



University of Stirling Sports Union



## Welcome to the first edition of the Sports Union e-newsletter

It is with great pleasure, and a hint of trepidation, that I bring you the first edition of the weekly Sports Union e-newsletter.

We hope that over the year ahead, this newsletter will provide in-depth coverage of sport at Stirling. Every week will be packed with fixtures, results, reports, news and everything you need to get the most out of sport here at Stirling.

## This week's Highlights

- News
- Spotlight on...
- Fixtures
- Results
- Reports
- Team mates
- Union week

As far as our research can tell us, this is the first time that a newsletter such as this has been offered to the membership of a Sports Union anywhere in the UK. We really hope you all enjoy it and we, of course, welcome your feedback.

Stirling hosts a number of important fixtures tomorrow in BUCS competition. Our Men's Tennis Team face a mouth-watering clash against the financial powerhouse that is Leeds Met in a British Premier League encounter. The tennis club are offering free food to all spectators. See below for more info.

Our Men's Football Team have an equally important match tomorrow hosting Edinburgh University at the Gannochy Bowl. Stirling sit within a few points of leaders Heriot-Watt and a win tomorrow would give them sight of a second Queen's Park Shield.

Finally, congratulations to all teams and competitors who have been dominating their counterparts across the country!

Finally, finally, this is a massive week for Stirling so if you don't have a fixture, get down and support the teams!

C'mon Stirling!

**Jamie MacDonald**  
President

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### Stirling to host the 2009 BUCS Cross Country Championships

BUCS is pleased to confirm that the 2010 Cross Country Championships will be hosted by the University of Stirling on Saturday 6 February 2010.

Peter Bovill, Chair of the BUCS Athletics and Cross Country Management Group said: "We are delighted to announce the selection of Stirling University to host the Cross Country Championships in 2010. Stirling last hosted the event in 2006 and we are pleased to be returning to the city. The University submitted a strong bid which will see the course take place on own campus across an undulating and challenging course."



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University of Stirling Deputy Principal, Professor Grant Jarvie said: "The University of Stirling, as both Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence and Scotland's 2009 University of the Year, is delighted to be named as the host venue for the 2010 BUCS Cross Country Championships."



Jamie MacDonald, Stirling's Athletic Union President said: "The University will make every effort to ensure a Championships befitting Scotland's University for Sporting Excellence. The Championships will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the University's beautiful campus and renowned hospitality. All parties including the University of Stirling Sports Union and Athletics Club have begun preparations for what will be a fantastic event."

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## Spotlight on... Ultimate Frisbee

On Saturday the 17th of October, the Scottish Beginners Ultimate Frisbee championships were held in Glasgow. The annual event lets all of the Scottish universities teams enter their beginners to battle for the title. A beginner is classed as someone who has been playing for less than 3 months, and each team is allowed one experienced player on the pitch.

Much like the Champions League in football, you start off in a pool of 4 and then move on to knockout stages. Stirling managed to win all 3 matches convincingly and progress to the semi final. The semi final saw Stirling take on Edinburgh's seconds, and Stirling won 8-5. The final was held late on in the day and Stirling had Edinburgh's first team to play. Stirling took an early lead 4-1 but let it slip to 5-5 with 10 minutes left. Fortunately Stirling regained their composure and took the match 8-6 to be Scottish Champions!

UK Championships was the following weekend and Stirling were confident, from their previous result. There was no margin for error in this 28-teamed tournament hosted by Edinburgh as one loss meant you couldn't win the title. Despite a scare from Herriot Watt in the pool where Stirling were 2 points down with 3 minutes to play (managing to win 8-7 in the end), Stirling topped their pool again. Their quarter final was against the Edinburgh team they faced in the final of Scottish Championships and Stirling managed to win 10-3. The semi final was against a good Dundee side but once again Stirling got a winning result (8-5) to reach the final. The final was against Glasgow and despite going 4-1 down, Stirling then managed to score 8 points in a row to win 9-4 making them completely undefeated in the beginner's season and UK champions!

Beginner Jamie Moore said "It feels great to come away undefeated, it's a very tough competitive sport and I didn't realise how many people played!

I finally understand why our captain has been giving us 4 tough training sessions a week and it's definitely worth it."

