



HUCCLECOTE NETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Half season round up

All Hucclecote teams have had an extremely strong first half of season, with every team at the top or near the top of their divisions.

The Premier squad, playing in Premier League 1, have had their best ever start to the season. With only 2 narrow losses, by 1 & 2 goals, the Premier squad are riding high in Division 1 currently in 1st place on goal difference over Oldham, with a game in hand! Definitely a strong contender for the Premiership title this year!

Both Regional squads have also had a fantastic start to the season. Regional 1 in Division 1 have only lost one game so far to Poole Aquarians who lead the table. Hucclecote are currently in 2nd place, with a return match with Poole to look forward to.

Regional 2 in Division 2 have also had a great season so far & also sit in 2nd place, only 4 points behind Teambath Tojans.

Like Regional 1 they also have a return match to look forward to against the team currently at the top.



Premier Squad

At local league level all GCNA teams are sitting at or near the top of their Division.

Hurricanes are unbeaten so far & are looking clear favourites to take the Division One title again. Hot on their heels are Lightning, hanging onto 2nd place, 3 points clear of Randwick in 3rd spot.

Storm in Division 2 are looking for promotion & are currently in 2nd place, only 1 point behind the current leaders Gloucester Ladies B. They started really strongly, going 8 matches without defeat. Just below them in Division 4 are Thunder who have won 9 games of the 11 played.

They are presently in 2nd position, only 4 points adrift of the leaders, so also pushing for promotion!

Hucclecote Tornadoes are playing well in Division 4, with a number of our young U15 players being given the opportunity to play in the adult league. Tornadoes are currently in 3rd place winning 7 of their 12 matches so far.

Throughout all the teams, a number of Juniors (U16 & U15's) have made a huge step up from where they were playing last season. In all the teams, a mixture of young & experienced players seems to be a successful combination.

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UMPIRE NEWS

Dave Stringer passed his A award umpire qualification & Charlotte Olley & Emma McKenzie achieved the B award.

Emma McKenzie has been nominated to attend Netball Europe in Belfast in March to officiate as an Umpire for the U.17 age groups. We wish her well for her first England duty.

BABY NEWS I

Congratulations to Laura Mitchinson who gave birth to Madison on 4th November 2009 & to Rachel Palmer a baby boy, Barnaby, born 1st February 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS GILLY, SUE & CAROLINE

Gilly Salter, Sue Wainwright and Caroline Bedford all passed their A1 Assessor Award.

Gilly Salter has been appointed as South West Regional Head Scout and has completed her Certificate in Tutoring with England Netball and obtained the qualification to deliver UKCC Level 1 and 2 Courses.

Our **Junior** section is also thriving, with a membership of over 100! The U16 A squad, led by Stella Ben Hania, easily won the Bentham League & are now representing Gloucestershire in the Regional League. They have had 2 wins from 2 so far & are hoping to repeat last years success & get to the National finals as Regional winners.

Our U16 B squad, coached by Wendy Burgess, who are all actually U15, were runners up in the Bentham League, so they too are playing in the Regional League! They have won 1 & lost 1 game so far, gaining great experience for next year.

Kate Nicholls' U14 squad are looking extremely strong & tall! There are unbeaten so far in the Bentham League & hopefully will go forward to the Regional Tournament later this year to take on the best teams from around the South West. Clare Richards, looking after the U13's, is impressed with their progress having won 4 out of their 5 matches so far.

Finally, our U12 group looked after by Charlotte Olley & Emma McKenzie is growing in numbers with some very nice players developing. They have had 2 wins in the Bentham League & are improving every week.

Lastly our Primary group, under the watchful eyes of Arni Brown & Sarah Parfrey are enjoying their Saturday morning sessions. They don't play in a league, but have a couple of "friendlies" coming up this month.

Other News

Hartpury.

Hartpury won the U19 Regional Schools Competition. They then went on to be successful at the Regional U19 tournament and go to the National finals on March 20th. Hucclecote players in the Hartpury squad are Sam Cook, Toni Lowery, Lucy Smith, Nicole Goddard, Megan Wallis, Rhianna Hallbrook, Katherine Thornton and Fran Preedy.

Sam Cook, Nicole Goddard, Rhianna Hallbrook and Fran Preedy were all selected into the British Colleges National Squad, with Sam appointed Captain!

Superleague

Michaela Iffil and Kayleigh Garbett Roberts have both made selection for Celtic Dragons Superleague long squad.

Team Bath News

Rosie Allison and Sam Cook have been selected to play for Team Bath National Talent League with Rosie Allison gaining promotion to the senior superleague side recently.

British Universities

Congratulations to Carly Taylor and Michaela Iffil who have been selected into the British University Team.

Injury Update

Two players, Kerry Walsh and Katherine Thornton, sustained injuries whilst playing, with both needing ACL repairs. We wish them a speedy and strong recovery.

Hannah Jones is soon to be back after several months off due to an achilles injury.

Premier Squad News

Premier have been added to in strength and depth with the fantastic news that Anna Mayes (former Hucclecote Premier and Welsh International/Team Bath Player) is back. Anna has also been recently appointed as the Superleague Assistant Coach at Team Bath along with ex player/coach Jess Garland. In addition Anna has been appointed as the England Open Assistant Coach – well done Anna and lovely to have you back.

Sophie Baxter, another ex Welsh International, has also recently joined Hucclecote adding more experience to an already very talented squad.

British Universities

Lauren Brooks, Flo Edwards, Fliss Phillips and 13 year old Hannah Jeavons have been selected to train in the Regional Excel South West Talent Programme. Lydia Hallbrook has also been selected to train in the Regional Excel West Midlands Talent Programme and alongside this gained a place in the Birmingham Warriors National Talent Squad. Lauren Brooks has also been pulled into Team Bath National Talent Squad. All of these athletes are just 15 years of age or younger.

U16 Squad

