



Welcome to the December 2012 North East Regional Newsletter, this edition is full of club news, good news, opportunities and development! Now the new regional league season is well underway, we have a lot to tell you!

National Success for Back to Netball

We asked you all to vote and you all voted! It is with great pleasure that we can announce that England Netball's Back to Netball project recently won a National Lottery community award. The award was voted for by the public, which makes it even more special, as it just goes to show that the hard work and dedication to the project has rubbed off on those who attend and participate in the programme.

The award was presented to a group of Back to Netballers in Manchester by Great Britain's very own national treasure; Sir Chris Hoy- The man himself even took part in a spot of netball, although we're hearing he should stick to his day job!

England Netball would like to thank everyone for their votes, as well as thanking those who participated in the project and those who make it the success it is.



Thank You

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Regional League Update

Division 1

Team Name	Play ed	Won	Dra wn	Loss	Goal s Scor ed	Goal s Agai nst	Goal s Avg	Goal s +/-	Poin ts
Riverside	9	9	0	0	503	300	1.68	203	54
Oaksway	9	7	0	2	477	360	1.33	117	44
Newcastle Uni	9	6	0	3	420	308	1.36	112	41
Stadium	9	5	1	3	446	393	1.13	53	37
Grangetown	9	3	1	5	313	379	0.83	-66	24
Boldon	9	3	0	6	384	477	0.81	-93	24
Seatonians	9	2	0	7	295	385	0.77	-90	19
H.S.A	9	0	0	9	309	545	0.57	-236	6

With 9 games now completed in Division 1 , and 5 weeks remaining after Christmas, can Riverside maintain their unbeaten run all season? The table above is accurate as of the last round of matches held on December 9th.

Team Name	Play ed	Won	Dra wn	Loss	Goal s Scor ed	Goal s Agai nst	Goal s Avg	Goal s +/-	Poin ts
Stadium	5	4	0	1	240	179	1.34	61	26
Grey Hen	4	3	0	1	206	114	1.81	92	19
Novos	4	3	0	1	190	156	1.22	34	19
Riverside	4	2	0	2	161	126	1.28	35	14
Gateshead	4	2	0	2	116	112	1.04	4	13
Grangetown***	5	3	0	2	165	139	1.19	26	10
Burnside	3	1	0	2	96	120	0.80	-24	9
Predators	4	0	0	4	88	245	0.36	-157	7
Hexham	3	0	0	3	74	145	0.51	-71	2

Division 2 is also shaping up for an exciting finish, with teams having not played the same amount of games across the division, Stadium are sitting at the top of the league having played more games than Grey Hen and Novos who sit in 2nd and 3rd place respectively. Its going to be an exciting finish after Christmas

Volunteers Make the Game

Success for the North East at the 2012 National Goalden Globes...

With this year's Regional Goalden Globes proving a big hit, it was now the turn of the National Team to deliver a dazzling spectacular, and that is what they did. Held in Birmingham on September 22nd, to coincide with the England International Test series against Barbados. The theme of the event was Best Of British, which was extremely fitting after this incredible year for the country. However it wasn't just the event and the setting, and the theme, there was also awards to win. And 2012 proved to be a great year for the North East. Coming away from the event with two awards from two very deserving volunteers within the region.

Following on from her North East Regional Award, Iris Ritson left the National Goalden Globe awards clutching on to a well-deserved officials award, which is given to a volunteer who has worked tirelessly within the field of officiating. Iris is testament to this, having dedicated years of service to umpiring and mentoring. She has helped to develop and progress the officials of the future, and has always done this with such care, determination and passion. Not only was she rewarded for her hard work with this award, but she was also selected to be

a table official at the International Match against Barbados at the English Institute of sport in Sheffield.. Iris is a very worthy winner of this award, and we know she will continue with all the hard work!

Iris was not the only North East winner on the night, Wansbeck Netball Club's very own Bernie Bell took home the Murial McNally award which is given to a volunteer who has excelled and gone above and beyond the cause of duty in order to develop netball within their region. Bernie has been doing this for numerous years, having helped to establish Wansbeck Netball Club in 1991. She dedicates her time to ensuring the club runs smoothly, is financial stable, and also ensures that players progress from junior level all the way through to senior level. Ask anybody at Wansbeck just how much Bernie means to them. No one has a bad word to say! Congratulations to both on their outstanding achievements!



Developing Netball in the North East



South Durham and Cleveland Netball Development Officer; Becky Robinson has been working alongside Bede College of Billingham as she managed to secure a series of Sportivate funding for them to be able to have 8 netball sessions delivered at the college. Previous to the funding and previous to Becky's assistance, the college had, had no previous association with netball. The sessions have been delivered by one of the North East's own coaches; Marie Lithgo. Since the sessions finished, the college have been keen to continue with participation in netball, and have therefore established their own college netball team and are now competing in the British College North East League. Congratulations to all involved in creating another sustainable and developing college netball team in the North East.

To find out more about Sportivate please check out the Sport England website;

http://www.sportengland.org/about_us/places_people_play/sportivate.aspx

And over in Northumberland...



Northumberland Sport held their workplace challenge at Sport Central on November 24th. This was a chance for people to try out new sports and learn a little bit more about new games and opportunities in sport. In total 52 participants took part, and most of them wanted to have a go at netball!

Northumberland Netball Development Joan Campbell delivered 9 netball sessions over the course of the day. The sessions were run in a variety of different ways. Some participants undertook the traditional 7 aside approach to Netball, while others tried the High 5 version. Each team also took part in a shooting competition which was won by 'Just Learning'. All in all everyone really enjoyed their netball taster and Joan is now trying to encourage people to do a 'Back to Netball' session!!

