

# The Vikings Vault - Scrapbook Archive





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# SECOND VICTORY

**T**HE University Handball Club strengthened its good record of the season by beating Sunderland Technical College 27-25 last Wednesday. Sunderland seeking revenge for the defeat in the British University Championships, put on a good performance leading most of the match.

## CHRISTMAS

This match served as a good conclusion of the season for the Handball Club having nine wins in 11 matches. The club, although having good results on the field, has not been able to get the game properly introduced in the University. This is due to a series of unfortunate circumstances, one being that we were unable to use Lightfoot Sports Centre all Christmas term. Also when training finally started, on Wednesday nights, a lot of people were tired after various games in the afternoon. Next season there is, however, a chance of hiring Lightfoot on Monday or Thursday nights in which case the possibilities should be better.

# GOOD START FOR HANDBALL

29 October 1969

**HANDBALL** TRTHE weekend 15th-19th of October, the University Handball Club took part in the first tournament this term in Edinburgh. With a number of female supporters, the trip turned out to be a success both socially and sportwise.

Eight teams took part and Newcastle finished after a number of good games. The eight teams were divided into two groups of four, and the two best teams of each group were to go onto the final matches. Newcastle came through very easily, and in the final matches on Sunday beat the very strong team from Queens University Belfast 9-4. The last match on Sunday finished in a 9-8 defeat by Heriot Watt, who won the competition. Despite the one defeat, this was a very good start for the Handball Club.

## LIGHT FOOT

Two very good German players have joined the club this year. They are Jochen Thumma and Gunter Kalbacher. The other players were: Byorn Alveburg, Lars Grosted, Geir O. Olsson, Peter Smedvig, Tor Oyvrevik, Sturla Eidsgaard. Training sessions are arranged at the Lightfoot Sports Centre, Wharrier Street, every Monday evening from 9 to 10.30 p.m. STURLA EIDSGAARD.

6 October 1971

## Handball

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# Newcastle do well

1 December  
1971

4 October  
1972

SATURDAY, November 13, the University Handball Club represented by 1st and 2nd teams, went to Edinburgh to play in Heriot Watt University's Challenge Cup. The teams participating came from all British universities where handball is practised, so the winning team is really one of the best in Britain.

On Saturday afternoon all teams played three matches each. Both Newcastle teams played well, and luckily both succeeded in qualifying for the semi-finals to be played next day. On Sunday Newcastle I met Newcastle II in the first semi-final.

## MAN TRAP

Early in the match it looked like the well-playing 2nd team would win, but the stronger 1st team scored enough goals to qualify for the final. In the other semi-final Heriot Watt I beat Sunderland I so Sunderland I and Newcastle II were to fight for 3rd and 4th places.

Unfortunately Sunderland was the better team and won the match with a few goals, but again Newcastle II impressed with good play. In the final Newcastle I met Heriot Watt I. Heriot Watt have won the cup nearly every year, and were big favourites this year as well.

## MANSLAUGHTER

However, Newcastle I played their best match of the season and won easily 14-11. The victory was celebrated with a bottle of champagne, and more is to come in the near future—we hope.

### Final results:

1. Newcastle I.
2. Heriot Watt I.
3. Sunderland I.
4. Newcastle II.
5. Strathclyde.
6. Heriot Watt II.
7. Sunderland II.
8. Queens, Belfast.

# HEAVY HANDED

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## INSTRUCTIONS

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## HANDBALL

# Thumbs down for Uni. Handball team

28 February  
1973

NEWCASTLE University Handball Club had invited seven teams to Lightfoot Sports Centre for last weekend to play for the Geordie Cup. For reasons not under Newcastle's control only four teams showed up on Saturday morning, the teams being Sunderland, Heriot Watt (Edinburgh), Teesside Flyers and Brentwood, and, of course, Newcastle the Cup-holders.

It was decided to let all the teams play League in one group at first. Then the fifth would have to play against the fourth, and the winner of that match would have to face the first as one semi-final, the other one being played between the second and third so that the tournament

would have a final, a solution that may not have been the best one after all.

The tournament was started by Newcastle v. Sunderland. The two teams know each other well from various test matches and a tournament in Edinburgh last December and Newcastle wanted to make up for what they thought had then been a very unlucky 5:6 defeat. The final score was 6:4 to Newcastle who did some splendid performances on Saturday and ended up first.

Their other results:

Newcastle—Teesside 10:5  
—Brentwood 5:5  
—Heriot Watt 5:4

The table on Saturday evening was:

1. Newcastle	7:1	26:18
2. Sunderland	6:2	28:16
3. Heriot Watt	4:4	32:24
4. Brentwood	3:5	18:25
5. Teesside Flyers	0:8	22:43

## MUCH EFFORT

On Sunday morning Teesside Flyers, one player short the day before, gained a 9:7 win over Brentwood and had to play Newcastle again. The first semi-final Sunderland v. Heriot Watt ended 4:6 and was almost the exact reverse of Saturday's match when Sunderland had won by 7:4. Newcastle had to work hard to secure their 11:5 win against Teesside.

After a 6:0 lead Newcastle knew the match was theirs, yet much effort had to be put into the second half (2 x 15 min.) and they were rather exhausted when the final whistle blew.

In the match for the third position, Sunderland beat Teesside 12:9.

## UNLUCKY

The final between Newcastle and Heriot Watt saw a rather tired and somewhat unlucky Newcastle team unable to play their game like they had done the day before when, after a 4:0 lead by Heriot Watt, they had fought back and won 5:4. Heriot Watt at once took the lead, led 7:2 at half-time (2 x 20 min) and won by 15:5. There is no doubt that the better team won, though Newcastle weren't as bad as a 10-goal difference might indicate.

The atmosphere of the tournament was friendly though some players obviously mixed up rugby or something else and Handball and committed some rather ugly fouls for which they were duly sent off. The tournament did, however, lack spectators or supporters, whose cheering might have livened things up and would certainly have created some of the flair which at least those players from the continent (Norway, France, Germany) are accustomed to.

### Final table:

1. Heriot Watt	8:4	53:33
2. Newcastle	9:3	40:38
3. Sunderland	8:4	44:31
4. Teesside Flyers	2:12	45:73
5. Brentwood	3:7	25:34

## Handball display promise in debut

By **Manuel Espinosa Neвраumont** - 27 February 2012

*Manu Espinosa Neвраumont reports from Manchester as Newcastle University's Handball side show great potential at the University Handball Championships*

Last weekend the Newcastle University handball had a promising showing at the University Handball Championships in Manchester, organised by the ABUHC. Overall the team had 3 wins and 2 losses.

Getting off to a good start with a 6-3 win over Bangor they then fell to a 5-13 defeat to group-winners Oxford. A rather unjust score line of 4-9 against Lincoln A followed, in what was a closely contested game for the most part. Both sides had drawn a fixture only two weeks earlier.

Despite this sore defeat, Newcastle picked themselves back up to seal a narrow 4-3 win over Lincoln B to ensure third place in their group. However, the loss to Lincoln A meant qualification to the quarter-finals was not possible, but third entailed a play-off against Brighton.

In what was probably one of the games of the tournament, Newcastle prevailed 7-6 victors. In engaging a new set of tactics, Brighton were caught off guard, conceding two suspensions and two penalties. After some spectacular goals from Juan Carlos Sacher "Kacho", a frantic finish ensued with Brighton looking for an equalizer. Despite top-scorer Geoffrey Laborde coming off injured and receiving a suspension themselves, Newcastle stayed strong defensively to pull off a fantastic victory.

The University of Essex won the competition after beating the University of Manchester in the final. Newcastle's final win meant an overall joint 9th place position out of over 20 teams, in what is the Handball Club's first competitive showing.

The Club was established following on from a popular series of GoPlay sessions ran by NUSU. The team is multicultural with Spanish, French, German and Mexican students with an encouraging number of British players. Several of the British contingent have been asked to attend trials for the Great Britain Students' squad, with a forthcoming update should any make the cut.

Mark Harrison, who has been coaching the team and leading from the sidelines for the Championships said, "to finish in the top half of the tournament amongst some highly experienced teams, in what is our first year in existence, is phenomenal. It was necessary for the players to give 100%, and not one of them disappointed."

The Newcastle University Handball Club is under the Presidency of Jack McKay and after such a successful first season with a largely beginner squad, plans are already underway for a larger recruitment programme in September and entry into a national England Handball league.

27 February  
2012

## Handball in the North East enters a new Viking age

By **news\_web** - 8 February 2016

*The Newcastle Vikings Handball Club has been growing since 2012. Image: NVHC.*



Sports Editor **Calum Wilson** visited the Newcastle Vikings Handball Club to discuss the rise of Handball in the North East.

Founded in 2012, amidst the aftermath of Olympic fever, the Newcastle Vikings became the first developmental Handball club to hail from the city. Despite their humble beginnings, the club set out on a mission to grow Handball in the North East. Four years on, the club and the sport is showing great promise.

The Newcastle Vikings currently boast a Men's, Women's and Junior team. The Men's and Women's teams both compete in the England Handball North Regional Development League. The Vikings made their debut in the league last season, with both sides finishing in an impressive 4<sup>th</sup> position.

As the Vikings enter the latter half of only their second year in the Development League, both teams look set for top four finishes once more. Last Saturday, the Men's team beat the combined outfit Leeds Hornets/University of Huddersfield, at their home venue at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

*"THE NEWCASTLE VIKINGS CURRENTLY BOAST A MEN'S, WOMEN'S AND JUNIOR TEAM"*

Despite starting the match as underdogs, with the visitors 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table, the Vikings sailed into a 3-1 lead thanks to an early hat-trick from left-winger Gracjan Joppek. Joppek, who is Polish, was one of 5 non-British members of the diverse 10-man Vikings squad, epitomising the international appeal of Handball.

Left-half Athbi Almarzouq, a Kuwaiti student studying at Northumbria University, extended the Vikings' lead to 6-2 later in the half. A two-minute sin-bin for the opposition number 4 allowed the hosts to stretch their advantage to 10-3 before the first time-out. The two teams then traded blows, before going into half time at 13-6.

The start of the second period was a much more even encounter. Daniel Walsh in the Vikings' goal was called into action on a couple of occasions as the visitors tried to mount a comeback. Leeds/Huddersfield added to their tally, but a breakaway goal from Matthew Lamb soon restored the 7-goal difference.

*"LEFT-HALF ATHBI ALMARZOUQ, A KUWAITI STUDENT STUDYING AT NORTHUMBRIA UNIVERSITY, EXTENDED THE VIKINGS' LEAD TO 6-2"*

Almarzouq and Joppek were amongst the scorers as both sides shared a flurry of late goals. The Vikings held on, with the match finishing 22-15. However, the day's entertainment was far from over as the Vikings played host to the second round of the North East Handball Tournament, against teams from Durham and York.

Organised by Vikings' Head Coach Marlen Slinning, the friendly tournament is designed to help develop Handball across the North East of England. "The plan for us is to get more clubs in the North East", Slinning explained. "In the UK, I think Handball is actually growing, but here in the North East we are a step behind most places."

