



RAW HOCKEY

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RAW hockey was first published by East Hockey in July 2007, but since then a lot has changed, RAW Hockey is now produced by the East Youth Panel! So we would all like to welcome you to our new newsletter!

The East Youth Panel first met in July 2007 and has since taken on roles in helping to organise the Yazoo Minis – which will be held at Harleston Magpies Hockey Club in April 2008. Plans for this event are underway, East Panel members are talking to the main organisers in an attempt to make the 2008 Mini's the best they can be.

RAW Hockey is now a Youth Panel Project; we are aiming to deliver four delightful, interesting and helpful editions every year, starting from now!

Now you know what we have been doing in our meetings it is time to meet the team!

Panel members: Aaron Blumfield, Andrew Mays, Charlotte Hagues, Isabella Colafrancesco, Matthew McMahon, Luke Minshall, Rachel Williams, Natalie Radmore and Georgina Edwards.



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Chairman: Luke Minshall
Vice Chair: Rachel Williams

Name: Bella Colafrancesco

Nicknames: Bella, Izzi, Bunny, Belly. Bella has her birthday on the 12th November, and is currently a student who plays for Upminster hockey club. She is committed to being a volunteer in hockey and coaches and umpires for local clubs. Her influences are Miranda Weeks, Chris Gladman and our own Luke Minshall. She wants to be on the Youth Panel to help others to love hockey; she is also a chocolate lover!

Name: Rachel Williams,

Nicknames: Claridge (Cabbage), Rach. Rach is currently a student and plays for Letchworth Ladies. Currently umpiring and coaching the U9's, she is also a member of the England Hockey youth panel. Her biggest influences are her mum and Jane Nockolds. She reads David Klass books, loves the film 'The Land before Time III' and loves cabbage! Describes her self as "so laid back I'm horizontal", ambitious and unforgettable, and "joined the East Panel because I think I can help make East as big as it has been, if not bigger; **bring on the challenge**".

Name: Aaron Blumfield, also known as Airz was born in 1991 and is currently at sixth form. He currently plays for Bury St Edmunds Men's 1st team. In his spare time he coaches under 11, 13 and 17, and umpires. Simon Mason is his biggest influence. His favorite food is apple crumble or Chinese take away and he describes himself as active, funny and outgoing. Aaron joined the youth panel because he "saw it as an opportunity to make a difference in hockey with running and organising big events which could potentially lead to the 2012 Olympics".

Name: Luke Minshall also known as Lucas, Minstel, Minsh, was born in 1986 and works as a Research and Information Manager. When he is not working he plays for Normanby Park. He is chair of the youth panel and also helps run the youth umpires whilst also previously coached youth teams at Scarborough. Jane Nockolds is his inspiration and his favorite hockey players are Helen Grant and Simon Mason. His favorite book is 'It's not about the bike' (Lance Armstrong). He likes to watch Ice Age while eating Lasagna! "To make a difference, and see east youth hockey achieve new heights" are his reasons for joining the east youth panel.



Name: Matthew McMahon born in 1989 and currently lives in Woodford Green, Essex and plays for Redbridge and Ilford Hockey Club. He loves Lasagna and describes himself as friendly and helpful. He has been playing since he was 11 and it was his Mum's friend which made his mum take him training, and he loved it! He prefers to play, umpire and then coach.

Name: Andrew Mays born 1990 and lives in Ipswich. He admires Howard Walker, and he made the decision to join the youth panel so he "can provide a voice for young people in the running of hockey".

Name: Charlotte Hagues born 1988 and lives in Peterborough. She admires Helen Birch and joined the youth panel to help get more youth involved in this fantastic sport. Charlie prefers to umpire, coach and then play hockey.

Name: Natalie Radmore born 1989 and lives as a student in Bedford, loves Chinese. Natalie describes herself as random and free!! Natalie started playing hockey because she was good and was told to join a club, and it was fun! Natalie joined the youth panel because it was an opportunity to help those who she has coached to get their ideas out into the world of hockey and so she could help more people discover the fun of hockey!

Name: Georgina Edwards born 1990 and lives in Dereham and plays for Dereham Hockey Club when not studying for her A levels. Her best hockey experience to date is travelling with her club to Australia for a tournament. Her favorite hockey player is Carl Sitch and she describes herself as active, giggly and dedicated.

MANCHESTER – Euro Hockey Nations Championships – Fun Zone Review with Charlie Farrow

Natalie Radmore spoke to Charlie Farrow about the Fun Zone which was at Manchester for the Euro Hockey Nations Championships to find out what it was like as the Fun Zone will be on the road again and landing in Norfolk for the Yazoo Minis.

What is the Fun Zone? The Fun Zone was a purposely designed area providing activities for young people of all ages visiting the Euro Hockey Championships. We had a great astro pitch area, surrounded by a really cool new inflatable pitch surround, and a tented area full of fun things to do. There was an art of crafts area, two dance mats, a hockey shot speed challenge, TV lounge and lots of details about how to "Get into Hockey"! The big success of the area was the Sticker / Activity Books where people could collect stickers of all the nations' players. Everyone was really into it, even the players themselves!

Was it successful/ achieve what you wanted it to? Yes, it was a really big success, numbers through the Fun Zone were really good and the feedback was really positive.

Who did you want to win at Manchester? England of course! Really pleased that the ladies finished third, winning the bronze medal but most importantly qualifying for Beijing!

What is the Fun Zone going to be like at the Minis? It will be smaller but really cool!



