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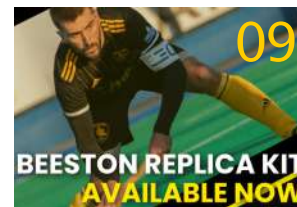
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DAVID GRIFFITHS

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Beeston Hockey Club. I'm delighted that we are back playing hockey again following the closure of the site back in March due to coronavirus.

We have put a number of measures in place both inside the clubhouse and around the site to mitigate the spread of the virus and ensure the venue is COVID-safe.

England Hockey was able to complete last season's Championship finals which were hosted behind closed doors at Nottingham Hockey Centre at the start of September. It was great to see so many different tiers of finals concluded. Beeston's men's and ladies' first teams made history by winning the cup double. The ladies secured their first ever domestic trophy with a 3-2 victory over Clifton Robinsns and the men brought home their 6th cup final victory in 13 years with a convincing 9-1 win against Fareham.

This season's games will be broadcast on free-to-air television on Notts TV. I'm really proud of the work that has taken place over a number of years by our Bee TV team which has got the production into a broadcast-worthy state and credit must go to Cellan Griffiths, Adam Milsom, Andy Day and Steve Musson for their dogged endeavours.

The facility here at Nottingham Hockey centre is evolving once again with the investment of two further pitches by Nottingham High School. The new pitches will be complete this winter and will be available for the club and community to use outside of the schools scheduled timetable. This will enable more people to play hockey and get involved in the sport.

As part of the new development we have taken on ownership of the former football changing rooms on the eastern side of the clubhouse from Nottingham City Council. This part of the building is being refurbished and, once complete, will provide us with four additional changing rooms, two further umpire changing rooms, four toilets and an extension to the hospitality space in the cafeteria.

I wish our coaches Mark Wadsley, Colin Clarke, Stephen Wood, James McBlane, Chris Glover, Phil Rhodes, Gareth Ikin, and our Managers Graham Griffiths and Zoe Hainsworth, the very best of luck for what we hope to be another successful season at the club.

There has been a lot of hard work going on behind the scenes by a lot of volunteers and I would like to thank everyone for all their efforts to get us to this point.

I hope you enjoy the hospitality, stay at a safe distance from others and have a fantastic day at the Centre of the Universe!

David Griffiths





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SAT 26 East Grinstead

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AN INTRODUCTION TO: *WILL PRENTICE*

This week it's our pleasure to introduce a new bee Will Prentice. A promising signing for the Bees, here's some thoughts (and questionable suggestions) from Will.

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Bath Buccaneers

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FAVOURITE PLAYING POSITION?

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WHY DID YOU JOIN BEESTON HC?

I want to play with some of the best players in England and grow as a player myself.

PROUDEST MOMENT AS A PLAYER?

My proudest moment so far on the hockey pitch is captaining England juniors

IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE RULE?

If I could, I would bring back the offside rule.

FAVOURITE HOCKEY VENUE?

The best venue I've played at (other than Nottingham Hockey Centre) would be Antwerp

MARK WADSLEY

MEN'S FIRST TEAM HEAD COACH

Firstly the 1st XI coaching staff and playing squad would like to say a big thank you to the work carried out behind the scenes at Beeston HC and Nottingham Hockey Centre to allow us to be back playing hockey safely

We hope our supporters get to see an attacking, competitive squad this season.

We have more depth within our performance squads with several new players who will be in contention for places throughout the season whilst also maintaining the majority of players from last season. Three new players of note are Lucas Alcalde (Junior HC), Ollie Kidd (Lisnagarvey HC) who are both studying at Nottingham Trent University, and Tom Crowson back in the UK after a season in Holland with Almeerse HC.

Pre-season has been a positive experience with a renewed focus from the squad enjoying being back playing together. Integrating new players whilst having a successful cup campaign has put us in a good position for the season and we looking forward to the challenges ahead.

We would like to thank our supporters for their continued support and hope everyone can continue to be involved in the game safely.

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COLIN CLARKE

LADIES' FIRST TEAM HEADCOACH

I would like to welcome you to Beeston HC and thank you for your support as we embark on our 3rd season in the Investec Premier League.

I am delighted to be the Head Coach of Beeston Ladies 1st team for my fifth season & third in the England Hockey Premier Division.

After securing the ladies first senior domestic title in the history of the club, winning the Investec Cup against Clifton Robinsons, we are all looking forward to the upcoming season.

We have recruited well in the off season with a number of players coming in from the USA, Ireland and Argentina, as well as other national league clubs. This will provide us with an appropriate level of competition within our 1st & 2nd team squads to push us on this season. As we enter our third consecutive season in the England Hockey Premier Division, we have built upon our experiences and hope to compete further up the league this coming season.

These are testing times with COVID-19 and I would encourage everyone to come and support us home and away, whilst following the national and local rules and regulations around COVID-19. It is important for everyone to stay involved in sport whilst remaining safe and ensuring everyone around us is safe as well.

