



Welcome

Dear Members

Another hectic month comes to an end with a host of international matches completed all over the world.

The GOAL Programme has received some fantastic coverage on the BBC's website – the most visited site on the internet – and also in Britain's Daily Express newspaper. The publicity generated brings well deserved recognition for our sponsors Standard Chartered Bank and should ensure we can continue to expand the programme both in India and across the globe.

Preparations for the forthcoming World Youth Netball Championships and the World Netball Series are going well and we are looking forward to two very exciting tournaments.

WYNC Update

The match schedule for the tournament has been published and is also available on the IFNA Website.

The building of the Sports Complex is on schedule and due to complete later this month.

All umpires have been appointed and teams are now finalising their squads.

Good Luck to all in their final preparations.



New Zealand Netballers honoured

Many congratulations to our colleagues in New Zealand for their recent recognition in the Queen's Birthday Honours list (including Irene van Dyk – pictured), for their services to our great game.

Four of Netball New Zealand's most loyal servants have been recognised in the Honours List: Belinda Charteris, Margaret Foster, Puahere Rutene and Irene Van Dyk have been appointed Members of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

Charteris made her Silver Ferns debut in 1994 and played 53 test matches as well as being part of New Zealand's silver medal winning team at the 1998 Commonwealth Games.

Currently assistant coach of ANZ Championship side the Southern Steel, Foster is the former coach of the Canterbury Flames and New Zealand A. She earned seven test caps between 1994 and 2001.

Puahere Rutene is recognised for long service to Maori netball, while Van Dyk, the world's most capped netballer, became a New Zealand citizen in 2005.



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Please submit all information for the inclusion in the next newsletter by 18.06.09 to maggie.ross@ifna.org

WNC 2007 Final DVD now available for sale via IFNA Website.



WORLD RANKINGS UPDATE

The top sixteen teams as per the latest world rankings, released on 28 May 2009, are as follows:

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| 1. Australia | 9. Trinidad and Tobago |
| 2. New Zealand | 10. Cook Islands |
| 3. England | 11. Papua New Guinea |
| 4. Jamaica | 12. Barbados |
| 5. Malawi | 13. Scotland |
| 6. Samoa | 14. Singapore |
| 7. South Africa | 15. St Vincent and the Grenadines |
| 8. Fiji | 16. Wales. |

A full list of the rankings can be found at the IFNA website.



WORLD SERIES UPDATE

Representatives from the Co-operative World Netball Series joined 33,000 runners at the 10k Bupa Great Manchester Run earlier this month to raise awareness of the new competition, which will be played in Manchester from 9-11 October.

England stars Sara Bayman, Jo Binns, Louisa Brownfield and Rachel Dunn joined IFNA's CEO Urvasi Naidoo and event organizer Nicola Moloney at the run and all six completed the course comfortably.

"It was a great day," said Urvasi, "and thankfully wasn't rainy, or too warm!"

Tickets for the event are already selling well. The top six nations will compete in the competition, at the MEN Arena

GOAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

Following on from last month's news that the GOAL programme had been nominated for a "Beyond Sport" award, it has received extensive coverage on the BBC's website (<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/8055238.stm>) as well as on English newspaper the Daily Express' dedicated netball pages (<http://www.express.co.uk/posts/view/104233/How-netball-has-become-a-lifeline-for-poverty-stricken-girls-in-India>).

Launched by IFNA in 2006 and funded entirely by Standard Chartered Bank, GOAL reached more than 7,000 people last year and is run on the ground by volunteers from HIV/AIDS and sexual health awareness NGO Naz India. The programme uses netball to help increase confidence, self-esteem and leadership skills for underprivileged youngsters, and it is hoped to extend the activity to India's east coast city of Chennai by 2010.

The great coverage which we have achieved can only assist in bringing greater attention to the programme, and raise awareness of netball in Asia and in general across the globe – vital with our Olympic ambitions still top of mind. Do log on and check it out!



Forthcoming International Netball:

June 15 -23 U21 Barbados, Scotland, St Vincent and England - Barbados

June 16 &22 Barbados v Scotland Test Match - Barbados

June 24- 28 Trinidad & Tobago v England U21- Trinidad

June 19 – 28 Asian Netball Championships – Malaysia.

NEWS AND DEVELOPMENT ROUND UP

AFRICA

Botswana: the Government of Botswana through the Department of Sports and Recreation and the Botswana National Sports Council has extended a Constituency League to Netball. This league is an initiative to engage out of school youth aged below 29 in sports. The League was launched last year with Football and this year an extension has been made to Netball and Volleyball.

ASIA

Pakistan: Pakistan Netball Federation organized the ASC Netball Coaching & Tournament Program 2009 at six different Cities of Pakistan namely Karachi, Hyderabad, Sanghar, Quetta, Islamabad & Lahore from 14th Feb to 12th April, 2009 with the collaboration of Australian Sports Commission (ASC). PNF estimate about 1600 girls & 350 coaches, umpires, officials, sports teachers and Directors of Sports participated in this programme.

Sri Lanka: Sri Lanka's netballers were forced to cancel their planned overseas trip to play Malawi, which was intended as preparation for the forthcoming Asian Championships.

India: India has shortlisted 33 players in preparation for forthcoming international matches, including the Asian championships, as well as a week-long trip to Singapore for training and development.

Australia: Congratulations to Netball Australia which has recently achieved Silver Level status in the Australian Sports Commission's Sport Connect programme, which aims to improve participation and pathway opportunities for players with disabilities.

Meanwhile, netball is to be one of the 28 sports included in the Sydney 2009 World Masters Games, taking place from 10-18 October at the Anne Clark Netball Centre. For more information, log onto www.2009worldmasters.com

EUROPE

Scotland: recently hosted the Singapore squad for a test series which also included the England U21 and British Universities sides. Scotland won both tests against Singapore 46-31 and 51-39.

Switzerland: Following on from last month's feature on the introduction of netball in Switzerland, the rules of netball have now been translated into French, thanks to our Swiss friend Julia O'Brien and translator Marie Jouaillec.

Copies are available from the IFNA office.

OCEANIA

New Zealand: Netball New Zealand has included former basketball international in its Accelerant group, as well as the U21 squad which will defend the World Youth Netball title in the Cook Islands later this year.

AMERICAS

Jamaica: Five players from Jamaica's U16 team which retained the Caribbean Netball Association title have been called up to train with the national U21 squad ahead of the World Youth Championships. Shanice Lee, Shereesha Richards, Antonette Stone, and tournament MVP Deneen Taylor will train with the U21 squad but towering shooter Marvadene Anderson has opted to return to her studies at this point.

USA: USANA is delighted to announce that Seattle Parks and Recreation has been signed as a sponsor of the 2009 American National championships, that will take place in Seattle on June 13-14. This is the first time that the National Championships has taken place on the West Coast, and USANA is hoping that the competition will enable the association to extend the appeal of netball through various parks and recreation departments nationwide.

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