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## Results

**Wednesday 21st October**

Sport	Team	H/A	Opposition	Result	Win/Loss
Basketball	Men's 2nd	A	Dundee	37-83	Loss
Basketball	Men's 1st	H	Heriot-Watt	102-84	Win
Basketball	Women's 2nds	H	WoS	105-9	Win
Football	Men's 1st	H	Glasgow	3-3	Draw
Football	Men's 3rd	H	Glasgow Cale	1-1	Draw
Football	Men's 2nd	A	Aberdeen	2-5	Loss
Football	Men's 4th	H	Glasgow Cale	3-1	Win

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Hockey	Men's 1st	A	Aberdeen	1-8	Loss
Hockey	Men's 2nd	A	Heriot-Watt	2-8	Loss
Hockey	Women's 1st	H	Glasgow	1-1	Draw
Lacrosse	Women's 1st	H	Glasgow	2-22	Loss
Lacrosse	Men's 1st	H	Glasgow	22-0	Win
Rugby Union	Men's 1st	H	Dundee	12-19	Loss
Rugby Union	Women's 1st	H	Dundee	12-31	Loss
Swimming	1st	H	Edinburgh	4-0	Win
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Table Tennis	Men's 1st	A	Aberdeen	0-17	Loss
Tennis	Men's 3rd	H	St Andrews	8-2	Win
Tennis	Men's 4th	A	Napier	10-0	Win
Tennis	Women's 1st	H	Napier	10-0	Win
Tennis	Men's 1st	A	Cambridge	10-0	Win
Tennis	Men's 2nd	H	Aberdeen	8-2	Win

### Wednesday 28th October

Tennis	Men's 1st	A	Loughborough	2-8	Loss
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## Fixtures

### Wednesday 4th November

Sport	Team	H/A	Opposition	Time
Basketball	Men's 1st	A	St Andrews	18:30
Basketball	Women's 2nds	H	Glasgow	18:45
Basketball	Women's 1st	A	Dundee	
Football	Men's 4th	A	WoS	
Football	Men's 1st	H	University	14:00
Football	Men's 2nd	A	Strathclyde	14:00
Football	Men's 3rd	H	Robert Gordon	14:00
Football	Women's 1st	A	Napier	14:00
Hockey	Women's 1st	A	St Andrews	13:00
Hockey	Women's 2nd	H	Edinburgh	15:00
Hockey	Men's 2nd	H	Edinburgh	13:00
Lacrosse	Men's 1st	A	Aberdeen	14:00
Lacrosse	Women's 1st	A	Aberdeen	12:30
Rugby Union	Men's 1st	H	Heriot-Watt	14:00
Rugby Union	Women's 1st	A	St Andrews	14:00
Rugby Union	Men's 2nd	A	Edinburgh	14:00
Swimming	1st	A	Dundee	
Table Tennis	Men's 1st	A	Heriot-Watt	16:00
Tennis	Men's 2nd	A	Edinburgh	
Tennis	Men's 1st	H	Leeds Met	11:00
Tennis	Women's 1st	H	Strathclyde	12:30
Tennis	Men's 3rd	A	Aberdeen	14:00

### Saturday 7th November

Badminton	Mixed 1st	A	WoS	
Netball	2nd	A	Glasgow	12:00
Netball	3rd	A	WoS	11:00

### Sunday 8th November

Golf	1st	A	St Andrews	10:40
Golf	2nd	A	St Andrews	10:24

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Golf	3rd	A	Aberdeen	
Water Polo	Men's 1st	A	RGU	18:00

## Team mates with... **Joe Gill**

Stirling take on Leeds Met in a British Premier League encounter tomorrow at the Gannochy Tennis Centre. We caught up with 1<sup>st</sup> team player Joe Gill to get his thoughts on his team mates...

Best trainer? *Nick Hatchett*

Worst trainer? *Sean Smith when moody or Robbie Price when he gets hit in the nether regions*

Dream doubles partner? *Ana Ivanovic although Colin Fleming is also pretty hot at the moment!*

Quickest player? *I'd like to see me and Jordan have a sprint off!*

Slowest player? *James Saker*

Most talented? *Robbie Price and his left-handed fore-hand*

The joker? *Jordan McCulloch*

Most intelligent? *Definitely not Dave Horton! We're all pretty dumb to be honest!*

Worst dressed? *Toss-up between Seam Smith and James Ickeringill – both need a new wardrobe!*

Worst taste in music? *Coach Euan McGinn – loves his trance and dance*

Biggest moaner? *Me*

Longest in the shower? *Callum Lloyd takes 3 hours to get dressed!*



Joe Gill and the rest of Stirling's 1<sup>st</sup> team take on Leeds Met and the Tennis Club are putting on a free lunch buffet for all spectators on Wednesday. The match starts at 11am kicking off with the doubles followed by singles.

## This week in the Union...

### LIVE SPORT

#### Tuesday 3rd November

UEFA Champions League

- Man Utd v CSKA Moscow
- Atletico Madrid v Chelsea

#### Wednesday 4th November

UEFA Champions League

- Arsenal v AZ Alkmar
- Unirea v Rangers
- Lyon v Liverpool



### Long Bar Grill....

Launching today is the amazing new Long Bar Grill - open between 11:30am and 3pm check out some of the great new meals and daily specials - plus all this week, buy a meal and get a soft drink free!

### Underground

We're clearly feeling generous this week - if you pop in to our Starbucks Coffee Shop we'll upgrade you for free this week - simply order a small coffee and get a medium or order a medium and get a large - result!

There's loads more taking place like Rock Night Halloween on Tues, the incredible live bands playing at Transmission on Thursday plus live football all week in the Union.....





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