Neither Newcastle University or Northumbria University currently field an official Handball team, but Slinning is hopeful that the Vikings can work closely with the Universities in the future. "We want Handball to be active within the Universities. We would want to work together with any University clubs to develop Handball in the North East."

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Slinning, who comes from Norway and has years of Handball experience, also wants to develop the sport amongst younger children. "We have sessions for children down to the age of 8, we are trying to get kids involved at a younger age. So we have improved, in that we started with just Women and Men and now we offer Handball for kids, but it is a slow process to develop Handball in the North East."

For more information, visit: <http://newcastlehandball.co.uk>

8 February  
2016

## Monkseaton's hand-y squad

Evening Chronicle 30 June 2004

You have to hand it to Monkseaton Middle School - when it comes to flying England's flag they are top of the class!

The North Tyneside school has just concluded its first year of competition in the Scottish U-12 and U-14 Junior Leagues - in the sport of handball.

At the start of the year the boys and girls teams (pictured) suffered heavy defeats but rallied as the season progressed, eventually gaining victories over Tryst and Gracemount.

Up against three other teams in their league, the under-12 team finished fourth while the under-14s finished third out of five teams.

With the competition expanding next season (October to June) to include more Scottish teams, Monkseaton Middle will be joined by pupils from Whitley Bay and Monkseaton High. They will also be playing in the England junior event with their older squad.

The year culminated in an invitation to attend an international event, called "Focus Europe," in Sligo, Ireland.

Fielding three teams against Irish and German opposition, Monkseaton's boys finished eighth and ninth from 11 teams, while the girls team (a joint Monkseaton /Solingen squad) took the girls title and were undefeated in eight games.

30 June 2004

## School success deserves big hand

8 June 2005

Evening Chronicle 8 June 2005

You have to hand it to Monkseaton Middle School - when it comes to handball they are top of the form.

The newly-formed North Tyneside squad travelled north of the border and defeated Gracemount to claim the Under-12 Scottish Cup.

The team, having played only since September last year, faced Gracemount for the third time this season, having beaten them in both their Scottish League matches on the way to sealing the title earlier this year.

The Cup final, held at the Tryst Sports Centre in Cumbernauld, was the culmination of a hard but successful year for the young squad, who have suffered only one defeat all season. The game started well for Monkseaton, the first half finishing 4-2 in their favour.

Gracemount, however, came back hard in the second period and the match ended 9-9 and then 12-12 after extra time.

That took the tie to a golden-goal decider - and after only 30 seconds Monkseaton's captain Jonathan Armstrong scored the crucial strike.

The squad, pictured above, is Jonathan Armstrong, Seraosha Ferozepurwalla, Jack Gibson, Ryan Carr, James Gray, Jamie Hansford, Scott Latimer, Robert Bray, Kieran Graham, Aman Majid, Ryan Brooke, Christopher Wilson, Steven Borg and Robbie Chedburn.

**Your Team: The Newcastle Vikings Handball Club**

By **Emily Meritt** – 7 November 2014



The Newcastle Vikings handball squad (above) which will be playing competitively in Scotland this autumn - just a year after being formed



Some senior and junior members of the Newcastle Vikings Handball Club

# Vikings are handed a first chance in league

TYNESIDE handball club the Newcastle Vikings are about to embark on their first competitive season after forming only a year ago, writes MICHAEL RACE.

**HANDBALL**

The Vikings joined the Scottish Handball Association earlier this year and are scheduled to be playing against Edinburgh and Glasgow in the coming weeks after developing rapidly in just 12 months.

Head coach Marlen Slinning said: "We started the club a year ago and had a lot of development sessions which attracted quite a bit of interest."

"This allowed us to form a few teams and develop the club to the standard of handball which can be played competitively."

The origins of handball are

somewhat unclear. One view is the game was invented in Germany in the late 19th century to keep football players fit during the off-season.

Another is the game goes all the way back to the time of the ancient Greeks, with evidence showing the early stages of what is now modern-day handball.

One thing for sure - the Vikings are the first and only handball club in the North East to play competitively, the new squad taking on 14 other teams from across Britain in the Association.

Slinning added: "I have been playing handball since I was about five.

"I am from Norway and handball was big and competitive over there.

"It is great we as a club can now play competitively.

"The game has really taken off since the Olympic Games, which showed how action-packed and entertaining it could be.

"We chose to join the Scottish Handball Association as it is easier for us to travel to Edinburgh and Glasgow, where we will play most of our games as there is no court with the right dimensions to play in the North East."

A standard handball court is approximately 40 metres long and 20 metres wide - a large indoor arena to facilitate the action-packed sport which inspired the Vikings to form.

As well as their senior side, the Vikings have launched junior handball sessions at the Percy Hedley Sports Academy in Killingworth.

Slinning said: "We hope we attract new members to our club with a grant we were given from Sport England aimed at increasing participation in the North East.

"Handball is enjoyable, great fun, a great way to meet new people and a new exciting sport to try out for all ages and genders."

Anyone interested in playing for the club should along to training sessions on Wednesdays (Juniors 7.00-8.00, adults 8.00-10.00) at Percy Hedley School.

The Newcastle Vikings Handball Club Juniors cater for ages 10-16 years and their Seniors start from 17 years upwards.

They are part of the England Handball Association and the North Regional Development League.

The club is not currently sponsored, and are keen to hear from any possible sponsor.

The club are based at the Temple Park Leisure Centre, South Shields (this is where they hold their home matches and Monday training) and the Percy Hedley Sports Academy in Killingworth (for their Wednesday training.)

Chair and Head Coach Marlen Slinning said: "Newcastle Vikings Handball Club is the first developmental handball club in Tyneside, founded in September 2012 with a mission to grow and develop handball in the North East.

"Head coach Marlen Slinning established the club with a group of other sports enthusiasts, building on the legacy of the London 2012 Olympic Games. The club's board is working hard to provide the right structure to develop handball in the North East, with a goal of developing sustainable handball teams in different age groups and genders to take part in national tournaments and leagues.

"The Vikings men's and women's teams play in the England Handball North Regional Development League, having played their debut season in the Scottish Handball League in 2013/14. They are a highly multi-national club, players hail from right across Europe as well as Africa, Asia and South America.

"Anyone interested in playing handball is welcome to join the clubs training sessions, the first introductory session is free."

The club time table is as follows:

Mondays - Juniors (10-16yrs) 6:30-7:30pm and Adults (17+) 7-8:30pm (league players until 10pm) at Temple Park Leisure Centre, John Reid Road, South Shields NE34 8QN

Wednesdays - Juniors (10-16yrs) 7-8pm, Adults (17+) 8-10pm at the Percy Hedley Sport Academy, West Lane, Killingworth.

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Facebook: Newcastle Vikings Handball Club / Twitter: @NVHandball / Tel: 07838-542601

# Handball: The Newcastle Vikings v Peninsula Women's Handball Home League

By **Emily Meritt** – 25 November 2014



Marlen Slinning of the Newcastle Vikings takes a flying shot at a goal

Newcastle Vikings Handball Club at Newcastle Vikings v Peninsula women's handball home league match took place on November 8 2014 at the Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields. It was a Seniors match. (For players aged 17+)

Chairperson and Head Coach Marlen Slinning said: "The Newcastle Vikings won 21-9 Peninsula (Merseyside)

"The event was the England Handball North Regional Development League and the Vikings Women had back to Winning Ways in Style

"The Newcastle Vikings Handball Clubs women's team made the most of their first home league match at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields last weekend to get their season going with a big win over a young Peninsula team.

Sofie Vaula battles through the Peninsula defence to take a shot at the goal!

"The Merseyside club were first to get on the score sheet, but the Vikings soon struck back through Marie Brevet before edging in front. A brace of goals each from Sandra Christke, Gesa Junge, Marlen Slinning and Sofie Vaula, backed up by typically tight Vikings defending and a penalty save by goalkeeper Andrea King, helped Newcastle build a strong 9-3 lead at half time.

"Again Peninsula came out slightly faster after the break, before captain Sandra Christke and head coach Marlen Slinning started to dominate the goalscoring proceedings as Newcastle regained control of the game. Six second-half goals from Christke together with a further five from Slinning fired the Vikings into an unassailable lead as the Vikings broke the 20 goals barrier. A late strike from Judyta Turulska rounded the game off as Newcastle Vikings claimed a 21-9 victory to jump up to second in the England North Regional Development League table."



The Newcastle Vikings featuring Jason Lee, Matthew Lamb, Selina Stenberg, Blessing Ogbee, Kathryn Powell, Andrea King, Gesa Junge, Judyta Turulska, Craig Swanson, Robert Thompson, Marlen Slinning, Sofie Vaula, Sandra Christke and Marie Brevet

The Newcastle Vikings are: Andrea King (GK), Marie Brevet (1 goal), Marlen Slinning (7), Sofie Vaula (2), Gesa Junge (2), Blessing Ogbee, Judyta Turulska (1), Kathryn Powell, Sandra Christke (8).

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Newcastle Vikings Handball Club's men's squad (above) and (top right and right) action from their league clash with Leeds University which they won 27-20 to make it three league matches unbeaten



Newcastle Vikings' women's team (left) and (above) action from their league clash with Leeds University

# Vikings Hand out double defeat

### HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' men and women came away from their England North Development League matches against Leeds University with impressive 27-20 and 26-5 victories respectively.

Playing at Leeds Futsal Arena, Simon Heintz's 13 goals for the men and Marlen Slinning's 10 strikes for the women led the way.

They were ably supported by six pieces from Jonathan Bastit, Marie Brevet and Sandra Christke plus a creditable five goals from a charging Matthew Lamb.

The Vikings' women team made a flying start to their match, thanks to an

## Tynesiders are too strong on court for student rivals

early hat-trick from winger Brevet, as they opened up a 10-point lead before Leeds eventually troubled the scorers.

By half-time Newcastle were 13-3 ahead.

The home team's half-time formation changes briefly threatened a comeback but the Vikings' tight defence soon stifled them.

Head coach Slinning and captain Christke made the most of Leeds' handling errors to score several breakthrough counter attacks as Newcastle further stretched their advantage, the final whistle signalling a commanding victory for the Vikings.

The men's match was a more close-fought affair but the Vikings soon began to open up a lead as their training-court team plays mesmerised the Leeds defence.

With winger Heintz seemingly scor-

ing at will from the acutest of angles and the back-court power of Bastit and David Miozga combining with Lamb's opportunism, a 12-8 half-time advantage for the Vikings was never under threat.

After a difficult debut season in the Scottish League, the Vikings' men's focus on teamwork under coach Jason Lee is creating new-found confidence as their victory over Leeds took their unbeaten run to three games.

They will look to continue their good form in this weekend's tough double-header.

They travel to London for a League Cup preliminary qualifier before a home league match against Huddersfield University.

Watch out for reports on both games in Grassroots Sport next week.

MHC Women: Andrea King (GK), Marie Brevet (10 goals), Marlen Slinning (10), Blessing Ogbee, Sandra Christke (8), Gesa Junge (2), Judyta Turulska (1), Sofie Vaula (2), Craig Swanson, Jason Lee, Mark Harrison (11 goal), Simon Heintz (13), Sam Turner, Neil Blundell, Jonathan Bastit (5), David Miozga (2), Robert Thompson, Matthew Lamb (5).