Colin Clarke
Beeston Ladies' 1st team Head Coach

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ROUND-UP: Men's Hockey League

20.09.2020 | Late drama as Holcombe overcome Old Georgians in the Men's Premier Division



ROUND-UP: Women's Hockey League

19.09.2020 | Ross double helps Surbiton to opening day victory in Women's Premier Division



How they're shaping up: Men's Premier Division

18.09.2020 | Team changes and opening round fixtures, how are the Men's Premier Division teams looking ahead of ...

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AMAZING FUNDRAISERS

16.09.20



It's been truly inspiring to see how many clubs, schools and hockey players from across the country have come up with their own fantastic fundraising ideas to help raise money to aid the Covid-19 relief effort.

University of Sussex Women's Hockey Club

They are running, walking and cycling the equivalent distance between Land's End and John O'Groat's (1,407km) in just 10 days in order to raise money for Refuge and help those suffering from domestic abuse.

They finished their challenge in just eight days (with one player running 113km on her own) and have raised nearly £1,200.

University of Leeds Men's Hockey Club

With their planned tour to Croatia cancelled by the Covid-19 pandemic, these athletes instead ran the 1,251 miles they would have travelled to the town of Porec.

They completed their effort on 24 April and have beaten their target of raising £1,251 for NHS Charities Together.

Sheffield HC

Throughout April, members of Sheffield HC ran a minimum of 3km a day to say thank you to all the incredible frontline workers and raise money for NHS Charities together.

Latymer Upper School

Latymer Upper School's senior squad set themselves a target to run as far as possible collectively between 13-20 April. In total, they managed an astonishing 905km between them (the equivalent of running from their school to the tip of the Scottish mainland) and raised £3,437.

Godolphin & Latymer School

Players from the school's 1st XI are aiming to run a combined 3,000km in 30 days to raise money for NHS Charities Together. They've already raised a staggering £6,160 but want to reach £7,500.

Reeds School

Over the last two seasons, Reed School's Hockey XI calculated that they've travelled around 1,500 miles across a 17-game unbeaten cup run.

As a result they are planning on running that distance in 28 days, finishing on 2 May as that's exactly one year since they won the Notts Sport Boys' Schools U18 T1 final.

University of Warwick Ladies' Hockey Club

On Sunday 10 May, 40 members of the club will be running 10km to raise funds for NHS Charities Together.

They've already nearly reached their target of £1,000 but want to raise more.

University of Warwick Men's Hockey Club

Another university side whose tour was cancelled, UWMHC are instead running, walking and cycling the distance from Warwick to Prague instead (1,440km).

ROUND-UP: Men's Hockey League

20.09.20



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HOCKEY

A last gasp penalty corner from Nick Bandurak helped Holcombe snatch a dramatic victory over Old Georgians, winning 3-2 in their opening match of the Men's Hockey League Premier Division.

Holcombe were 2-0 ahead at half time thanks to goals from in-form Bandurak, before Ashley Jackson and Sam Ward struck for the Georgians to bring the game level midway through the second half.

However, Bandurak completed his hat-trick in the final seconds to help his side take victory with the last play of the match. Elsewhere, reigning champions Surbiton kicked off their campaign in emphatic style with an 8-1 victory over Brooklands MU.

England and GB international Luke Taylor stole the show, scoring five penalty corners, while other goals came from Ben Boon, Arjan Drayton Chana and Rob Farrington. Peter Flanagan scored Brooklands MU's only goal.

The University of Exeter played last season's runners-up Hampstead & Westminster in an action-packed game which saw the visitors come away 5-3 victors.

Sam French and Charlie Taylor traded early goals to make it 1-1, but Hampstead & Westminster took the lead with Hywel Jones scoring on 21 minutes. Matt Guise Brown added goals on 25 and 32 minutes, while James Oates' 29th minute strike gave then a 5-1 advantage.

The University of Exeter pulled one back on 50 minutes through a Duncan Scott penalty stroke, and Max Sydenham made it 5-3 on 56 minutes, but there was to be no comeback. Wimbledon and Beeston played out another thriller, with Chris Proctor scoring a late penalty corner to secure Beeston a point away from home.

The game was level at half time at 1-1 with debutant Rory Patterson's 14th minute field goal being cancelled out by a penalty corner strike from Adam Dixon five minutes later. Sam Apoola gave Beeston the lead on 41 minutes, but Ian Sloan levelled the game on 52 minutes. Patterson's second goal edged Wimbledon back in front, but Proctor's late goal ensured a share of the spoils.

East Grinstead played Premier Division newcomers Oxted, and ran out 2-1 winners thanks to goals from Luke Emmett and Louis Gittens, while Tim Guise-Brown scored for Oxted.

