

Club Development Grant: Club Profile - Glasgow University Women's Volleyball

The 2010-2011 season was a very successful one for the women's team. Losing only one game during the regular season and coming away SUS Division, SUS Conference Cup and City of Glasgow Cup champions. Several of our players were chosen to represent the Scottish Universities Team as well as Scotland Under 21's and the Scotland Senior Squad. We hope to continue this development into the 2011-2012 season with the expansion of our club to include a second team.

There is a tremendous interest in volleyball outside of the team training with our drop-in sessions. This is an opportunity to meet our members and benefit from their experience and friendly banter on court, whatever the skill level! The aim is to integrate competitive and recreational play so that everyone will feel right at home, we like to win but we also want to enjoy ourselves.

The development grant has been extremely useful to us. It allowed us to replenish our volleyball's for both the drop in sessions as well as team practice. We have also bought additional equipment such as antennae and scoreboards to improve our practice and game conditions. This additional equipment has aided us in our bid to expand our club to include a second team as well as increase practice hours and coaching hours.

Our training sessions are now open to any players for next seasons expansion team as well as the current team members. So, whether you're interested in the social or competitive side of the club why not come along and try it? Tuesdays 6pm to 9pm at the Kelvin Hall. Email captain-volleyball@gusa.gla.ac.uk

Player Profile - Lorna McLean

This is Lorna's first year on the University team, and she has quickly settled in with the squad and has progressed to the starting setter for the 1st team. She was an integral part of the team's success, winning a division championship as well as the SUS Conference Cup and the City of Glasgow Cup. She held off stiff competition from our other two other setters and led the team in setting and serving stats.

It is no surprise the influence Lorna has on the GU team given the extensive experience she has behind her. Lorna has played for South Ayrshire Volleyball Club in the national league and junior national league for almost 6 years. Her junior team won the junior national league three years in a row. Lorna is part of the young senior squad, Scotland under 21's, and has trained with the senior national team. As part of the young senior squad, Lorna has been chosen to play in the Christmas internationals for the past 3 years against England. She was also selected to play in the UK school games 3 years in a row, playing for Scotland East and Scotland West in Coventry, Bath and Cardiff respectively. The trip to Cardiff yielded a bronze medal for the Scotland West Team. In 2008, Lorna was selected for the Great Britain development camp in Sheffield. She was one of very few juniors from Scotland who got the chance to go down and train with the GB team.

Lorna will be returning to the university team next year as she enters her second year of her degree. Lorna studies philosophy and claims that her favourite thing about volleyball is that there is always something that you can work on improve as well as meeting new people on her travels. Her fav memory from the past GU season is winning the SUS Conference Cup in Dundee.

If you are a student and are interested in becoming Lorna's teammate please email captain-volleyball@gusa.gla.ac.uk

Player Profile - Kirsty McLean

Kirsty is the captain of the team and is in her third year on the GU volleyball team,. She leads the team with both her outstanding on court performance as an opposite hitter and off the court with her inspirational words. She was a very influential factor in the teams success the season, leading the team to the SUS division championship, as well as the SUS Conference Cup and the City of Glasgow cup. She led the team in hitting and serving stats.

Kirsty has played for South Ayrshire Volleyball Club juniors and seniors, where she won the under19's Scottish league in 2009/2010. She represented the university on the Scottish University team during that season as well. She also played for Scotland west in the UK school games in 2007 and 2008. Most recently she travelled with the senior Scotland team to Liechtenstein and Luxembourg. She will be going with the Scottish juniors to Belgium over Easter break.

Kirsty will be returning to the university team next year as just a player having handed over the reigns to the up and coming younger players within the club. Kirsty studies biology and chemistry and loves that volleyball allows her to travel around the country and meet new people. Her favourite memory from the past GU season is winning, in particular the SUS League and Conference Cup.

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