayed in these divisions with some of their teams being slotted up the Yorkshire Womens League.

At the end of the season teams in the Divisions 7 can either choose promotion if they win their division or can stay where they are.
if all wanted to go up there would need to be a play-off. Its a case of wait and see.

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England Hockey League Rule Changes for 2011-2012

National Panel Umpiring Association UMPIRING GUIDANCE FOR 2011/12

Regulation changes and interpretations for National League Only 2011/12

Following the session at Conference 2011, *Building Consensus and Understanding*, this document is intended to provide a summary of those discussions and some guidance for the new season.

Where possible, clarification of existing rules and regulations has been included, and some new changes for the 2011/12 season are explained. This briefing has been compiled to help guide you through this new detail – read it carefully and we suggest carrying a copy with you during the season.

Common sense should prevail and this guidance is only intended to help steer the Association towards consensus and consistency across the National Programme. Not all scenarios are described in this guidance, which is why common sense will be required.

Clarifications:

- (1) Umpiring the 5 metres
- (2) Stick above the shoulder

Changes to regulations:

- (3) Breaking the line at Penalty Corners
- (4) A green card 2 minute suspension for the entire National Programme
- (5) Timing of green and yellow cards
- (6) Totting up of yellow cards, for the entire National Programme
- (7) Two yellow cards – is that a red card?
- (8) Red card suspensions – now remainder of the game or 16 days

CLARIFICATIONS

(1) Umpiring the 5 metres – establishing the 5 metres, influence, and when to whistle

The FIH briefing states:

- For free hits (including centre passes, corners and all sideline restarts after the ball has been outside the field) all opponents must be at least 5 metres from the ball
- For free hits awarded to the attack within their attacking 23 metre area - all players must be at least 5 metres from the ball
- **NEW GUIDANCE FROM FIH:** In all situations - if taken quickly and a player is within 5 metres of the ball but is not playing, attempting to play the ball or influencing play, the taking of the free hit does not need to be delayed; **this same player can play, attempt to play the ball or try to influence play, once the ball has travelled 5 metres.**

Therefore:

- If a player is within 5 metres and is influencing, blow for the foul and deal with the foul appropriately, before play travels outside of the 5 metres if no clear advantage is likely – this is to avoid confusion. By blowing the foul within the 5 metres, teams understand that the *influence/not 5 metres* is the foul. If you delay and allow play on, and then try to go back to the 5 metre foul, some teams do not understand that the foul was the influence within the five and not the 'good' tackle outside the 5 metres
- If a player is within 5 metres, but not influencing allow play on
- If a player is within 5 metres, but not influencing and they then attempt to play the ball outside the 5 metres **this is not a foul**, allow play on

(2) Stick above shoulder height

The height of the stick is very important when penalising this action, but it is the potential outcome that determines the appropriate penalty ie: free hit, green card or yellow card.

- (1) a stick level with the player's shoulder is allowed – help players to understand this by signalling play on and indicating with your voice
- (2) a stick above the shoulder is not allowed (perhaps nearing head height or periscope) – this is an offence and should come with the appropriate penalty

Apply common sense when interpreting this regulation. In order to determine the appropriate penalty think about the event that has occurred and the context of the game and what the outcome of this action caused on the passage of play.

CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

(3) Breaking the line at Penalty Corners (PCs)

As in the Premier League last season, **all Divisions** in the National Programme will now enforce breaking of the line at PCs by sending a player away from that position.

Some general guidance:

- Manage the set up – including the meetings on the top of the circle or in defence
- Remind defenders at first PC for each team – not to break the line – be PROACTIVE
- Apply the drag flick interpretations; co-operation is needed from the supporting umpire if the runner is hit – be sure whether this was below or on/above the knee
- Position of disengaged umpire should allow support for colleague on the height and direction of the shot, the possibility of suicide runners and possible obstruction of runners
- If the injector does not have at least one foot outside the pitch. A free hit is awarded to the defence.

Remember that the PC is now reset immediately if:

- A defender crosses the back line before permitted – the offending player will be required to go beyond the halfway line and not replaced
- A goal keeper crosses the back line before permitted – a defender will be required to go beyond the halfway line and not be replaced. The defending team can select which defender is sent to the halfway line when the goalkeeper breaks early
- An attacker enters the circle before permitted – the offending attacker will be required to go beyond the halfway line and can be replaced
- An injector feints at playing the ball, in order to make a defender break the line early, they will be replaced by another attacker (and they can stand round the circle with the rest of the attacking team)

Please note, until a PC has been completed the player who caused the infringement cannot return from the halfway line/take their place as the injector. As you would with a substitution, the player can only return once the PC or subsequent PC has been completed.