The Big Announcement...

On December 17th 2012, England Netball heard the announcement that everyone had waited for with baited breath. It was time for Sport England to announce their funding for individual sports over the next 4 years. We are delighted to announce that not only have England Netball maintained the levels of funding they have received in the past 4 years, but they have also significantly increased it!

These are exciting times for England Netball following Sport England's confirmation that they will invest £25.3m in the sport over the next four years representing a 35% increase on their 2009/13 Whole Sport Plan investment.

Paul Clark, Chief Executive of England Netball, is delighted; he said “

This is brilliant news. Our success has been as a result of a new innovative approach we have adopted that puts the netballer at the centre of everything we do. We have started to develop different initiatives and products that fit with what players want, whether they are returning to the sport or looking to be England players of the future. We know that it is important that playing netball fits with players lifestyles so that netball is a sport for life!

Overall this is a massive achievement for England Netball and one that will be filtered down to all regions across the country including the North East. It is a very exciting time to be involved in the sport and we are very much looking forward to starting the 2013-2017 Whole Sport Plan in April.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and lets keep these positive progressions moving forwards!





NSL Phase One Fixtures

[Come and watch Team Northumbria Netball Superleague at Sport Central](#)

Team Northumbria v Loughborough Lightning

Monday 11th February 2013– Doors 19:30 for 20:00 start time (Please note this game will be filmed for Sky Sports).

Team Northumbria v Yorkshire Jets

Saturday 23rd February 2013– Doors 17:30 for 18:00 start time.

Team Northumbria v Hertfordshire Mavericks

Saturday 2nd March 2013, Doors 17:30 for 18:00 start time.

Team Northumbria v Manchester Thunder

Saturday 23rd March 2013, Doors 17:30 for 18:00 start time.

[For more information on fixtures please; www.EnglandNetball.co.uk](http://www.EnglandNetball.co.uk)



NSL FastNet

The Cathedral City Lighter FastNet Grand Prix will feature all of your favourite Netball Superleague franchises and all of the best players from the league. Reigning FastNet and NSL Champions Manchester Thunder will play host to the 2013 event on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th January. Tickets for the competition are on sale **NOW** and cost just £5 per person, per session! That is a flat rate for all who attend and with demand expected to be incredibly high once again, we advise you book tickets early to avoid disappointment!

UKCC L2 Conversion Course

At England Netball we are committed to the development of coaches and want to support all of our coaches to transition to a nationally recognised UKCC qualification. We wish to establish a platform on which we can provide tailored, needs led continued professional development for our coaches and as such, have concluded that holding a UKCC qualification will be the baseline.

Moving forward England Netball will be introducing a licensing and registration system whereby all existing and active coaches will be required to hold a UKCC qualification *. As such, we would like to support you to gain a UKCC qualification in the most time and cost effective manner by completing the UKCC Level 2 conversion course.

In the North East we have a course organised for April 2013. This is due to go live on the England Netball website as soon as possible, so please log on to the England Netball website for further information; http://www.englandnetball.co.uk/make-the-game/coaching/UKCC_Level_2_Upgrade_Courses .

The details for the course are as follows:

Venue:

Knightsbridge
Great North Road
Gosforth
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 2JH

Dates:

28th April 2013

1st May 2013

9th June 2013

Cost: £170.

For any further information on the course, please do not hesitate to contact the North East Regional Office; North.east@englandnetball.co.uk or 0191 261 4116.

Safeguarding

England Netball is firmly committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all young people to play netball. It accepts its responsibility to safeguard the welfare of all young people and protect them from poor abuse and bullying. With this in mind, England Netball have developed a safeguarding and protecting young people in netball policy, procedures and guidelines that applies to all individuals involved in netball whether in a paid or voluntary capacity. England Netball recognises that everyone has a responsibility to safeguard and protect all young people. The England Netball Good Practice Guide—Now downloadable as a whole booklet or in separate sections. Please visit the England Netball website to download the booklet or alternatively send an email to bsafe@englandnetball.co.uk .

The region now also has Be Safe cards to distribute to Junior Players around the region. If you are interested in receiving these for your junior players, please do not hesitate to contact the regional office either by email; north.east@englandnetball.co.uk or by phone; 0191 261 4116. Please state how you many you wish to obtain, and they will be sent out to you free of charge.

Dates for the Diary

January

4th and 5th January— NSL FastNet Tournament (Manchester)

12th January— Re-screening (Sunderland City Space)

14th January— Sharp Shooting Workshop (New College Durham)

19th January— Maggie Jackson and Amanda Newton Workshops (Sport Central)

26th/27th January— Regional Schools (Sport Central)

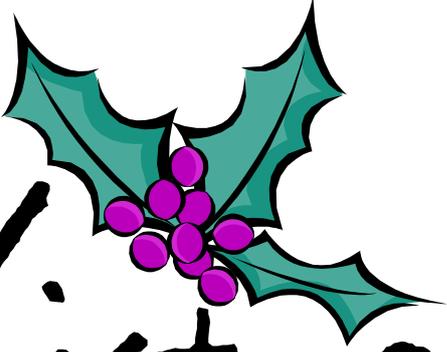
February

23rd February— Regional Clubs Qualifier (Gateshead Leisure Centre)

Please note that u16 National Club Finals will this year take place at the home of Team Northumbria, Sport Central. It is the first time the region has held the event, and we are very much looking forward to working with England Netball to deliver a successful and enjoyable competition. This years event will take place over the weekend of; May 11th/12th.

We will be looking to recruit volunteers for this event, so we will keep you up to date on any news with regards to this competition.

Merry.
Christmas

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Regional Team!**

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