

TEAM DURHAM BULLETIN

MICHAELMAS 2022 ROUND UP



HEADLINES

As we begin the start of Epiphany, we would like to provide you with a round-up of all of our major sporting highlights that have taken place so far.

Over the summer we were honoured to have the opportunity of hosting the Zambian Commonwealth Games team, who lit up The Sport and Wellbeing Park with their infectious enthusiasm, to read the full story click [here](#).

Durham students also had a successful Commonwealth Games, ranking #6 on the BUCS medal table. Click [here](#) for a full round-up of the action.

Two weeks after the Zambians departed for Birmingham, Maiden Castle played host to the European Hockey Qualifiers, to read more click [here](#).

The term started for some back in August, when a number of teams come back to Maiden Castle to kick off pre-season. We have welcomed some new staff to our coaching team since the start of the season; Si Culley has been overseeing the Rugby programme, Adam Furness has joined us as our new Head of Football with Matt Dobison joining the hockey programme as a full-time coach. For an overview of our incredibly successful coaching team, [check out our website](#). It's also great to see our women's rugby coach, Cam Henderson, back around Maiden Castle after some time off due to illness.

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Back in October 2022, Team Durham were thrilled to learn that we as a university, had been awarded the Times and Sunday Times Sports University of the Year 2023; reflecting on how sport is central to life here for many of our students. For access to the news article, [click here](#).

BUCS

BUCS sport continues to be a major focus for us here at the university; the 21-22 season saw a number of successes with both men's and women's rugby winning their respective national leagues, men's fencing, men's lacrosse, men's and women's volleyball, women's cricket and men's indoor cricket all winning the BUCS Championship, and our women's hockey 3s winning the BUCS Trophy. The boat club also topped the table for the first time in years across all BUCS events. The rise of Futsal last season showed considerable promise for the future of futsal here at Durham, after a close promotion. Going into this season, we are looking to emulate these great results and if possible look to improve, although the competition keeps getting tougher! We are currently sitting second in the BUCS points table going into Christmas, with our 125 BUCS teams competing week in week out to climb their leagues.

For a full BUCS round up from Michaelmas term please [click here](#).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Durham Women FC

[Durham Women FC](#) have enjoyed a good start to the 2022/23 season and have secured some eye-catching results in the process. A 5-1 league win over Coventry United and a dramatic late triumph against Lewes have been highlights - but the crowning moment of the season this far has undoubtedly been the Continental Cup victory over Manchester United, under the lights at Maiden Castle. The club's new WSL Academy side - containing several Durham University students - have also shone; beating Arsenal, Manchester City (twice!) and Aston Villa already this term.

DUAFC X Durham United

Men's football have for the first time partnered with local team Durham United to provide our students with an opportunity to play regularly in the [Wearside League](#) at the point of writing we are sitting in 6th place having played 17 matches, winning 8, drawing 2 and losing 7. The full scoop is available [here](#).

Durham Palatinates

Durham Palatinates Women's Basketball Team have had a tough season so far. The team have played five games in the league winning one against Nottingham and sit in 11th place, for a more detailed look at the league table [click here](#).



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Volleyball

Durham Volleyball have two teams that play in the National Volleyball League - what an exceptional season it has been for both the men's and women's squads; both remaining unbeaten and sitting on the top of their [respective leagues](#).

Hockey

Durham University Hockey Club continues to operate across a multitude of England Hockey leagues on a weekend. Both the women's and men's first teams play in Division 1 North - one below the highest level of hockey in the country, and have had a great start to the season. The women are currently in 3rd place having played 9, winning 4, drawing 4 and only losing 1. The men sit in second place having played 9, won 7 and lost only 2. You can continue to follow the women's team [here](#) and the men in action [here](#).

Representative Honours

Durham University are blessed with an abundance of students who have gone about and beyond in their respective sports, flourishing in their talents and representing their respective countries to the highest of levels. This year's no different; Durham are exceptional proud of the sporting efforts of all their athletes, including those who have been called up to represent their countries across a range of different sports. Read all about our highly successful athletes on our news section on the website [here](#).

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Charity Fundraising

Fundraising has always been at the heart of many of our clubs. This term has seen contributions towards Team Durham's designated charities [Sport in Action Zambia](#) and [Movember](#) (and that's just in Michaelmas!) There will be much more to come in Epiphany so keep your eyes out on our [news page](#) for more details.

Dates for the Diary

- [BUCS 4' & 8's Head](#) will be taking place in Newcastle the 18th and 19th of February. We hope to be well represented at the event and expect big things from DUBC.
- [BUCS Nationals](#) will be held in Sheffield from 24th–26th February 2023 are we hope to be taking part in the Long Course Swimming Championships, Indoor Athletics Championships, Individual Badminton Championships, Individual Fencing Championships and the Climbing Championships. For more details on the event itself please follow this link.
- [BUCS Big Wednesday](#) will see Nottingham University play host to all of the major Championship and Trophy finals on 22.03.23.

Thanks for reading and look out for our next instalment at the end of Epiphany! Follow our socials to stay up-to-date through the term, including our website.



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