NATIONAL FINALS – YOUTH HOCKEY

Just to keep you up to date with what is happening with the East Region Youth Festival which will be held on the weekend of the 26th and 27th April 2008. The youth panel has been busy brain storming and planning the event to try and create the biggest and best festival the East has ever had. We are hoping that the event, being held at Harleston Magpies Hockey Club, will prove to be a great success not only for the competitors but for all those who play, umpire, coach and spectate in the East Region.

We are looking at having the U-11 competition on Saturday 26th April, and U-13 competition on Sunday 27th April 2008, along with lots of fun activities, a visit from the England Hockey Mascots, along with a huge inflatable hockey pitch. The festival will also have a fun zone, BBQ and more activities are being planned.

The youth panel wishes all teams the best of luck in their county tournaments in order to represent their county at this East festival, and look forward to meeting the teams in April.

RYUAG

The RYUAG has a new Chair! Liz Pelling has recently agreed to take on the role and she has been busy getting things moving in a number of areas. The RYUAG was set up to support the development of Young Umpires and the group is looking to develop the best possible environment for young people to *Start, Stay* and *Succeed* in umpiring.

Groups Latest News –

- A smaller more proactive committee is being proposed, as follows: Chair, Secretary, Welfare Officer, Appointments Coordinator, Umpire Coaching Development Officer (to work on mentoring & tutor programmes), two Young Umpires, ERHUA rep, ERHA Comp Rep, plus HUA rep per county, and one England Hockey staff member.
- The group is seeking funds to support activities planned. The East Region Hockey Association has kindly agreed to purchase shirts for all young umpires on the East promising list and for umpire coaches working with young umpires.
- A number of important welfare steps are being put into place to ensure that all activities are safe and run to the highest of standards.
- A mentoring event for umpire coaches and mentors working with young umpires is planned to take place at the regional inter county under 13 Festival at Redbridge on Sunday 16th March. The event will offer good practice advice and support for both existing umpire coaches and for adults from clubs and at county level wanting to find out more about coaching / mentoring young umpires.
- There are loads of talented young umpires in the region at all levels and the RYUAG are busy working with young people on their “promising young umpires” list, offering appointments at regional competitions and providing support in the form of umpire coaching and mentoring.
- Counties are being encouraged to set up County Young Umpire Groups to develop further some of the excellent development that has already taken place.

For information about the East RYUAG contact Charlie Farrow Tel 07811 336895 email charlie.farrow@englandhockey.org

REGIONAL COMPETITIONS

As many of you are aware the season has started and its time to be jolly...no its not Christmas just yet I know but it is the new hockey season!!! Leagues and regional games have now all started and are well underway.

The East U15 team are getting off to a good start with Henrietta Fraulo, Katy Barnett, Kate Maxey and Izzy Vaigimgli scoring goals in the first game against the South. Well done girls, and good luck for the next few games. The U17 Girls have also won their game with Libby Sherrif, Amy Kee and Coraline Crawford scoring goals.

The East U15 boys are also getting points on their score board and they are currently 4th in the table, keep up the good work guys! While the U17 boys are 3rd in their table.

It is good to see that all the teams have started well and we will keep you all updated on their progress in the next issue.

We would like to wish all players the very best of luck for the season ahead!

Discussion Topic for this Issue is: The Under 13 Ruling!

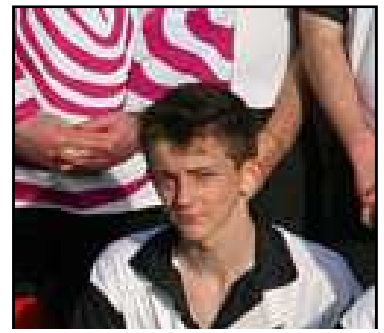
Let us know what you think about this ruling! All the responses will be read and there will be a write up about how the East region feels about this point in the next issue.

Send your comments to:

East_youth_panel@hotmail.co.uk

SUCCESS STORY!

East Youth Panel member Georgina Edwards talks to a young hockey player in our region.



Name: Carl Sitch

Nicknames: Pup / Carlos (Fandango)

Date of Birth: 23/01/90

Position: Depends who I play for

Current club: Harleston Magpies Hockey Club (HMHC)

Shirt number: I like 4 but 7 is growing on me

International debuts: England U16 vs. Ireland U16 England U18 vs. Ireland U18

International honors: England U16, 2006 season, England U18, 2007 season

Domestic honors: Winning the U17 Regional Tournament 2006, Winning promotion for HMHC Men's Indoor, Getting through to the U16 Indoor finals,

Biggest influence on playing career? My brother

Favorite hockey player? Haven't thought about it

Age you started playing hockey? 6 yrs

How do you motivate yourself before a match? A bit of music to psych myself up and try and mess around a little; have fun

What would you like to achieve within hockey? Become the best I can possibly be – hopefully winning the Olympics along the way

Do you ever do any hockey volunteering? Yes

Favorite book? Don't read much but Harry Potter is pretty good

Favorite film? Too many to choose from to pick a winner

Favorite food? My mum's spare ribs

Any other interests or hobbies? Messing around with my mates

COMPETITION

This month's prize is a pair of tickets to the National Indoor Finals on Sunday 27 January 2008! All you have to do to get your hands on this fabulous prize is answer the following question:

What are the names of the two England Hockey Mascots??

Answers can be found on: www.englishockey.co.uk

Send your answers to: East_youth_panel@hotmail.co.uk

Deadline is the 15th December. Don't forget to include your name, and contact details. The winner will be announced in the next issue of RAW hockey.

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