The introduction of losing a defender if the backline is broken early will reduce the number of offences at PCs (this has been shown through its introduction at the international level and in the Premier League last season). Therefore, it is less likely that you will need to (1) verbally warn defenders for persistent breaking (2) green card for this or (3) yellow card for this, but make sure you manage corners proactively.

(4) Introduction of green card, 2 minute suspension

Last season the Premier League introduced a two minute suspension for green cards. This has now been extended to the entire National League.

- For any offence, the offending player may be warned (indicated by a green card).
- Where a green card is issued the offending player shall be temporarily suspended for 2 minutes.
- During the period of temporary suspension of a player, the team shall play with one less player.

- The umpire shall immediately restart the game after the issue of the green card. The offending player must leave the field immediately.
- If the player influences the play on the way to the technical table area the umpire will further penalise the player under the normal conduct of play provisions, but must clearly advise the official
- The two minute temporary suspension shall commence when the player is seated at the technical table area (not necessarily when the umpire restarts the game).
- The timing of the suspension shall be controlled by the technical official on duty at the technical table (or home team official if no MO is present).

Additional detail:

- The 2 minute suspension starts when they sit down at the place indicated by the match official. The 2 minute suspension time does not start when the umpire restarts.
- Therefore, most players will be coached to sprint from the pitch to reduce the suspension time to only 2 minutes
- The technical official will return the player to the field of play immediately the 2 minutes suspension is completed. Please note that it will not matter if a PC has been awarded or if it has commenced, the suspended player will be returned to the field of play.

How to show the green card:

? Umpires are encouraged to conduct three actions as quickly BUT as clearly as possible. The aim is to complete these four actions before the player reaches the chair to serve their suspension in order to keep the game flowing

- (1) stop time
- (2) show the green card (make sure your colleague and MO see this)
- (3) restart time (no need to wait for the MO but make sure your whistle is loud and clear so there is no confusion, but be certain **you** are ready for the game to re-start)

When giving a green (or yellow card), discuss in your pre-match chat how you and the MO (if one present) will record the number. The intention of the green card delivery is to restart the game as quickly as possible, so that the game is not disrupted. Therefore discuss when is an appropriate time to record the number and how you will communicate the player's number if one umpire does not have time to write down the number or cannot recall it.

(5) Timing of green and yellow cards

When a Match Official is present, the green card suspension will be timed by the Match Official.

When a Match Official is present, the yellow card suspension will also be timed by the Match Official.

When a Match Official is not present, the home club will provide someone to time the green cards and umpires will time the yellow card suspension.

(6) Totting up of yellow cards

Players in the full national league programme shall be subject to incremental match suspensions for yellow cards that an individual accrues throughout the season. The EHL will keep a record of yellow cards; however, the responsibility for applying suspensions rests with the player's club.

- 4 yellow cards in a season = 1 match suspension
- 2 further yellow cards in the same season = 1 further match suspension
- 2 further yellow cards in the same season = 1 further match suspension
- for each further yellow card thereafter in the same season = 1 further match suspension

Any match suspension imposed as a consequence of this Regulation shall take effect on the next EHL match following the match in which the qualifying yellow card was issued.

This was evident in the premier divisions previously, but will now be extended into the Conference Divisions. No action needs to be

taken by the umpires to enforce this regulation, however it is something to be aware of.

(7) Yellow cards

Any player **receiving a yellow card** will be required to immediately leave the field of play. He / she will be suspended from play for a minimum of 5 minutes and the match official will time the suspension.

- § The timing will commence immediately the player is seated in the suspended players chair (sin bin).
- § The umpire will stop the play to award the yellow card and will immediately re-start the play once the card is shown (assuming this is appropriate for the game – use common sense).
- § The umpire will not wait for the player to leave the field of play.
- § If the player influences the play on the way to the sin bin, the umpire can extend the suspension but must clearly advise the official.
- § The technical official will return the player to the field of play **immediately** the 5 minutes suspension is completed. Please note that it will not matter if a PC has been awarded or has commenced, the suspended player will be returned to the field of play. If the umpire is controlling the suspension, as no MO present, they will return the player to the field of play.

How long?

The umpire will indicate to the official if the yellow card suspension is to be **more than 5 minutes**.

- § It will be 5 or 10 minutes and if it is 10, the umpire will hold both hands aloft with all 10 fingers splayed so as the official and the team management clearly receive the same message.
- § There will be no suspensions of 6, 7, 8 or 9 minutes and unless the signal for 10 is shown, the technical official will be required to return the suspended player at 5 minutes.

Do two yellow cards automatically result in a red card? – NO

- (1) two yellow cards can be given to the same player in the same game, for different technical offences without resulting in a red card – for example breaking down play or a captains yellow or dissent. However, the second yellow may need to have a longer time suspension.
- (2) Two yellow cards for the same offence should result in a red card

Please note – for any player showing or threatening physical violence – this is not a technical offence and should be treated more severely.

(8) Red card suspensions – technical reds for one game or 16 days?

The NPUA has been working closely with the EHB and clubs to reform the red card mandatory 16 day suspension. This has now been changed for National League games only, to the following:

- (1) a **technical red card** can be shown, which will result in suspension for the entirety of the game the red card was shown in – no additional match suspensions will be incurred.
- (2) a **red card** can be shown, which will result in a minimum mandatory 16 day suspension

How do umpires show there is a difference: presentation and communication

- (1) **a technical red card, remainder of game suspension** – this will usually be a result of the same player incurring a previous yellow card for the same offence. If a player is shown a second yellow card in the same game, the umpire shall immediately on showing the yellow card, show a red card. Additionally and essentially the umpire will clearly advise the player that this is a **technical red** and he / she is required to immediately leave the pitch area. The MO will advise the team manager to quickly assist the player to remove any equipment or clothing from the bench area and ensure that he/she does leave the pitch area.
- (2) **red card, minimum 16 day suspension** – this is the result of a direct red card being issued.. No yellow cards need to be issued prior to this red card being shown. This requires the umpire to complete the necessary red card report form after the match and follow the red card issuing procedure.

[NPUA Guidance, August 2011 – end]

CLUB OFFICERS 2011-12

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Club Kit and Colours

Red shirts (personal numbered shirts are required for ALL league and cup games), navy blue shorts/skorts and red socks.

Alternative colours: White shirts, navy blue shorts/skorts and white socks.

The above kit should be carried to all matches.

O'Neills

SHC kit is supplied by O'Neills Sportswear.

A wide range of items can be purchased via the SHC website at www.sheffieldhc.co.uk

If you require a playing shirt, this must be ordered from the Kit Secretary Matt Gough at kit@sheffieldhc.co.uk .

If you do not already have a club number, you will need to contact Sue Beeley (mob: 07866 355809), who will allocate one to you.

Please quote this when ordering your shirt. Playing shirts will be ordered from the supplier twice a year in September and December. All other items should be available within 5 working days.

WHO ARE YOU?

THE SHEFFIELD HC WEBSITE AT WWW.SHEFFIELDHCCO.UK CONTAINS A DATABASE OF MEMBER'S CONTACT DETAILS.

WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD LOG ON AND CHECK THAT YOUR DETAILS ARE CORRECT - MANY AREN'T.

THE CLUB USES THESE DETAILS TO CONTACT YOU AND AT PRESENT YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE NOTICE OF GAMES, 200 CLUB WINS, ETC.

THIS WILL BE YOUR LOSS NOT OURS!

Sheffieldhallam - Subscriptions & Match Fees

Subscriptions

| | |
|---|------|
| Players over 21 years of age on 1 Sep 2011 | £205 |
| Players under 21 years of age on 1 Sep 2011, UB40 holders & students in full time education | £110 |
| Players over 16 & under 18 years of age on 1 Sep 2011 | £80 |
| Players over 13 & under 16 years of age on 1 Sep 2011 | £65 |
| Players over 9 & under 13 years of age on 1 Sep 2011 | £60 |
| Players under 9 years of age on 1 Sep 2011 | £50 |
| Associate members | £60 |

Subscriptions should be paid by 31st October 2011 unless paying by instalments (see below).

New members must pay by 31 October 2011 or within one calendar month of being elected a member whichever is later.

All Subscription monies must be paid to the Treasurer or Membership Secretary

If you would prefer to pay by instalments you may either:

- present 5 pre-dated cheques as outlined below or
- provide evidence of bank transfer or standing order mandate to your bank according to the plan below. Details of the Club's subscription account are available through Club Captains.