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9 February  
2015

# Vikings doubly delighted to play Leeds off the court

## HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings claimed a fantastic double over Leeds Carnegie in the England Handball North Regional Development League.

The club's women's team celebrated a resounding 29-1 victory while the men's squad triumphed 27-22 to stretch their unbeaten league run to five matches and move them up to second in the table.

The victories at Leeds Metropolitan University's Sports Centre added to Newcastle's respective 25-3 and 26-19 home victories in November.

Judyta Turulska, captain Sandra Christie and Vikings' head coach Marlen Slinning led the way for the dominant women's team, scoring six goals apiece.

They were ably backed up by four goals each from Marie-Louise Brevet and Sofie Vaula, Kathryn Powell also bagging a brace and Blessing Ogbee on the scoresheet for the first time this season.

While several chances to rack up an even bigger win went astray, Newcastle were rarely troubled defensively.

The home team's second-half consolation was a disappointment for the Vikings as they looked set to keep a clean sheet.

The 29-1 result, though, reinforced Newcastle's third place in the league as they narrowed the gap to leaders NEM Hawks and Liverpool.

The Vikings men's team went into the match missing several regular players so it was a chance for others to step up to the mark - which they did.

Brilliant goalkeeping from Mike Cooke in the first half and Dan Walsh in the second, supported by solid defensive work by Craig Swanson in particular, helped foil many of Leeds' attacking plays as the Vikings built a strong advantage at the other end of the court.

Newcastle's goalkeeping was led by new centre Amaury Michelant's debut eight goals with seven from Jonathan Bastit and four from Mark Harrison.

However, it was setting up younger brother Tom to claim his first senior goal for the Vikings which satisfied Harrison more.

A fourth league win on the trot takes Newcastle's men level on points with Bolton Hussars at the top of the league.

Anyone interested in playing, supporting or sponsoring handball in the North East can find out more at [www.newcastle-handball.co.uk](http://www.newcastle-handball.co.uk) or via the club's Facebook pages Newcastle Vikings Handball Club and South Shields Handball.

**Newcastle Vikings women:** Andrea King (GK), Marie-Louise Brevet (4 goals), Marlen Slinning (1), Sofie Vaula (4), Geca Junge, Blessing Ogbee (1), Judyta Turulska (6), Kathryn Powell (2), Sandra Christie (6).  
**Newcastle Vikings men:** Daniel Walsh (GK), Mike Cooke (5), Amaury Michelant (8 goals), Craig Swanson (1), Scott Garrow (2), Robert Thompson, Thomas Harrison (1), Jack Woods (2), Jonathan Bastit (7), Matthew Lamb (2), Mark Harrison (4).



■ Newcastle Vikings' triumphant men's and women's handball teams who enjoyed double success against Leeds Carnegie and are well placed in the England Handball North Regional Development League

6 March  
2015

# Vikings erase the memory of defeat

## HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' men's team bounced back from the previous week's defeat to beat Manchester 28-19 in their England North Regional Development League clash.

In doing so they extended their lead at the top of the table.

However, it proved a frustrating turnaround for the Vikings' women as Manchester took the spoils 18-17 in a tight match at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

The game started well for the hosts as a brilliant early hat-trick from half player Gesa Junge, subsequently matched by fellow half Judyta Turulska, helped Newcastle build a 10-7 first-half advantage.

Manchester came out the stronger after the break and soon turned the scoreline in their favour as a nervy Newcastle side faltered in a repeat scenario of their opening match of the season.

A late flourish from winger Marie-Louise Brevet to grab a brace of goals in the dying seconds proved too little too late as Manchester held on for the win.

Newcastle's men also went into their encounter looking to avenge points dropped in their early-season away fixture.

Dawid Miozga, Simon Heintz and player-coach Jason Lee got the ball rolling with early strikes before centre Amaury Michelant bagged the first of his five first-half goals.

Ably supported by strong defence and goalkeeping, the Vikings had built an unassailable 14-7 lead by half-time.

The second period continued in similar manner with goals coming from throughout the squad in a great team performance.

They included a breakaway brace from substitute wingers Scott Garrow and Robert Thompson's first of the season.

Heintz and Michelant added further late scores to their individual tallies.

They wrapped up a convincing victory which took the Vikings four points clear of the chasing pack ahead of another home league match against Liverpool at Temple Park tomorrow.

# Hawks swoop to beat Vikings

March 2015

## HANDBALL

AFTER leading for much of the game, Newcastle Vikings' women's team was unlucky to be narrowly beaten 23-21 by NEM Hawks in its North Regional Development League match in Bolton.

The Hawks had been unable to fulfil the reverse fixture the previous weekend, the Vikings consequently being awarded a 10-0 win by the England Handball Association.

After half player Gesa Junge set the Vikings' ball rolling, the first period was dominated by a string of great goals by the returning Sofie Vaula, who fired in an array of scores both from the wing and the line positions.

Left-half Judyta Turulska also picked up a brace.

The Manchester-based side was initially finding it hard to break through a solid Newcastle defence at the other end, backed up by excellent agile goalkeeping from Andrea King between the posts, but recovered enough to draw level 8-8 by half-time.

The Vikings came out the stronger side after the break.

They quickly stretched out a five-goal lead as each of the other Newcastle outfield players was on the scoresheet.

However, the stronger Hawks, benefiting from having several experienced Super Eight League players in their squad, gradually clawed their way back with powerful strikes from their back-court players and two penalties the diving King was unfortunately not to save.

As the Vikings fought to stay ahead, the game was over-shadowed by a foul on player-coach Marlen Slinning who suffered a suspected broken nose as she tried to break through the Hawks' defence line and missed the last five minutes of the match.

The incident meant a tense finale, the Hawks seizing the initiative with fast breaks to breach the unsettled Newcastle team and just edge the game.

The Vikings remain second in the table ahead of their deciding final-weekend double-header against the two Merseyside teams next month.



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■ Newcastle Vikings Handball Club's mixed junior team (above) which enjoyed an 11-2 victory over North Tyneside's Churchill Community College

# Juniors have plenty in hand to beat Churchill

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NEWCASTLE Vikings' mixed junior team defeated Churchill Community College 11-2 in a friendly match at Percy Hedley Sports Academy.

This was the first match of the season for the hosts but they started the match with two superb goals in the first five minutes from backcourt players Jamie Clark and James Porter.

Churchill hit back quickly with a well-placed goal and followed that up with another well taken-score, quickly breaking through the Vikings' defence.

With the scores level, the Vikings closed the gaps and formed a solid defence for the rest of the half.

Charlie Pears joined the two other backcourt players on the scoresheet just before half-time and the Vikings went into the break 7-2 up.

After the team talks, Churchill came back stronger in defence, determined to make it more tricky for the Vikings to hit the back of the net.

However, four further scores from Rebecca Johnson, Clark and Porter sealed the Vikings' victory.

The Vikings' junior team consisted of Cameron Reveley, Krystina Coulson, Charlie Pears, (Rebecca Johnson, Jamie Clark, Raymond Latcham, James Porter, Andrei Inta and Matthew Fairgrieve.

The Vikings are keen to welcome new junior players (10-16



■ Newcastle Vikings' men's team lost its North Development Handball League clash 22-15 to Liverpool

years) to Temple Park Leisure Centre, South Shields on Mondays (6.30-7.30) and Percy Hedley Sports Academy in Killingworth on Wednesdays (7.00-8.00). Free taster sessions are available.

Any school interested in playing the Vikings in a friendly match should email info@newcastlehandball.co.uk.

■ LIVERPOOL came from behind to take the spoils 22-15 against Newcastle Vikings' men's team in their England Handball North Regional Development League match.

The Vikings to their opponents in their opening match of the

season, Newcastle were looking to make the most of home advantage in the return fixture at Temple Park Leisure Centre to extend their lead at the top of the table.

They made a strong start as goals from player-coach Jason Lee and Robert Thompson from the wings and back-court players Amaury Michelant and Dawid Miozga helped them build a good early lead.

However, Liverpool - with just seven players - found another gear to quickly peg the score back while stifling the Vikings' attacks before moving ahead.

At half-time, the match was finely poised 11-10 to Liverpool.

The Merseysiders gradually stretched their advantage in the second half as Newcastle struggled to break through the Liverpool defence and faltered with their shooting accuracy.

It was not until 20 minutes into the second half, and by that point his side was seven goals adrift, Michelant eventually made a breakthrough with his fourth goal of the match.

Newcastle rallied with a quick brace from half-back Jonathan Basti and late strikes from Thompson and former captain Chris Bowe - but it was not to be the Vikings' day as the Merseysiders secured the victory.

April 2015

# Mersey mission brings Vikings mixed results

NEWCASTLE Vikings women's team ended their first season in the England Handball North Regional Development League with a win and a defeat.

They clinched a brilliant 48-7 victory at Merseyside-based Peninsula but then lost 26-4 to table-topping Liverpool.

Against Peninsula, it did not take the Tynesiders long to get into their scoring stride as half Judyta Turulska, line Sandra Christke and winger Marie-Louise Brevet each helped themselves to early hat-tricks.

Goalkeeper Andrea King kept the home team at bay with a series of customary diving saves

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at the opposite end of the court. Head-coach Marlen Slinning then came on to get into the act with four strikes.

By the time Turulska had added her sixth and captain Christke her fifth, the Newcastle side had built a strong 18-3 advantage at half-time.

The Vikings nevertheless stepped up the pace in the second period in a superbly dominant team performance.

Half Fienke Nanne and centre Kathryn Powell added their names to the scoresheet with three and two goals respectively

but it was Turulska and Slinning who continued to rain the goals in.

By the time the final whistle went they had hit the net 13 times apiece, Christke claiming 10 and Brevet seven.

Less than 24 hours later the Newcastle ladies were back on court again for a much tougher encounter with table-topping Liverpool.

The Vikings' tiredness from the energy-sapping win of the previous day was soon evident as they struggled to break through a well-drilled home defensive line.

Liverpool' showed greater ex-

perience and shooting accuracy and had built an unassailable 12-2 lead by the break, Nanne and Slinning scoring the Vikings' goals.

Goalkeeper King tried her best to keep Liverpool's strikes at bay, including making two penalty saves.

However, despite further goals from Nanne and Turulska, the final scoreline was to be Newcastle's heaviest defeat of an otherwise largely positive season.

The Vikings look set to finish in fourth place on 26 points, having won seven and lost five of their matches while maintaining the second-best defensive record in the league.

The ladies take on Bristol in their League Cup' semi-final at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields on Saturday (3.00).

Meanwhile, the Vikings men's team's first season in the England Handball North Regional Development League ended with a 23-14 home defeat to Bolton Hussars at Temple Park Leisure Centre.

The result left them sitting in second place in the men's league table, pending the completion of the other teams' remaining fixtures.

That represents a significant improvement from the Vikings' debut 2013/14 campaign in the Scottish League.

Their final 2014/15 league season tally reads played 12, won six, drawn two, lost four.

The squad scored 256 goals and conceded 240 goals for a +16 goal difference and ended up with 26 points.