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LEAGUE TABLES

WOMEN'S PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

| Team | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
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| Wimbledon | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 3 |
| Surbiton | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Hampstead & Westminster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| East Grinstead | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Loughborough Students | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| University of Birmingham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clifton Robinsons | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Holcombe | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Beeston | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 0 |
| Buckingham | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -3 | 0 |
| Swansea | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -4 | 0 |

MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION TABLE

| Team | P | W | D | L | GD | PTS |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|-----|
| Surbiton | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 |
| Hampstead & Westminster | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 |
| Holcombe | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| East Grinstead | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| Beeston | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Wimbledon | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| University of Durham | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Old Georgians | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| Oxted | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| University of Exeter | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | -2 | 0 |
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Re-start of the FIH Pro League – Interview with Dr. Batra

September 21, 2020

Dr. Batra, after a six-month break due to the outbreak of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the FIH Hockey Pro League is finally restarting. What are your personal feelings? Dr. Batra: Personally, I'm so happy that international hockey is resuming. Like all hockey fans, for sure, I've been missing it tremendously! You see, the FIH Hockey Pro League brings you 'hockey at its best'. So, it's been a huge loss and I can't wait for the first matches between the men's and women's teams of Germany and Belgium to start. Thrilling matches ahead of us.

Beyond your personal feelings, how important is it for hockey that this competition is back?

Dr. Batra: The FIH Hockey Pro League is a key promotion driver for our sport and therefore it is essential to have it back.

It gives fans the opportunity to watch fantastic hockey on a very regular basis, either at the stadium –when it's possible – or through our broadcast partners or on the [Watch.Hockey](#) app.

It enables teams to play very competitive matches regularly as well. It also gives global exposure to our commercial partners. So, definitely, it's really important that the Pro League is re-starting.

You've mentioned the Watch.Hockey app, which has just been launched. Do you have any comment on it?

Dr. Batra: I invite everyone among the worldwide hockey community to download Watch.Hockey. This app provides the new digital "home of hockey" and enables everyone to watch matches – live or delayed – as well as highlights. It also helps everyone keep abreast of the latest news from across the hockey world. It truly is the one-stop app for all hockey fans and players.

To conclude, what is your message to the global hockey community?

Dr. Batra: I wish the teams, the athletes, the officials, to make the most of being back on the field of play.

I wish the fans an enjoyable experience of watching hockey, either at the stadium, if the health measures allow it, or on TV or on Watch.Hockey.

I wish the Continental Federations, the National Associations and the clubs, to continue their great work in resuming hockey, while respecting the necessary measures implemented to protect everyone's health.

My special thanks go to the FIH CEO and his entire team at the FIH office who has been working tirelessly during this difficult period to keep the FIH flag flying.

And above all, especially in these very challenging times, I wish everyone good health. Let's enjoy hockey and most importantly please do not forget to download the Watch.Hockey App!



RE-START OF THE FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE – INTERVIEW WITH DR. BATRA, FIH PRESIDENT

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Michi gets up to speed

September 20, 2020

Michelle or Michi Meister is a hugely experienced top class umpire, with two World Cups (2014 and 2018), three Indoor World Cups (2011, 2015 and 2018) and the Rio 2016 Olympic Games already on her umpiring CV. She is on the umpires roster for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. Meister made umpiring history in 2018 when she became the first female umpire, alongside Belgium's Laurine Delforge, to umpire in the men's EuroHockey League.

Prior to becoming an umpire, Meister played hockey in Germany for 20 years, and since she stepped into an umpiring role, she has taken charge of more than 300 club matches in the German national league and has 91 senior international matches to her name.

In 2018, Meister was voted FIH Female Umpire of the Year.

How important for you as an umpire is a return to international hockey ahead of next year's Olympic Games? Michelle Meister: For us umpires it is as important as for the players and coaches to return to international hockey ahead of next year's Olympic Games. It is important for us to get match practice, to get the feeling for the game. We need to get used to the speed and the tactics of top class teams. We need to know the abilities of individual players.

What have you been doing to ensure you are physically and mentally prepared for Pro League hockey? Michelle Meister: During lockdown and the past few months, it was only possible to keep your fitness by training on your own mostly, which is hard and boring. But it had to be done because it is absolutely necessary that we are fit when Pro League starts again. By watching matches and talking to colleagues, we could keep our minds focused and we shared experiences and expectations but nothing actually compared to the feeling of being part of the game and supporting the players to show their best performance.

As umpires, what excites you about the FIH Pro League competition? Michelle Meister: FIH Hockey Pro League to me is a fantastic way of bringing world class hockey together to show the world how exciting and spectacular our sport is. I am really looking forward to restarting the Pro League and I am sure you are too.



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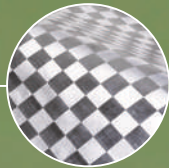
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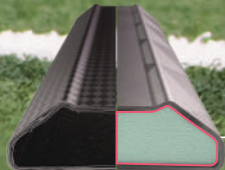
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