INSTALMENT PLAN

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| Before 30 September 2011 |
| 31 October 2011 |
| 30 November 2011 |
| 31 December 2011 |
| 31 January 2012 |

SENIOR STUDENT

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| £45 Registration | £10 Registration |
| £40 | £25.00 |
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| £40 | £25.00 |

SUBSCRIPTIONS NOT PAID BY 31 OCTOBER 2011

WILL ATTRACT A SURCHARGE OF £10

FOR EVERY TWO WEEKS OUTSTANDING AFTER THAT DATE.

Playing members will not be selected for matches if subscriptions are overdue.

Other membership privileges may be suspended if subscriptions are overdue.

Match Fees

The standard match fees, to cover the cost of travel, opponent's teas etc., are:

£9 for a full member and £7 for Students / Under 18 / Under 21 / UB40

Sheffieldhallam - Training

SHEFFIELD HALLAM MEN - TRAINING

| | | |
|----------|----------------|--------------|
| Tuesday | 19.00 to 20.15 | - M4s to M8s |
| Tuesday | 20.15 to 22.00 | - M2s |
| Thursday | 19.00 to 20.30 | - M3s |

SHEFFIELD HALLAM WOMEN - TRAINING

| | | |
|----------|----------------|-----------|
| Tuesday | 20.15 to 22.00 | - W1s |
| Thursday | 19.00 to 20.45 | - W3 & W4 |
| Thursday | 20.45 to 22.00 | - W2s |

SHEFFIELD HALLAM JUNIORS - TRAINING

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|---|---------------|
| 09.00 to 10.30 | U10s and 12s |
| 10.30 to 12.00 | U14s and U16s |
| The JDC (Junior Development Centre) coaching will be incorporated into Sunday coaching sessions | |

Sheffieldhallam Playing Kit

There are some wonderful varieties of kit out there that appear year after year being worn by the same people! If you have a shirt that says Wyeth on the back or a pair of slinky black shorts with white stripes down the side - this is not correct club kit!

These rules apply all the way through the club and you are expected to conform. This not only makes us look smart puts fear into out opponents when they see a team arrive on the pitch kitted out in identical kit - believe me this works! the team may not live up to their appearances but sometimes the initial impression can be enough to sow doubt in the minds of opponents!

1st Choice Kit

Shirts: RED

Shorts/skirts: NAVY BLUE

Socks: RED

Alternative kit

Shirts: WHITE

Shorts/skirts: NAVY BLUE

Socks: WHITE

Shirts must have your club number on the

Sheffhallam Social

SOCIAL EVENTS

A series of social events will be organised during the course of the season both at Abbeydale Park and elsewhere in the city.

Details of all events will be posted on the SHC Website at www.sheffieldhc.co.uk as well as on the notice board at Abbeydale Park and advertised in the Sheffield Hockey weekly club newsletter (available by email or by hard copy from the club notice board)

OLYMPIC PARTY

- 15 October at Abbeydale SC

BEER VALLEY

APPRECIATION SOCIETY -

Late November

MORE EVENTS WILL BE ARRANGED DURING THE SEASON

SHC CLUB DINNER

27 April 2012 at Baldwins Omega Suite

This is the biggie! Once more into the Omega Suite dear friends for the annual end of season bash with all the usual presentations and razzmatazz that we have come to expect of this show-stopping season finale.

SHC 200 CLUB

with monthly prizes of up to £100 at a cost of only £1 per month. For full details and to join contact Chris Wilkins on 07812 207230 - or: 0114 296 0272 or email: chris.wilkins@rotherham.gov.uk

OTHER EVENTS

Will be organised and publicised during the season

back (unless you play in a set of sponsor's shirts) Your red shirt and white shirt must have bear the same number!

The above kit should be carried to all matches.

Personal numbered Club shirts and other items of Club kit are available through the SHC Shop Online at www.sheffieldhc.co.uk. (Short term loan of shirts available to new members.)

Additionally hockey sticks, and astro shoes and some items of hockey equipment are available from the Abbeydale Club Squash Shop.

Check out the link on the SHC website to Hargreaves Hockey and see new kit available to purchase. There is a fab windproof and waterproof jacket on there which is nice and cosy for those horrible cold rainy days. There is also a kookaburra wimp shirt, new skort, new hoody, new fitted ladies shirt, post match navy shirts, everything that the mens first team wear and much more.....

ALL PLAYERS ARE REMINDED THAT THEY ARE EXPECTED TO WEAR THE CORRECT CLUB KIT

European Hockey League to trial "stick above shoulder" rule in 2011-12 season

Change designed to add "extra excitement" to Euro Hockey League EUROHOCKEY Website September 14th, 2011

Airborne: Will the sticks be going even higher this season?



(Photo: FIH / Euro Hockey League / Frank Uijlenbroek)

The Euro Hockey League has continued its reputation as the most innovative competition in world hockey by trialling yet another rule variation for the 2011-2012 season.

In the past, a number of game-changing concepts began life in the EHL before either being adopted universally or used in FIH World Level events by the International Hockey Federation. These include the two minute Green Card suspension and the "Self Pass", which is arguably the most significant change to the sport since the removal of the offside rule two decades ago.

This season, the Euro Hockey League continues to push the boundaries by adjusting the rules regarding playing the ball above the shoulder.

Under the FIH Rules of Hockey 2011, Rule 9.7 states that "Players must not play the ball with any part of the stick when the ball is above shoulder height except that defenders are permitted to use the stick to stop or deflect a shot at goal at any height."

The new Euro Hockey League ruling allows a player to "stop, receive and / or deflect the ball in a controlled manner in any part of the field when the ball is above the shoulder". However, players must not play the ball dangerously or in any way that leads to dangerous situations for any player. The change is expected to add an extra element of excitement to this fantastic tournament.

A number of other adjustments to the rules and regulations have also been made to bring the tournament in line with FIH events. To see the full regulations and changes, please visit the Euro Hockey League website – www.ehlhockey.tv . Euro Hockey League Media Release

EuroHockey Nations Championships 2011: Olympic Qualification update

Three men's and two women's teams reach London 2012

A brilliant week of action at the EuroHockey Nations Championships saw many twists, turns and certainly a few shock results. Europe's finest men's and women's international sides gathered at the Warsteiner Hockeypark in Mönchengladbach to fight not just for the right to be crowned as champions of Europe, but also to secure their place at the greatest show on earth – the London 2012 Olympic Games.

Race for the Games

Five Olympic berths were up for grabs at the tournament, with three being available in the men's tournament and two in the women's competition.

On the men's side, newly crowned European champions Germany will be joined at the London 2012 Olympic Games by tournament Silver medallists The Netherlands. The two giants of the world game have won four out of the last five Olympic titles, and will surely be two of the teams to beat in London. Both coaches – Germany's Markus Weise and Paul van Ass of The Netherlands – are building teams which they believe will be able to challenge the dominance of Ric Charlesworth's Australia. The high quality displays produced by both teams during the EuroHockey Nations tournament suggests that they could well be capable of doing just that.

Despite being pipped to the Bronze medal by England (who as part of host nation Great Britain had already qualified for the Games), the third Olympic qualification place was taken by Belgium. Colin Batch's rapidly improving team were superb throughout the tournament and claimed a place in the Semi Finals by defeating 2008 Olympic Silver medallists Spain, forcing their opponents into the draw for the Olympic Qualifying tournaments that take place early next year. It is not the first time that Belgium has shocked higher ranked opposition at the Euros. In 2007, they defeated then world champions Germany in the Bronze medal match, with Germany eventually booking their place at the 2008 Games by winning the Olympic Qualifier in Kakamigahara, Japan. Although they will be hugely disappointed not to have achieved Olympic qualification in Mönchengladbach, Spain will take comfort from the fact that the reigning Olympic Champions were also forced to do it the hard way.

The Netherlands continued their brilliant form in the women's tournament, claiming the European title with a 3-0 victory over fellow London 2012 qualifiers Germany. The Netherlands defeated England in the Semi Finals to book their place at the Olympics, while a late Natascha Keller strike provided even more misery for Spain, whose women will now also need to win an Olympic Qualifying tournament in order to reach London 2012.

The Netherlands were shocked in their second match of the tournament in Mönchengladbach, losing 1-0 to eventual Pool A winners Spain, but quickly regained their composure to win all of their remaining matches including a superb display in the final against Germany. Few can argue that the Dutch are the most informed team in world hockey currently, and look to be favourites to defend the Olympic title that they won at Beijing 2008. Germany showed great improvement at the Euros, and in the incredible and seemingly ageless Keller – named the tournament's Most Valuable Player – they have a true superstar.

Second chance for European Teams

The dream of reaching the London 2012 Olympics is still very much alive for many of the European teams. No less than eight European men's teams will get the chance to play in the Olympic Qualifying tournaments that begin early next year. These will be the four teams in Mönchengladbach that did not achieve direct qualification for the Olympic Games (Ireland - 5th, Spain - 6th, Russia - 7th & France - 8th) and the four highest ranked teams (not including Scotland or Wales) from the Championship II in Vinnitsa (Czech Republic - 1st, Poland 2nd, Austria - 4th & Ukraine - 5th).

Nine European sides will feature in the women's Olympic Qualifiers. The five teams that did not directly qualify for the Olympic Games in Mönchengladbach - Spain (4th), Belgium (5th),

Ireland (6th), Azerbaijan (7th) and Italy (8th) - will be joined by the four highest ranked teams (not including SCO or WAL **) from the Championship II in Poznan. These are Belarus (2nd), Russia (3rd), France (4th) & Ukraine (5th). In other Olympic qualification news, the women's team of Australia and New Zealand have had their places at the London 2012 Games confirmed due to the withdrawal of Fiji from the Oceania Cup. To read more about this story, please [click here](#).

London 2012 Olympics – Qualification Update

Men's Competition

Host: GB (England)

Women's Competition

Host: GB (England)

Continental Champions:

Africa: tbc

Asia: Pakistan

Europe: Germany

Oceania: tbc

Pan America: tbc

Africa: tbc

Asia: China

Europe: Netherlands

Oceania: Australia / New Zealand

Pan America: tbc

Additional qualifiers based on Continental Ranking positions in 2011:

Europe (2nd): Netherlands

Europe (3rd): England*

Oceania (2nd): tbc

Europe (2nd): Germany

Oceania (2nd): Australia / New Zealand

Asia (2nd): Korea

* As ENG (hosts) qualified in any of the EUR positions above, then the following will also qualify for an additional quota place:

Europe (4th): Belgium

Winners of Olympic Qualifying Tournaments 2012 (see below):

Winner 1: tbc

Winner 2: tbc

Winner 3: tbc

Winner 1: tbc

Winner 2: tbc

Winner 3: tbc

Quotas for Olympic Qualifying Tournaments

Number of teams from each Continental Championships:

Africa: 1

Asia: 5 (MAS, IND, KOR, CHN, JPN)

Europe: 8

Oceania: 0

Pan America: 4

Africa: 0

Asia: 3 (JPN, IND, MAS)

Europe: 9

Oceania: 0

Pan America: 6

The Olympic Qualifying tournaments take place between February & May 2012.

Note: * Under the GB agreement, only the results of ENG will be taken into account for GB qualification.

So, if either SCO and/or WAL finish in either of the Championship II tournaments in any of the qualifying

places (Men or Women), then the next ranked team in the Championship II will replace them and will

qualify for an Olympic Qualifying tournament.

Note: ** Under the GB agreement, only the results of ENG will be taken into account for GB qualification. So, if either SCO and/or WAL finish in either of the Championship II tournaments in any of the qualifying places (Men or Women), then the next ranked team in the Championship II will replace them and will qualify for an Olympic Qualifying tournament.



Sheffield Hockey Club even has its own internet TV channel!!

SHOnlineTV will show highlights of the majority of the Men's and Women's First Team matches with other teams covered where possible.

SHOnlineTV programmes are available on the Club web site.

Why not join the FACEBOOK group or follow us on TWITTER; simply search for "SHOnlineTV"

Anybody wishing to get involved as a volunteer camera operator, editor, commentator or presenter contact Mark Beavis at shconlinetv@sheffieldhc.co.uk

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Rick Plews
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Maryla Smith
Bill & Wendy Smyllie
Brian & Angela Ward
Tom Ward
Tom Woodard
Elaine Woodhams

North Women's Hockey League Premier Division

Saturday 1 October 2011
13.30 Abbeydale Park

Sheffield Hallam



v
Wigton

FULL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

NORTH WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

PREMIER DIVISION

SHEFFIELD HALLAM WOMEN'S 1S FIXTURES 2011-12

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| 24 Sep | L | 13:30 | a | Harrogate 1 |
| 1 Oct | L | 15:00 | H | WIGTON 1 |
| 8 Oct | L | 12:30 | a | Chester 1 |
| 15 Oct | L | 15:00 | H | KENDAL 1 |
| 22 Oct | L | 15:00 | a | Whitley Bay & Tynemouth 1 |
| 29 Oct | L | 13:30 | H | BOWDON 2 |
| 5 Nov | L | 11:15 | a | Bolton 1 |
| 12 Nov | L | 11:45 | H | DURHAM UNIV 2 |
| 19 Nov | L | 13:30 | a | Brooklands Poynton 2 |
| 26 Nov | L | 15:00 | H | TIMPERLEY 1 |
| 3 Dec | L | 13:30 | a | Ben Rhydding 1 |
| 10 Dec | L | 13:30 | H | WHITLEY BAY & TYNEMOUTH 1 |

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| 14 Jan | L | 13:00 | a | Wigton 1 |
| 21 Jan | L | 13:30 | H | HARROGATE 1 |
| 28 Jan | L | 15:00 | a | Kendal 1 |
| 4 Feb | L | 15:00 | H | CHESTER 1 |
| 11 Feb | L | 13:30 | H | BOLTON 1 |
| 18 Feb | L | | | Slip Date |
| 25 Feb | L | 13:30 | a | Durham Univ 2 |
| 3 Mar | L | 13:30 | H | BROOKLANDS POYNTON 2 |
| 10 Mar | L | 12:45 | a | Timperley 1 |
| 17 Mar | L | 15:00 | H | BEN RHYDDING 1 |
| 24 Mar | L | 15:00 | a | Bowdon 2 |

Second Team Fixtures at Abbeydale Park

SHEFFIELD HALLAM WOMEN'S 2s Yorkshire Premier Division

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| 17 Sep | F | 10:15 | H | CHAPELTOWN |
| 24 Sep | L | 16:30 | H | KINGSTON-UPON-HULL 2 |
| 8 Oct | L | 10:15 | H | LEEDS UNIVERSITY 2 |

SHEFFIELD HALLAM MEN'S 2s North Division 1

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| 24 Sep | L | 15:00 | H | DIDSBURY NORTHERN 1 |
| 8 Oct | L | 11:45 | H | WHITLEY BAY & TYNEMOUTH 1 |
| 22 Oct | L | 15:00 | H | CHESTER 1 |



England Hockey League Men's North Conference

Saturday 24 September 2011
18.30 Abbeydale Park

Sheffield Hallam

v

Doncaster

Sheffield Hallam's first three EHL North Conference matches are all on Saturday's and all three are scheduled for an 18.30 start!

the 24th v Doncaster is your chance to play your game and come back AND support your 1st team in their first home match of the season!

FULL LEAGUE SCHEDULE

ENGLAND HOCKEY LEAGUE

MEN'S NORTH CONFERENCE

SHEFFIELD HALLAM MEN'S 1S FIXTURES 2011-2012

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| 18 Sep | L | 14:00 | a* | Deeside Ramblers |
| 24 Sep | L | 18:30 | H | DONCASTER |
| 1 Oct | L | 14:00 | a | Leek |
| 8 Oct | L | 18:30 | H | OLTON & WEST WARWICK |
| 16 Oct | L | 14:00 | a* | Preston |
| 22 Oct | L | 18:30 | H | DURHAM UNIVERSITY |
| 29 Oct | | | | |
| 6 Nov | L | 12:30 | a* | Barford Tigers |
| 13 Nov | L | 14:00 | H* | BELPER |
| 19 Nov | L | 12:00 | a | Brooklands |
| 27 Nov | L | 14:00 | a* | Doncaster |

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| 7 Jan | IL | | | EHB Indoor League |
| 14 Jan | IL | | | EHB Indoor League |
| 21 Jan | IL | | | EHB Indoor League |
| 28 Jan | IL | | | EHB Indoor League |
| 4 Feb | L | 13:30 | H | LEEK |
| 12 Feb | L | 13:30 | a* | Olton & West Warwicks |
| 19 Feb | L | 14:00 | H* | PRESTON |
| 26 Feb | L | 13:30 | a* | Durham University |
| 4 Mar | L | 14:00 | H* | BARFORD TIGERS |
| 11 Mar | L | 14:00 | a* | Belper |
| 17 Mar | L | 18:00 | H | BROOKLANDS |
| 25 Mar | L | 14:00 | H* | DEESIDE RAMBLERS |

* Sunday Matches