■ Newcastle Vikings Handball Club's women's team who ended their first season in the England Handball North Regional Development League with mixed results in their final two games

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The teams who took part in the 2014 Tyneside Handball Tournament gather for a group photo at Temple Park Leisure Centre.

# Squads are on Hand for a big day of action!

The 11th annual Tyneside Handball Tournament will be staged at Temple Park Leisure Centre on Saturday 10th. Looking to further build on the success of last year's event, the 2014 tournament is held in South Shields this year.

The competition is based on three teams: Vikings, the first ever university handball club in North East England which were placed in house matches at Temple Park.

The action-packed Vikings open will see teams from England and Scotland compete in men's, women's and youth competitions. Entry is free but support is much appreciated.



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The Vikings' ladies team celebrate after securing a place in the League Cup final by beating Broom 11-11.

## Vikings into their first Cup final

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All the teams who took part in the Newcastle Vikings' handball tournament at South Shields Temple Park Leisure Centre (above) and (left and right) action from the women's and men's competitions

# You have to hand it to Glasgow

## Scots retain Temple Park tourney title

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GLASGOW'S men retained their Tyneside Handball Tournament crown and Bedfordshire's Cranfield University Wolves claimed the women's title at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

Hosted by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, the end-of-season tournament - now in its third year - welcomed teams from across England and Scotland.

The early group matches were all close-fought affairs before the three experienced Scottish men's teams picked up the pace and began to rack up big scores.

Edinburgh claimed the biggest win of the day in beating York Hunters 18-2 before East Kilbride's EK82 defeated Newcastle's second team 18-4.

The day's highest-scoring match



Newcastle Vikings' men's and women's teams who took part in the action at Temple Park

...to top the men's group unbeaten in their five matches.

With the home sides giving a run-out to several new and inexperienced players, Newcastle's two men's teams and women's side all struggled to get

team thus claiming third place overall.

A strong Cranfield side also won all of their three group matches to top the women's table.

Julia Schneider's top-scoring 12 goals for Glasgow's ladies then helped them claim third place with an 8-2 success over a titing Newcastle Vikings squad.

The women's final was a more evenly-contested game, however, the mixed York/Durham universities' ladies team pulling back from a two-goal half-time deficit to level the game at 8-8 in the last minute.

Cranfield then scored their tournament-winning goal with just seconds to go - 9-8 the final score.

The men's decider between Glasgow and Edinburgh proved even closer and produced a thrilling climax to the tournament.

Level-pegging at 5-5 at half-time, the game was to end in a 10-10 draw and go to a sudden-death penalty shoot-out.

After each side scored their first attempts, both teams' second shots were acrobatically saved by the two goalkeepers.

Glasgow finally won the shoot-out contest 2-1 in the third round, scoring the decisive penalty throw before their goalkeeper saved well for the second time to clinch victory.

# Vikings go down with a fight in Cup decider

## HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings Ladies' team put in a gritty team performance but went down 22-14 to a strong London GD II side in the England Handball Association Women's League Cup final in Manchester.

Depleted by the absence of several regular players, the Vikings went into their first national cup decider at the Trafford Soccerdome with just seven available players so were up against it from the outset.

The experienced London GD side, on the other hand, benefited from a full bench of substitutes.

Newcastle were slow to get into their game as London raced into an early 7-0 lead.

However, the Vikings soon found their defensive resolve and attacking potency once half-player Gesa Junge's long-range effort put them on the scoresheet, quickly followed by a hat-trick from player-coach Marlen Slinning.

Remarkably, the Vikings battled back to just one behind at 8-7 thanks to further strikes from Junge, centre Slinning and captain Sandra Christke from the penalty line.

However, London seized the initiative just before the break to go in 10-7 up at half-time.

The second period saw London put the Vikings to the sword with incessant attacking plays to extend their advantage.

However, a brace of Christke goals from the line position and Slinning's fifth, together with great instinctive saves from goalkeeper Andrea King, kept Newcastle in the game.

Half Fienke Nanne added her name to the Vikings' scoresheet with a powerful strike from distance before neatly setting up winger Blessing Ogbee.

Without the ability to make any rolling substitutions, though, tiredness began to take its toll on



■ The Newcastle Vikings (dark strip) and London GD squads who contested the League Cup final in Manchester (above) and (below) action from the game, which London won 22-14



the Newcastle team as the London side stretched their lead with quick breakaway goals.

The Vikings never gave up however, and kept up their fighting spirit throughout with Slinning scoring her sixth and seventh goals to give her the cup

final's top-scorer accolade. London GD II claimed the league cup winners' trophy, adding to the EHA National Cup final and Super Eight Women's League titles already won by their first team this season.

The Newcastle Vikings' ladies

will nevertheless look back on their first English cup final experience with pride in the way their depleted team performed and competed right to the end.  
NEWCASTLE VIKINGS: Andrea King (GK), Marlen Slinning (7 goals), Josefina Fienke/ Nanne (1), Simone Smith, Gesa Junge (2), Blessing Ogbee (1), Sandra Christke (1).

# Vikings hope beach involvement will be Brit of all right

## HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' women's team will be competing in the British Beach Handball Championships in Poole, Dorset, this weekend.

Taking place at Branksome Chine Beach, the tournament is now in its third year and features its biggest team entry yet with 33 men's and women's teams set to be involved.

The Vikings will be taking part for the first time and have been preparing with fun practice sessions at Tynemouth Longsands beach over recent weeks.

Beach handball, also known as 'sandball', is played on a



■ The Vikings prepare for this weekend's British Championships

smaller court than standard indoor handball with four-a-side teams rather than the normal seven-a-side. Fast-paced and highly entertaining, one of the highlights of the beach ver-

sion of the game is goals scored with trick shots, such as shooting while spinning in the air, score double.

Goals scored by the 'rush' goalkeepers also score double.

Points are scored for the winners of each 10-minute half of the match, 'golden goals' deciding each half winner if scores are level and a penalty shoot-out held if each team wins a half to decide the overall winner.

Newcastle Vikings, finalists in the English League Cup this year and one of 14 women's teams entered in the competition, appear to have been drawn in a tough group.

They will face National

League and cup winners London GD's first team, National Cup runners-up Coventry, London-based Olympia and the first team of guest entrants TV Ettingenweiler from Germany.

Their group matches take place on Saturday, the knockout rounds on Sunday.

Newcastle will welcome back former Vikings player and top goals-per-game scorer from their debut 2013/14 season Nina van Ruijven, who is flying in from the Netherlands to play in the tournament.

Also making a guest appearance will be Manchester Handball Club's Edna Ogbee, sister of Vikings' winger Blessing.

# Life's a beach for Vikings!

## City's girls by the seaside for first foray into sandball

NEWCASTLE Vikings Handball Club's women's team enjoyed mixed fortunes competing in the third annual British Beach Handball Championships at Branksome Chine beach in Poole, Dorset.

As one of 14 women's teams taking part in the tournament, it proved a tough debut in the heat of a sun-kissed day on the south coast for the Vikings as they sought to get to grips with the differing tactics of the 'sandball' version of the game.

Beach handball is played on a smaller court than standard indoor handball, with four-a-side teams rather than the normal seven-a-side.

Points are scored for the winners of each 10-minute half of the match, while entertaining trick shots, such as shooting while spinning in the air, and goals scored by the 'rush' goalkeepers count double.

After losing both of their opening group matches 2-0 against London-based Olympia and then London GD's first team, the Vikings fought back to win their first half-match point against Coventry.

With their opponents just snatching the second half to level the points, the match went into a running penalty shoot-out to decide the overall match winner.

However, Newcastle were unable to score from their three attempts, Coventry



■ Newcastle Vikings Handball Club's ladies' team which competed at the British Beach Handball Championships in Poole

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try going on to take the match 2-1. The Vikings then went down 2-0 to the first team of guest entrants TV Ettlingenweier from Germany in their final group game.

Day two saw the Vikings drawn in a play-off for the plate competition against Cambridge.

It proved to be the euphoric highlight of the Vikings ladies' weekend.

They won their first match, convincingly taking the first half 9-3 and then battling back from six goals down in the

second half with well-taken two-point goals to triumph 11-10 for a brilliant 2-0 overall match victory.

The Tynesiders then fought all the way in their plate quarter-final and went agonisingly close to levelling the match in the dying seconds before Oxford Blues scored a 'golden goal' decider to win the second half for a 2-0 knock-out.

Newcastle nevertheless came away looking on the positives of an entertaining first foray into the beach handball arena.

They savoured their first half and

match wins in particular and the fact all of their players were on the scoresheet during the tournament.

The women's plate final was eventually won by local club Sandbanks against London Angels, while TV Ettlingenweier defeated Coventry in the women's cup final.

In the men's competitions, London GD won the men's cup final with Poole Phoenix taking the men's plate final. **NEWCASTLE VIKINGS SQUAD:** Andrea King (goalkeeper), Marlen Slinning (second goalkeeper), Nina van Buijten, Gena Junge, Blessing Ogboe, Edna Ogboe, Kathryn Powell, Sandra Christie (captain).



■ Newcastle Vikings' Handball Club's women's team (in blue) competing in the British Beach Handball Championships, where they endured mixed fortunes



■ Newcastle Vikings' ladies who lost by one point to Manchester in their opening England Handball North Regional Development League clash

# Vikings are handed a defeat in first outing

### HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' women's team were left frustrated after seeing Manchester snatch a late 23-22 win in their opening match of the England Handball North Regional Development League season.

Their male counterparts also saw an early lead overturned.

Playing in front of good crowd at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields, half players Judyta Turulaska and Alina Inta got the Vikings' ladies off to a bright start with an early brace and hat-trick respectively as the home side built a strong lead.

It was one they were to maintain throughout most of the match.

Tight defence was complemented by further strikes from captain Sandra Christie from the line position, winger Blessing Ogboe and a brace each from player-coach Marlen Slinning and centre Sina Linsenmann either side of a further Inta double as Newcastle eased to a 14-10 half-time advantage.

The second period began in similar vein to the first with two Turulaska strikes as the well-matched teams traded goals, Slinning, Inta and Ogboe also each adding to their first half tallies.

Manchester narrowed the gap



■ Newcastle Vikings' men's squad also lost narrowly to Manchester in their opening EHNDR League fixture

briefly, only for Newcastle to regain their four-goal advantage through Slinning and Turulaska.

Again the away side clawed their way back - and this time it was to prove decisive.

The Vikings were unable to make the most of a two-minute suspension to break through a depleted but solidly resolute Manchester defence line before the scores were eventually levelled at 21-21.

Manchester then went ahead for the first time in the dying minutes and while Christie pulled one back it was to be so

near and yet so far for the Vikings at the final whistle. Newcastle's men also made a great start.

Centre Peter Schichtel set the ball rolling with two early goals either side of an Athbi Almarzouq strike from the half position before winger Wiktor Laczny fired in four quickfire goals to help the Vikings stretch out an early lead.

However, Manchester soon found their attacking rhythm as eight first-half Manuel Lane strikes - out of a personal 12-goal match tally - almost single-

handedly pulled the away team back and into the lead.

Further Schichtel and Almarzouq braces plus Laczny and Gracjan Joppek efforts nevertheless kept the home side in the running, Newcastle going into the half-time break 14-13 behind.

However, the Vikings were unable to keep pace during the second half and, despite Laczny taking his own goals tally to eight and further strikes from Almarzouq and Schichtel, Manchester extended their advantage to record a 22-18 success.

# Vikings' girls hand out a defeat to the Hawks

## HANDBALL

A BRILLIANT team performance by Newcastle Vikings' women saw them claim an unexpected 28-19 away victory against Manchester NEM Hawks in the England North Regional Development League.

Going into the match with just seven available players and no substitutes, the Vikings were clear underdogs on paper against the more experienced and powerful Hawks.

However, half player Judyta Turulska's early flourish on her way to a match-winning personal 12-goal tally saw Newcastle build a lead right from the start.

It was a lead they never surrendered throughout the game - thanks also in part to wayward early shooting from the Hawks.

With centre Sina Linsenmann and line-player Sandra Christke also scoring seven goals apiece, Newcastle managed to keep up the pressure at the top end of the court while resolutely thwarting the Hawks' fast and strong attacking plays as the home side sought to fight back.

Captain Christke led by example with superb body-on-the-line defending.

Excellent goalkeeping from Andrea King also helped to keep



■ Newcastle Vikings' ladies team who pulled off a brilliant league victory over Manchester NEM Hawks

the Hawks' powerful shots at bay.

An unstoppable bullet shot from right half Gesa Junge took Newcastle into the half-time break with a 14-10 advantage while winger Blessing Ogbee also put her name on the scoresheet soon into the second half.

Youngster Krystina Coulson also enjoyed a promising first full game since stepping up from the junior ranks.

However, it was Newcastle's three back-court players who dominated and fittingly it was top-scorer Turulska who rounded off the goalscoring.

Meanwhile, the Vikings men's

team took part in the annual Edinburgh Handball Tournament.

They started with a 7-4 win against Dundee but then suffered defeats to Dublin (6-8), Cumberland-based Tryst (6-10) and eventual winners Glasgow (4-7) before a battling 8-8 draw with East Kilbride's EK82 in their final play-off match.

That made it three wins in a row and pushed the Vikings up to second in the league table.

With Daniel Walsh making crucial saves between the posts,

# No Mersey is shown by the impressive Vikings

## HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' men's and women's teams extended their winning runs with two high-scoring away victories against Merseyside-based Peninsula in the England Handball North Regional Development League.

The Vikings women had an early start to travel to the Glyndwr University venue in Wrexham.

However, early hat-tricks from left-half Judyta Turulska and line player Sandra Christke soon got them off to a flying start.

Hitting a rich vein of scoring form, Turulska went on to add a further six first-half goals in her personal 13-goal tally.

The tight Newcastle defence line restricted the home team to just one goal before the break, goalkeeper Andrea King making several good saves too.

Winger Blessing Ogbee and centre Kathryn Powell also added their names to the first-half scoresheet before winger Meghan Acres claimed her first Vikings goal.

Right-half Gesa Jungesoon ensured all six of Newcastle's outfield players were on target.

All four players went on to add further strikes before Turulska and captain Christke rounded off a well-deserved 33-7 victory.

That made it three wins in a row and pushed the Vikings up to second in the league table.



■ Newcastle Vikings' ladies team made it three league wins in a row by beating Merseyside club Peninsula

The men then took to the court against an experienced Peninsula team who were last season playing in the second-tier Championship League.

New centre Nicholas Foldager opened the Newcastle scoring as he fired in seven first-half goals, Athbi Almarzoug also striking four from the left-half position.

With Daniel Walsh making crucial saves between the posts,

and a first Vikings strike for line player Holger Schulz, the away team's confidence was building as they went into the break with a 15-9 advantage.

Almarzoug and winger Wiktor Laczny each claimed a further four second-half efforts as Newcastle sought to maintain their lead and fend off a Peninsula fightback.

As the game opened up, wing-

er Kole Viejo exploited space in behind the Peninsula defence to add a hat-trick of his own.

A late Gracjan Joppek brace and finishes from Schulz and Laczny rounded off the Vikings' scoring in their 32-25 win.

Newcastle Vikings women: Andrea King (GK), Meghan Acres (L goal), Judyta Turulska (13), Gesa Junge (2), Blessing Ogbee (4), Kathryn Powell (2), Sandra Christke (7). Newcastle Vikings men: Daniel Walsh (GK), Wiktor Laczny (7 goals), Athbi Almarzoug (8), Gracjan Joppek (3), Keeper Dittusen, Florento Kole-Viejo-Caballero (4), Nicholas Foldager (7), Jonathan Burt, Holger Schulz (5).

# Vikings leave it late to earn a crucial point

A THRILLING finish saw Newcastle Vikings' men claim an equaliser in the dying seconds of their England North Regional Development League clash against the University of Leeds' Gryphons at the Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

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In a very evenly-matched game where there was rarely more than a single goal separating the two sides throughout the 60 minutes, the home side's goalscoring was led by half players Ahbi Almarzoug and Stephan Stricker with

together with crucial saves from goalkeepers Daniel Walsh and Faisal Alshahli, ensured the teams kept level-pegging. A quick-fire Almarzoug hat-trick then put Newcastle tantalisingly ahead - but yet again the Gryphons pulled back and edged in front.

Stalwart line player Craig Swanson set the ball rolling at the start of the second half with a well-deserved first Vikings goal of the season.

Strikes from winger Gracjan Joppek, Stricker and Larub,

Young half player James Porter then struck his first senior Vikings goal to set up a tense finale.

With the clock running down into the final few seconds, Larub broke through the Leeds defence line to fire in the leveller for a 22-22 final scoreline.

Meanwhile, the University of Leeds' women's B team was forced to forfeit its game after being unable to field a full team of registered league players, granting Newcastle a default 10-0 win.

The Vikings' ladies nevertheless played out a 22-9 friendly win against a make-shift Leeds side, Newcastle taking the opportunity to give several less experienced players valuable court time.

Newcastle Vikings men: Daniel Walsh (GK), Faisal Alshahli (GK), Matthew Larub (D), goalie Ahbi Almarzoug (D), Gracjan Joppek (F), Craig Swanson (F), Florentio Nale, Vito Calabrese, Viktor Laczny (D), Robert Thompson, James Porter (F), Jonathan Beatt, Stephan Stricker (D), Holger Schulz.



■ Newcastle Vikings' men's team (above) and (below and bottom) action from their match with Leeds



■ More action from the Newcastle-Leeds game at Temple Park



■ Newcastle Vikings' ladies' team who defeated Leeds in a friendly clash at Temple Park

# Vikings stung by Hornets

January 2016

**HANDBALL**

A BELOW-PAR team performance saw Newcastle Vikings Handball Club's women squad lose 23-11 to a combined Leeds Hornets/Huddersfield team in the England North Regional Development League.

The Hornets took an early lead at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

Newcastle initially stayed in touch through goals from half players Judyta Turulska and Alina Inta.

However, the away team's more potent attacking plays and solid defence line, combined with wayward shooting from the increasingly frustrated Vikings, helped them stretch out an eight-goal lead.

Line-player Sandra Christke and Inta eventually found the back of the net but by half-time the Vikings were 10 points adrift at 14-4.

Two more Inta strikes at the start of the second period gave the home side hope of an unlikely comeback.

While the match was now more evenly matched with a better defensive display from the Vikings, the damage had already been done.

Newcastle kept pressing and added goals through Turulska, Christke and a brace from player-coach Marlen Slinning - returning to action after injury.

They were unable to pull the game back any further, however, and by the time Inta nabbed a late fifth the Hornets had run out convincing winners.

# Vikings Hunted down by York

January 2016

**HANDBALL**

THE first round of the inaugural North East Handball Tournament took place in York.

However, with Durham University's squad unable to make the trip due to transport problems, Newcastle Vikings and York Hunters were left to battle it out between them.

The Vikings' men went into the day's matches missing a regular goalkeeper, which York duly exploited.

A 16-12 victory in the opening game was later backed up by a 10-6 home win in the second men's match of the day as York grabbed the opportunity to take an early advantage.

However, with York unable to field a full women's team, two friendly mixed men/women's matches were instead played in between and after those men's fixtures.

The Tynesiders gained a modicum of revenge with a 9-5 success in the first game, while the final game was drawn 12-12.

The second round of the three-way North East tournament will take place at Newcastle Vikings' home venue, Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields, on Saturday, January 30 (2.00-5.00).

The third and final round will be hosted by Durham University at their Queen's Camps Sports Centre in Stockton on Sunday, February 28 (1.00-3.00).

The Vikings set up the tournament as part of their mission to help develop handball in the North East.

It seeks to create a more formal mini-league arrangement and encourage wider participation and more competitive court time for beginners and younger non-league players at the region's up-and-coming clubs.

■ THE Vikings' men's and women's teams resume their North East Regional Development League campaign at home to Liverpool on January 10.

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■ Newcastle Vikings men's team (above left) who lost to Liverpool Speke in the Northern Regional Development Handball League and (above right) action from the game at Temple Park in South Shields

# Vikings are shown no Mersey!

## Club's sides are handed two defeats

NEWCASTLE Vikings Handball Club's women's and men's teams each suffered tough returns to action after the indoor break against Merseyside opponents in their Northern Regional Development League home matches at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

The women's side lost 24-12 to Liverpool Ladies while the men went down 34-19 to Liverpool Speke Garrison.

Experienced league leaders Liverpool Ladies built a strong early six-goal lead before the Vikings got off the mark through the first of Alina Ina's penalty goals.

Fellow back-court players Judyta Taniaka and Sina Linbenmann also both scored twice either side of captain Sandra Christak's strike from the line position.

Goalkeeper Andrea King pulled off a series of great saves as the away



■ Newcastle Vikings' ladies team (in darker strip) with Liverpool Ladies (Green) before their league clash at Temple Park

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without a recognised goalkeeper, Kasper Olesen volunteering to pin himself in the firing line.

Goals from centre Robin Devilette and wingers Wiktor Laczny and Gracjan Joppke kept the Vikings in the game early on.

However, the Merseysiders soon began to take advantage of the Vikings' goalkeeping weakness.

Laczny's last-trick plus further first-half goals from Devilette, Kole Vjejo-Cabellero and Nicolas Foldager kept the home side going. However, Liverpool were 16-8 up come the break.

The second half continued in a similar vein to the first as Newcastle struggled to thwart Liverpool's shooting accuracy.

Half player Foldager added five further goals to his personal scoring tally, with Joppke, Devilette, Laczny, Stephan Seckler and a Vjejo-Cabellero double also finding the back of the net for the Vikings.

However, it was Newcastle's defensive frailty which proved their downfall as Liverpool Speke Garrison ran out convincing winners.

**Newcastle Vikings women:** Andrea King (GK), Sina Linbenmann, Judyta Taniaka (1 goal), Sina Linbenmann (2), Stephan Seckler, Sandra Christak (1 goal), Sina Linbenmann (1), Alina Ina (1), Sina Linbenmann (1).

**Newcastle Vikings men:** Kasper Olesen (GK), Robin Devilette (1 goal), Wiktor Laczny (1), Gracjan Joppke (1), Nicolas Foldager (5), Kole Vjejo-Cabellero (2), Stephan Seckler (1), Sina Linbenmann (1).

**Liverpool Ladies:** Sina Linbenmann (GK), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1).

**Liverpool Speke Garrison:** Kasper Olesen (GK), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1), Sina Linbenmann (1).

27 January  
2016

## Cup not one that cheers the Vikings!

NEWCASTLE Vikings' men's team was knocked out of the England Handball League Cup at the first-round stage 35-15 by Fulham Hawks at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

Goals from centre Stephan Stricker and debutant half-player Johannes Bellm initially kept Newcastle on a par with their London opponents before the away team began to open out a lead.

However, by the time Bellm and Stricker struck again just before half-time the Hawks had scored double the Vikings' tally to go in 16-8 up at the interval.

Stricker quickly added his third just after the break but, despite further strikes from winger Kole Vjejo,



■ Newcastle Vikings (in black) and Fulham Hawks pictured before their Cup clash

scored a hat-trick and half Athbi Almarzouq added to the Vikings' scoreline.

By the time the final whistle sounded Fulham had rounded off a convincing victory to progress to the quarter-finals.

NEWCASTLE HAWKS: Daniel Walsh (GK), Francisco Vialer (1), Jody Anderson (1), Grant Anderson (1), Grant Joppke (1).

NEWCASTLE VIKINGS: Daniel Walsh (GK), Francisco Vialer (1), Adam McWhorter, Wiktor Laczny (1), Robert Thompson, Karsten Seckler, Jonathan Burt, Craig Swanson, Stephan Seckler (1), Hagar Schulz, Johannes Bellm (1).

3 February  
2016



■ Teams from Newcastle Vikings (black strip), Durham University and York Hunters who took part in the second round of the North East Handball Tournament at Temple Park Leisure Centre

## Vikings conquer all in North tournament's second stage

The Vikings claimed four wins out of four in the men's and women's matches.

The friendly tournament got underway with Durham University taking on York in a mixed-sex match due to both clubs not being able to field full men's sides, Durham winning 13-8.

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scored a brilliant runaway 20-2 win over York Hunters, both teams giving a run-out to two Durham University players.

The Vikings men then beat York's mixed team 17-10 as the home side sought to give more game time to a

number of newer and less regular league players in the friendly contest.

In the second women's match of the day, Newcastle switched things around a bit to give several players a go at playing in less familiar positions - but after York took an early two-goal lead the Vikings came back to win 9-3.

The final men's match saw the Vikings run out convincing 16-6 victors over the mixed Durham University side.

Together with Newcastle's league victory over the combined Leeds Hornets/Huddersfield men's team earlier in the day, the regional tournament wins were a welcome return to winning ways for the Vikings men's and women's teams. They also represented revenge for the Vikings after York Hunters had won both men's games and one of the two mixed-sex matches in last month's first round, which Durham were unable to make.

2 March  
2016



■ Newcastle Vikings (black strip) in action in the third round of the inaugural North East Handball Tournament, which they ended up winning

# Victorious Vikings get hands on silverware!

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NEWCASTLE Vikings ran out overall winners of the inaugural North East Handball Tournament.

Their men's and women's teams claimed another four wins out of four in Sunday's third and final round of matches at Durham University and York Hunters.

With York having won the first round and Newcastle taking the second, both on home ground, the scene was set for a competitive final round of matches at the University of Durham Sports Centre in Stockton.

The opening tie saw Newcas-



tle's men (above)-beat Durham 7-5 in a tight, feisty encounter. In the women's competition Newcastle and York again each

gave a run-out to two Durham University girls, the Newcastle-Durham team runaway 15-2 winners in its first match.

Durham's men then convincingly triumphed 15-5 against York.

In the second women's match Newcastle-Durham registered another victory over York-Durham, 8-3 this time.

The final men's match was another close contest as Newcastle and York traded goals throughout before the Vikings eventually scored a 12-10 win to seal the overall tournament title.

Newcastle Vikings' media officer Andrea King said: "We would like to thank all the players who took part in the three North East tournament days and we look forward to another fun competition next season."

23 March  
2016



■ Newcastle Vikings' men's squad who enjoyed a double success over Leeds opposition in the England Handball North Regional League

# Leeds squads have no answer to the Vikings

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NEWCASTLE Vikings' men's team claimed their biggest win of the season with a morale-boosting 31-19 victory over Leeds University in their England Handball North Regional Development League encounter at the Leeds Futsal Arena.

Half-player Johannes Bellm got the Vikings going with an early brace, soon followed by a Peter Schichtel hat-trick and double from winger Wiktor Laczny.

Further goals were quickly added by half Arhbi Almarzouq, line-player Craig Swanson, winger Gracjan Joppek and centre David Topacho before Bellm claimed his third in what was a dominant first-half attacking display backed up by solid defending.

Winger Matthew Lamb, a Stephan Stricker double strike from the back-court and centre Schichtel's fourth, extended Newcastle's lead to 16-7 by half-time.

The second half, however, turned into a more evenly-balanced affair - but the Vikings kept fighting on.

Swanson lobbed the goalkeeper for his second before Topacho, Almarzouq, Laczny, Bellm, Schichtel and Stricker all added to their tallies.

Holger Schultz from the line



■ Newcastle Vikings (dark strip) in action during their league clash with Leeds Carnegie at Temple Park

position and player-coach Jonathian Ilastit each struck twice to round off an emphatic 31-19 victory.

The Vikings followed up that league success by coming from behind to snatch a late 17-16 victory against Leeds Carnegie at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

The Leeds Beckett University side, lacking any substitutes, took the advantage early on as the Vikings struggled to get into their stride.

However, Bellm's brace and a Stricker strike from the back-court eventually got the home side's scoreboard ticking over

before line-player Holger Schultz got in on the act to level things up.

Half-player Bellm claimed his second from the penalty line to keep Newcastle in touch before, with the scores level at 6-6, goalkeeper Daniel Walsh made two ultimately crucial penalty saves at the other end.

Carnegie nevertheless managed to open out a narrow 9-7 lead by the half-time break following Bellm's fourth goal.

Centre Robin Devlitem opened the second-half scoring with a quick hat-trick, again only by Bellm's fifth.

Adam Moberley then struck his first goal of the season from the right wing before Bastit and Schichtel each broke through from the back court.

With Carnegie temporarily down to six players, Bellm's brace helped the home side take the lead for the first time in the match at 16-15.

Despite Carnegie levelling it up again in a tense final few minutes, a brilliant double save at point-blank range from goalkeeper Walsh prevented them from taking the lead again before Devlitem grabbed the late winner and the Vikings held on to the final whistle.



11 April  
2016

## Vikings hit back to down Hawks

### HANDBALL

A MUCH-IMPROVED second-half display saw Newcastle Vikings' ladies fight back to beat Manchester's NEM Hawks 23-20 in their England Handball North Regional Development League match at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

The Vikings struggled to find their way in the first half against an NEM Hawks team who rattled up with just six players.

Led by Great Britain international winger Lucy-Arnie Brady, the Hawks took an early two-goal lead before half player Alina Inta got the Vikings going.

Young winger Krystina Coulson scored her first Vikings goals since coming up from the junior side.

Missing Ogbee added a brace from the line position either side of a further three - Inta back-court smiler.

However, Newcastle were poor defensively and struggled to contain the dynamic movement of the Hawks' attacking plays and were indebted to good saves from on-form goalkeeper Andrea King to keep them in the game.

Half Janyta Turuska and line player Sandra Christie then scored twice each before another Inta double and one from winger Meghan Acres helped the Vikings pull back and take a 14-13 lead into the half-time break.

King pulled off a fantastic right-footed save in the dying seconds to deny the Hawks a leveller.

The Vikings found their fight as greater defensive tightness in the second period as another Turuska brace and breakaway strikes from Ogbee, Christie and Inta helped them open up a six-goal advantage.

The Hawks switched their goalkeepers around but could not prevent Coulson - claiming her third and an Inta penalty shot before debutant Lou Mierthing was on the scorelines from the wing.

Inta rounded up her 11th goal in a brilliant match-winning haul. Acres stretched the lead before Turuska's double, Mierthing and Christie rounded things off.



Newcastle Vikings' ladies squad in all smiles after coming from behind to beat Manchester Hawks in the English Regional Handball League

April 2016

## Vikings warm up for Cup tie with a fine win

### HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' women's team finished their England Handball North Regional Development League season in style with a 30-12 home win over Leeds Carnegie at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

The impressive victory sets the Vikings up well for this weekend's England Handball League Cup semi-final clash against champions London GD II - who beat Newcastle in last season's final.

Newcastle Vikings' men's team ended their England Handball North Regional Development League season on a losing note.

They were narrowly beaten 23-22 by Liverpool Speke Garston.

Half-player Stephan Stricker led the way for the Vikings in scoring eight goals - but four two-minute suspensions proved their downfall.

20 June  
2016



All the teams who took part in the Tyneside Handball Tournament

# Tournament title stays in the hands of Vikings

### HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' ladies reclaimed their Tyneside Handball Tournament crown as the University of Strathclyde won the men's competition in a fast-paced day of action.

Hosted by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, the annual tournament - now in its third year - was staged at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

It welcomed men's and women's teams from across northern England and Scotland competing in group stages, play-offs and finals.

Newcastle Vikings' men took on the newly-established Sunderland side, combined teams from York Hunters-Durham University and Edinburgh-Newcastle, the University of Strathclyde and reigning two-time champions Glasgow.

The Vikings' women were up against Durham University, the University of Leeds and Edinburgh.

Edinburgh's draw with Durham University in the last of the women's group-stage fixtures saw them win through to the final on goal difference.

Durham had to settle for third place ahead of the University of Leeds.

However, Newcastle's ladies were too strong for Edinburgh in the final as they ran out 17-10 winners in the highest-scoring match of the day.

Vikings' half-player Alina Inta claimed the tournament top-scorer prize with 13 goals.

A feisty derby play-off encounter saw Sunderland beat Newcastle 9-7 for third place to gain revenge for the

Vikings' group-stage victory, while the Edinburgh-Newcastle team overcame York Hunters-Durham University 6-5 in the fifth-place decider.

Glasgow's men had gone through the group stages unbeaten and seemed set for their third Tyneside win in a row.

However, an evenly-matched final saw their Scottish student neighbours hold them to a sudden-death penalty shoot-out to decide the title for the second year.

This time, however, Glasgow were to be denied as the University of Strathclyde goalkeeper's second save gave them a 6-5 shoot-out victory.

Strathclyde's Chris Mowat and Glasgow's Yohann Gloaguen were the clear top-scorers in the men's competition for the second year running with 26 and 21 goals respectively.

**MEN'S RESULTS:** York Hunters 6 Newcastle Vikings 9, Edinburgh 1 Sunderland 5, Glasgow 9 Uni of Strathclyde 7, Sunderland 10 York Hunters 8, Newcastle Vikings 6 Glasgow 10, Uni of Strathclyde 14 Edinburgh 6 York Hunters 4 Glasgow 7, Edinburgh 4 Newcastle Vikings 12, Sunderland 5 Uni of Strathclyde 9, Newcastle Vikings 5 Sunderland 4, Uni of Strathclyde 11 York Hunters 5, Edinburgh 11 Glasgow 11, Uni of Strathclyde 12 Newcastle Vikings 6, York Hunters 4 Edinburgh 5, Glasgow 8 Sunderland 3.

**WOMEN'S RESULTS:** Edinburgh 3 Newcastle Vikings 5, Durham University 7 Leeds University 7, Leeds University 3 Edinburgh 9, Newcastle Vikings 4 Durham University 7, Leeds University 2 Newcastle Vikings 8, Durham University 8 Edinburgh 8.

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The victorious Newcastle Vikings' ladies squad which retained its title



Ladies' action from the tournament

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Newcastle Vikings' women's and men's squads who competed in Dorset



# Vikings have a hand in contest beside the sea

NEWCASTLE Vikings Handball Club's men and women competed in the fourth British Beach Handball Championships in Poole, Dorset. The Vikings' women were returning for their second year while a combined Sunderland and Newcastle men's team also ventured south to compete together as the fantastically-named Sandcastles United.

Action-packed and fast-paced, beach handball is played on a smaller court than indoor handball with only four players on court at any one time and continuous rolling substitutions.

The 13-team women's competition got underway with Newcastle's women taking on Cambridge in group two, the Vikings narrowly losing the first half 6-5 and the second 10-6 for a 2-0 defeat.

They picked up their game to win their next match against Reading Lions, victorious 2-1 in a penalty shoot-out after winning the first half 8-3 and unluckily losing the second half 12-10.

However, their final group game against a strong Oxford Blues team resulted in another 2-0 loss as they went down 19-14, 13-8.

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The Vikings finished third in their group on two points, behind Oxford (six) and Cambridge (five).

The men's group one matches began with a tough start for Sandcastles United as they lost the first half heavily against Ruslip West London Eagles 21-10 - but they fought hard in a much closer 13-14 second half.

Having started to get to grips with the tactics of the beach game, they then surpassed expectations to narrowly win their second match 2-0 over champions Brighton Firsts, claiming the first half 12-11 with a golden goal and then 13-11 in the second period.

Sandcastles then won both of their final group matches in penalty shoot-outs after the half-winning points were shared.

A big 23-12 first half win over Southampton was levelled by a 13-10 second-half defeat before they came back to prevail 6-5 in the shoot-out.

Their Coventry match was also drawn 14-13, 15-7 before winning the deciding shoot-out 5-3 as Sandcastles finished the group on six points.

The second day of action saw an early start for the Vikings' women, drawn to play a Cup qualifier match against London's Olympia.

However, a 13-7, 12-11 defeat meant they dropped into the second-tier plate competition.

Newcastle then scored their first 2-0 match victory in the quarter-final against home-town favourites Poole Phoenix runners 8-5, 19-7.

However, they then came up against Oxford Blues again in the semi-final, narrowly losing the first half 13-12 and then 15-6 in the second half as injuries and tiredness took their toll.

The Sandcastles men went into their Cup quarter-final with a further depleted team of just five players - so it was always going to be an uphill struggle as they were also knocked out by Oxford Blues 18-10 20-15.

The men's tournament was ultimately won by guest Dutch team Hiekka Hauskaa as London GD retained the women's cup against Poole Phoenix II.

Brighton beat London GD in the men's plate final while Oxford Blues went on to win the women's plate.



Newcastle Vikings' men (and below) and (bottom) women in beach action



Newcastle Vikings (black strip) in action against neighbours Sunderland

# Vikings hand out a defeat in derby

NEWCASTLE Vikings Handball Club's men made a winning start to the new England Handball North Regional Development League season.

They fought back from going behind in a tense derby encounter to snatch a 16-13 home victory as Sunderland's goalkeeper saw red in the final minutes.

The match at the Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields was the first time the two North East sides had met in a competitive league game, having only previous played each other in friendly tournaments.

Sunderland made a flying start as centre Dimitrios Pappas fired them in front inside the first minute - but the Vikings soon pulled back through captain David Topacho.

The two sides then continued to trade blows throughout an evenly-

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matched first half in which both sides struggled with their shooting accuracy against solid defences and good saves by both goalkeepers.

Goals from former Newcastle wingers Jack Woods and Wiktor Laczny plus a Pappas hat-trick just kept Sunderland in front.

Topacho also picked up another three interspersed by goals from centre Mohammed Ghuloum and line-player Craig Swanson's brace.

Ghuloum levelled again as the interval beckoned before another former Vikings player Athbi Almarzouq nudged Sunderland 9-8 in front just before the break.

With the momentum in the away team's favour, Pappas extended Sunderland's advantage at the start of the second period with another

hat-trick of goals before captain Woods picked up his fourth.

However, centre Vlad Cocos' strike, a breakaway goal from winger Matthew Lamb and a Ghuloum double ensured Newcastle always stayed in touch.

Stand-in Vikings goalkeeper Jonathan Bastit's long throw then enabled winger Kole Viejo-Caballero to level the game.

That set the tone for a tense finale as Sunderland began to tire, Viejo-Caballero soon grabbing his second to edge Newcastle in front for the first time in the match.

With two minutes to go Sunderland goalkeeper Gracjan Joppek committed a cynical foul outside the area and was sent off.

Captain Topacho promptly fired in the consequent penalty strike before Ghuloum scored again to seal a well-fought comeback victory for the Vikings.

# Vikings just miss a place in top three

27 October 2016

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NEWCASTLE Vikings' men finished in fourth spot in the annual Edinburgh International Tournament.

A slow start saw them go down 10-2 in their first group game to London's Olympia before then drawing 5-5 in the second match against hosts Edinburgh.

However, the Vikings grew into the tournament by beating Dublin International 8-6 to advance to the next stage of the competition, where they faced Strathclyde-Glasgow University in the quarter-finals.

With the pace of the game becoming even quicker in the knockout stages, Newcastle pulled out an early lead thanks in part to the heroics of goalkeeper Daniel Walsh - who kept them in the game and helped ensure the Vikings held out for a 6-4 victory.

The semi-final saw Newcastle face fellow group team Dublin again.

Much like the Vikings, Dublin had also had a slow start to the tournament but grew into it - becoming stronger and stronger.

In the end they were too good for a Vikings side which had the least amount of players in Edinburgh and fatigue began to set in despite them putting up a good fight. The final score was 10-5 to Dublin.

The defeat to the Irish side meant Newcastle would face the hosts Edinburgh for the second time in the third and fourth-place play-off.

The game started off at a fast pace, Edinburgh taking an early lead before the Vikings pull back goals.

However, the hosts then pulled away for a 12-4 success.

NEWCASTLE VIKINGS: Daniel Walsh (GK), Holger Schulz, Florencio Yole Viejo-Cabellero, Peter Schichtel, Adam Moberley, Matthew Lamb, Thomas Harrison, Daniel Leil.

■ IT was a tough opening to the England Handball North Regional Development League season for Newcastle



The Vikings' men's squad

Vikings' women as they suffered a frustrating 16-34 defeat at Merseyside club Peninsula in Warrington.

The hosts opened out an early lead as the Vikings sought to find their feet and cope with their offensive moves, half-player Judyta Turulska's double eventually getting Newcastle on the scoresheet.

A quick-fire treble from centre Rebecka Östergren and fellow back-court player Alina Inta briefly closed the gap to four to give the Vikings hope of an unlikely comeback.

However, despite further goals from Turulska, Östergren and line-player Maren Liane, the Vikings continued to struggle to break through the well-drilled home defence line and by half-time Peninsula's more clinical shooting accuracy had gained them a 16-8 advantage.

The second half continued in a similar vein, Inta dominating the Vikings' scoring with a further six strikes including two from the penalty line interspersed by goals from Östergren and captain Sandra Christke.

However, as Newcastle began to tire the home side, exploited several breakaway plays to secure victory.

4 November 2016



Newcastle Vikings (in black) lost 25-23 to Leeds in their England Handball North Regional Development League match at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

## Leeds hand out a shock defeat as Vikings fail to hold on to a lead

NEWCASTLE Vikings' men team let slip a five-goal advantage as Leeds Carnegie came back to snatch a 23-25 win in the England Handball North Regional Development League match at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

In a closely fought encounter, Vikings' captain David Topacho opened the scoring, soon followed by goals from fellow back-court players Mohammed Ghuloum, James Porter, Topacho's second, Johannes Bellm and a Stephan Stricker brace.

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However, the Leeds side levelled things up at 7-7 before the teams traded goals for a while, winger Thomas Harrison's neat job of the goalkeeper on the break and centre Ghuloum's double keeping Newcastle just in front before Carnegie nudged ahead themselves.

Half players Porter, Topacho and Stricker helped pull Newcastle back as the scores were tied 13-13 at the

interval. The Vikings' captain again led the way at the start of the second half as the home side opened out a seemingly decisive five-goal lead.

Topacho's hat-trick, one from line-player Craig Swanson and another two from Ghuloum and Bellm's second from the back court were complemented by good saves at the other end by Newcastle goalkeepers Daniel Walsh and Mark Harrison.

However, Leeds gradually clawed their way back as Newcastle began to falter.

Following further strikes from Stricker and Topacho, Carnegie levelled the game at 22-22 with just minutes to go.

The away side then grabbed three quick goals as the Vikings' frustrations showed.

Winger Matthew Lamb's breakaway effort on the final whistle proved a mere consolation.

NEWCASTLE VIKINGS: Daniel Walsh (GK), Mark Harrison (GK), Florencio Yole Viejo-Cabellero, Vlad Cozoc, Craig Swanson (11 goals), Matthew Lamb (1), Mohammed Ghuloum (6), Liam Moberley, James Porter (2), Thomas Harrison (1), Johannes Bellm (2), David Topacho (7), Holger Schulz, Stephan Stricker (4).

23 November 2016

## Vikings handed a double defeat - but girls only just fall short

NEWCASTLE Vikings men's and women's teams suffered contrasting defeats to Leeds University in their latest England North Regional Development League fixtures in Bradford.

The Vikings' women battled all the way before losing by just one goal 23-22 - but the men's team fell to a heavy 31-18 defeat.

Newcastle's ladies took an early

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lead through half Judyta Turulska, soon followed by goals from fellow back-court players Rebecka Östergren and Alina Inta.

However, the Leeds students pulled back to 6-6 midway through the half before taking the lead themselves.

Further strikes from Turulska, Östergren, Inta and captain Sandra Christke, together with fine goalkeeping including a diving penalty save from Andrea King, helped keep the Vikings in the game before Inta's penalty strike levelled things up 11-11 at half-time.

Östergren's quick-fire hat-trick and Blessing Ogbee's goal from the right-wing put Newcastle in the

ascendancy again at the start of the second period.

Inta added two more penalties, while centre Östergren had notched up eight goals for the game before injury forced her off.

The Vikings had just six players for the closing minutes and were unable to prevent Leeds claiming victory despite a last-minute strike from Krystina Coulson.

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2016



Newcastle Vikings' women's team (in black) on their way to victory against Manchester

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# Vikings court success with league win treble

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NEWCASTLE Vikings' men's and women's teams both claimed impressive England Handball North Regional Development League victories at Manchester.

Playing at the National Cycling Centre on a court in the middle of the former Commonwealth Games velodrome, captain David Topacho quickly got the Vikings ball rolling, soon followed by goals from line player Holger Schulz and half Stephen Stricker as Newcastle opened up an early lead.

Manchester levelled before winger Matthew Lamb and back-court players Mohammed Ghuloum and Peter Schichtel added their names to the Vikings' scoresheet.

Topacho and Ghuloum then each claimed further strikes to give Newcastle a 9-3 half-time advantage.

Lamb, Ghuloum and Schichtel's braces extended Newcastle's lead in the second half as Manchester briefly threatened a comeback.

However, with the defence line remaining firm, further goals from Stricker, Schulz, Topacho, Ghuloum and Schichtel sealed the 18-12 success for the Vikings men.

The women then took centre stage and Newcastle raced into an early lead through half-players Jody Turulska (2) and Alina Iita and a Maren Lane hat-trick.

Captain Sandra Christie added a brace from the line position. Iita and Turulska each netting twice more and Christie adding her third,

while a solid defensive performance and good saves from goalkeeper Andrea King restricted the home side to just five first-half goals at the other end - 13-5 the interval scoreline.

It was Manchester who came out more determined immediately after the break with four quick goals before centre Rebecca Ostergen and Lane's double helped to settle the Vikings' nerves.

Iita fired in three more either side of two Lane penalties. Turulska re-found the net with another brace, Ostergen and Christie then rounding off a 25-16 result to give Newcastle's women a welcome first victory over Manchester.

They followed up that success

with a powerful display to thrash Leeds Carnegie 26-10 at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre and make it two wins in two days.

Christie was on fire from the start as her four quick strikes from the line position and half Jody Turulska's brace opened out a commanding lead for the Vikings in their second England Handball North Regional Development League match of the weekend.

Goalkeeper King pulled off several good one-on-one saves, Maren Lane scored from the right wing, Iita and Ostergen each added doubles and Turulska scored her third to give the home side a 12-7 half-time advantage.

The Vikings' defensive solidity

was more impressive in the second period, restricting the Leeds Beckett University side to just three goals.

Ostergen powered in three of her own from the line position while Turulska scored from centre and Iita claimed a brace before Ostergen reverted to centre and shot in another three.

King made a diving penalty save to thwart the Carnegie goalkeeper's effort before having a penalty goal of her own disallowed while Turulska, Iita and Christie each scored again.

Youngster Rebecca Johnson then fired in a long-range cracker to mark her Vikings' league debut in style and Turulska rounded off Newcastle's 26-10 victory.



Newcastle Vikings' men's and women's squads celebrate their victories in Manchester

7 December  
2016



The Newcastle Vikings (in black) and Sunderland squads after their league clash at Sunderland College

# Vikings hand out a derby drubbing

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NEWCASTLE Vikings' men beat Sunderland 35-27 in a pulsating England Handball North Regional Development League match at Sunderland College to make it a derby double following their 16-13 home win at the start of the season.

Centre Peter Schichtel set the ball rolling in the first minute, soon followed by goals from half David Topacho and wingers Matthew Lamb and Adam Moberley before Schichtel added his second.

Great Britain under-21 winger Niall Flanagan, returning for his first Vikings appearance of the season after international duty, came on to grab a quick-fire hat-trick - soon adding his fourth on a fast break after braces from Lamb and Topacho.

Kole Viejo-Cabellero put his name on the scoresheet from the wing before Mohammed Ghuloum struck twice from the back



Action from the derby clash

court either side of further goals from Moberley on the line and Lamb as Newcastle took an 18-13 advantage into the half-time break.

Ex-Viking Wiktor Laczny had scored nine of the home team's goals.

Topacho, Lamb and Schichtel combined to extend Newcastle's lead early in the second half, Stephen Stricker's back-court hat-trick split only by a cheeky throw-

in goal past the goalkeeper from fellow half Jonathan Bastit.

Charis Perros and Laczny tried their best to claw Sunderland back into the game, scoring six and five goals apiece from the back court.

However, their tiring defence struggled to contain the Vikings as wingers Flanagan, Viejo-Cabellero, Lamb and Moberley all took advantage on the break, half-players Bastit and Topacho adding further doubles to seal the victory.

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Newcastle Vikings' ladies' team on their way to victory (left) and right) action from the men's clash - the Vikings are in the black strip

# Vikings' girls prove the Leed-ing lights!

NEWCASTLE Vikings Handball Club's women's team went into 2017 on a high after a convincing 29-3 victory at Leeds Carnegie in the England North Regional Development League.

However, the club's men's squad went down to a 19-27 defeat to table-topping Leeds Beckett University.

The women's match saw the Leeds students take an early lead before Maren Liane's brace from the right-half position put the Vikings ahead - and from there the Tyne-siders never looked back.

Captain Sandra Christie on the line, left-winger Blessing Ogbee, centre Rebecca Ostergren and left-half Judyta Turuliska all added their names to the scoresheet while goalkeeper Andrea King denied Carnegie a penalty shot before they missed another.

Ogbee's second was quickly followed by three more from Christie, further efforts from Ostergren and Liane and then a brilliant hat-trick of flying wing strikes from an on-fire Ogbee as the Leeds side struggled to contain the Vikings' attacking plays.

Turuliska, Liane and Christie rounded off the first half's scoring as the Vikings went into the break with a big 18-5 lead.

Turuliska's hat-trick of goals soon extended Newcastle's advantage at the start of the second half.

However, while the defence line remained solid, in taking the opportunity to experiment with positional changes the Vikings seemed to lose some of their attacking flow and shooting accuracy.

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Ostergren nevertheless picked up three from the line position, split only by Ogbee's sixth in arguably her best game for the Vikings.

Turuliska notched her sixth from centre while Liane added another before going off injured - leaving Newcastle short-handed for the final minutes of the game.

However, it did not prevent Ostergren and Turuliska adding to their tallies as the ladies gained their biggest win of the season so far.

In the men's game, both teams traded goals throughout a fairly

even first half. Captain David Topacho again led the way for Newcastle with early goals either side of a brace from centre Mohammed Ghuloum.

Right-half Jonathan Bastir's effort was followed by another Ghuloum brace while strikes from fellow back-court players Stephan Stricker and Topacho were interspersed by goals from wingers Niall Flanagan and Matthew Lamb.

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Leeds nevertheless just edged the scoring 13-12 at the break. However, the second period turned out to be a more frustrating affair for the Vikings as they struggled to take their opportunities to

keep pace with Carnegie's scoring at the other end.

Craig Swanson scored from the line position, Stricker and Lamb picked up their second goals while Ghuloum and Topacho added their fifth strikes before late finishes from wingers Flanagan and Adam Moberley. However, the home side ran out clear winners in the end.

Both Vikings teams sit in second place in their league tables.

NEWCASTLE: (1) Blessing Ogbee, (2) Sandra Christie, (3) Judyta Turuliska, (4) Maren Liane, (5) Rebecca Ostergren, (6) Andrea King, (7) Sandra Christie, (8) Maren Liane, (9) Blessing Ogbee, (10) Judyta Turuliska, (11) Rebecca Ostergren, (12) Andrea King. LEEDS: (1) David Topacho, (2) Niall Flanagan, (3) Jonathan Bastir, (4) Stephan Stricker, (5) Matthew Lamb, (6) Craig Swanson, (7) Adam Moberley, (8) David Topacho, (9) Maren Liane, (10) Rebecca Ostergren, (11) Judyta Turuliska, (12) Blessing Ogbee.



Newcastle Vikings' ladies' team after their victory at Leeds Carnegie

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Action from the Vikings' clash with Peninsula - the Vikings are in the black shorts

# Vikings so close to a shock win

NEWCASTLE Vikings' women's team came within just one goal of causing an upset in their top-of-the-table England Handball North Regional Development League match against a strong Peninsula side, losing 20-19.

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However, the Vikings' second-half scoring was dominated by another five strikes from Turuliska - fellow back-court player Inta firing in four more of her own including one from the penalty line.

A busy day of handball at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre began with under-16 Tyne and Wear trials.

Twenty girls and eight boys selected following last month's Handball Schools Festival turned up for the first round of trials in front of a large crowd of family supporters, the second round due to take place on Sunday, February 12 ahead of the Vikings' home matches against Liverpool and Liverpool Speke Garston.

Newcastle's ladies took an early lead in the following league match, the opener appropriately scored by captain Sandra Christie on her birthday.

Right-half Alina Inta's powerful shot from the back court and Maren Liane's penalty strike then preceded left-half Judyta Turuliska's landmark 15th Vikings league and cup goal.

Their opponents from Merseyside's Wirral peninsula nevertheless levelled the scores before edging in front.

In a competitive match in which there were never more than two goals between the sides, Newcastle continued to peg back Peninsula through goals from Inta, winger Krysztina Coulson, line-player Liane's second penalty and centre Christie's brace before the away side went

in 11-9 up at half-time. Winger Blessing Ogbee added her name to the scoresheet.

At the other end a gutsy all-round defensive performance coupled with fine saves from goalkeeper Andrea King continued to thwart Peninsula's pacy attacking plays, King also saving two penalty shots.

However, as Newcastle again fought back to try to level the scores in the final minutes it was Peninsula's defence which stayed solid and just managed to keep the Vikings at bay.

The day culminated with a series of North East friendly league men's matches.

With Sunderland unable to field a team, it was left to Newcastle Vikings, Durham University and York Hunters to take each other on in the second round of the mini league.

Newcastle opened with a 14-9 win over York before slipping to an 11-16 defeat to Durham, York then overcoming the student side 10-7.

In the repeat fixtures the Vikings beat the Hunters 8-7 before Durham triumphed 11-7 over Newcastle and 10-9 against York.

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All the under-13 and under-15 girls' teams who look part in the first Tyne and Wear Handball Schools Festival at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields



Action (and below) from the Tyne and Wear Handball Schools Festival

# Pupils try their hand at a new sport on court

THE first Tyne and Wear Handball Schools Festival proved a huge success.

Hosted by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club in association with Marlen's Handball Coaching, and funded through Tyne and Wear Sport's satellite club grant award, the tournament was played at the Vikings' home match venue Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields. More than 150 under-13 and Under-15 girls and boys took part.

Mortimer Community College and St Wilfrid's RC College made it a victorious double for South Shields schools in the girls' competitions. Mortimer won all three of their matches over Walbottle Campus (2-1), Whitley Bay High School (4-1), and Churchill Community College (3-1) to take the under-15 title.

In the under-13s St Wilfrid's girls beat Mortimer (2-1), Oxclose Community Academy (2-0) and Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (4-0)

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before drawing with Churchill (0-0). In the boys' competitions both Newcastle's Walbottle Campus One (under-15s) and Gateshead's Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (under-13s) also went undefeated.

Walbottle's first team defeated Churchill Community College (5-0), their schoolmates Walbottle Campus 2 (3-1) and Whitley Bay High School (3-2) before sealing victory in a last-match decider against Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (3-2).

Lord Lawson took the under-13 title in impressive style without conceding a goal in beating Walbottle (3-0), Mortimer Community College (5-0), