



ENGLAND NETBALL SUPPORTERS CLUB

GET CLOSER TO THE ACTION
At home and abroad

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ZEO Tri-Series RESULTS

New Zealand v Jamaica won 52-46
England v Jamaica won 46-38
England v New Zealand lost 32-49

England A Team Results

England 'A' v England lost 36-58
England 'A' v Wales won 44-35
England 'A' v N Zealand lost 44-67
England 'A' v Jamaica won 45-40

MESSAGE FROM THE ENGLAND SQUADS

On behalf of the Senior Squad and England A, both the players and staff would like to thank the supporters for their unfaltering support throughout the Tri Series last week. We were obviously all disappointed not to have the full crowd there on Monday when we played New Zealand and Jamaica respectively, but the players and staff showed their resilience and performed in the face of diversity. A great practice for focussing on performance when outside factors are presenting challenges.

We hope that the supporters club managed to watch the match shown on Sky and kept up to date with the action. We are very grateful to Sky for continuing to show the match to give the disappointed fans the opportunity to see our match.

Again, thank you for your support and I hope to see you soon

Tri-Series v The Copper Box

Monday and Tuesday 20th and 21st January 2014

By now everyone will have heard the devastating news that the floor at the Copper Box arena in the Olympic Park was so severely damaged over the weekend prior to the scheduled Netball matches that it was impossible to get it repaired in time for the games to take place. You can see the damage in the picture below – caused, we believe, by weights being dropped onto the floor during a fitness competition. Damaged occurred in sixty-four (64!) separate sections. Teams of carpenters were called in and they worked through the night to try to repair the damage, but it was not until later in the week that the Copper Box was back in operation.

England Netball did everything possible to contact ticket holders to alert them to the situation, but it was impossible to get hold of everyone. Greenwich Leisure, who manage the venues within the Olympic Park, also manage the National Sports Centre at Crystal Palace and were able to reschedule the matches there, but due to court run-off regulations regarding world ranking international matches only one section of the seating could be utilised and therefore it was impossible to open these matches to ticket holders.

AND THEN – TO CAP IT ALL ...

At 9.45am on Tuesday morning, Jamaica advised England Netball that they did not have a full entitlement of seven fit players available to take to the court for the scheduled international vs England at 7.30pm. Due to injuries, six Jamaica squad members were not fit to participate, leaving only six squad members available to take to the court and therefore Jamaica were unable to fulfil the fixture.



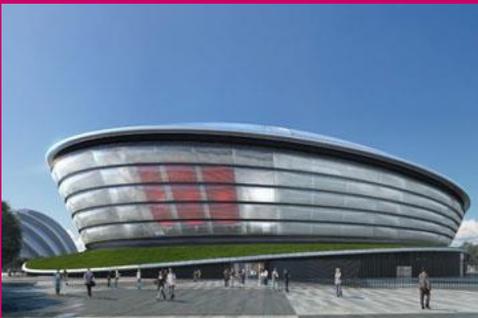
COMMONWEALTH GAMES

David Grevemberg, Glasgow 2014 Chief Executive, said:

“The Commonwealth Games is a high point of the international Netball calendar and it is pleasing that the culmination of this world-class competition will be played out in front of an even larger crowd.

“Hosting the Finals at the SSE Hydro promises to deliver a fantastic atmosphere for the world’s great Netball athletes one of Europe’s newest, most exciting venues.

“We have been rigorous in our testing of the transition time required between Boxing and Netball and we are confident, working with the International Netball Federation, of delivering an outstanding Finals day for our Commonwealth athletes.”



The SSE Hydro Arena



COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Glasgow - 23rd July to 3rd August

The news we’ve all been waiting for finally came through during a conference call this week – the Netball Bronze and Gold Medal matches will be moving into the Hydro arena and approximately an additional 4,000 tickets will be coming on sale.

The Press Release from Glasgow 2014 said :

This decision followed a successful test to prove the Hydro’s interior can be transformed overnight after the Games’ Boxing finals are completed. The transition will see a Netball floor laid overnight for medal matches starting at 1000 on Sunday 3 August after the last Boxing event finishes at 2230 the evening before.

Hosting the Netball Finals in the SSE Hydro will create additional ticketing opportunities of which more details will be revealed in due course.

Both the Bronze medal and Gold medal Netball matches will now be played at the SSE Hydro with earlier matches in the competition remaining in the SECC Halls. These Finals will take place on the closing day of the Games and be among the last medals to be awarded at Glasgow 2014.

The Hydro is located in the SSEC Precinct, right opposite the Exhibition and Conference Centre where the preliminary rounds are being played and the athletes will access via a covered walkway. This move WILL NOT affect Supporters who already hold tickets for the medal matches.

We are now awaiting details from Glasgow2014 as to when these additional tickets will go on sale. As soon as we have the information you will be informed and it is anticipated that you will have to act quick to obtain these much sought after seats!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

(It would be great to hear from you so please respond !)

We are planning a Supporters Club gathering during The Games but we need to have approximate numbers and preferably names and arrival/departure dates, so that invitations can be sent and numbers catered for. If you recently purchased tickets via me, then I know you are coming, but it would be great to hear from everyone with the above details.

PLEASE Email me on joan.mills@englandnetball.co.uk



NETBALL WORLD CUP 7th to 16th August 2015 Sydney, Australia

The pinnacle event of International Netball, the Netball World Cup (previously known as the World Netball Championships) is held every four years and will be contested by the top 16 netball nations.

2015 will see a new competition format with the top ranked teams playing each other more than once, offering fans the opportunity to see teams such as New Zealand, England, Australia and Jamaica go head-to-head in blockbuster matches before the final stages of the competition.

The new format also sees the elevation of a Regional Qualifying series which will take place this year.



You can sign up for the Netball World Cup newsletter at :
<http://nwc2015.com.au/News/NWC-Newsletter>



A definite date for your diary – start planning now and enjoy the trip of a life time to watch the Netball World Cup. All matches will be held within the Sydney Olympic Park at the Allphones Arena and Netball Centre, the new home for Netball in New South Wales.

Sixteen countries will be represented – the top six teams based on the International Netball Federation world ranking system (England are currently ranked 3rd in the world) will automatically qualify, with the remaining 10 teams to be determined through regional qualifying events.

We are working with our travel agents, CSE, to put together Supporters Club packages and these should be available at the end of September 2014.

The following message from the England squad show what it means to them to have as many supporters cheering them on :

Eboni Beckford-Chambers : "The build-up to the 2015 World Cup has already started here in Australia and I am so excited to be a part of the England team that are hoping to challenge for gold in Sydney. The fans in Australia are fabulous but nothing beats the support of those in red who cheer us on when we take to the court. As a player it makes a huge difference hearing your fans get behind you and we really appreciate those who travel to be with us, especially so far away from home."

A message from Anna Mayes, England Head Coach, will appear in our next Newsletter.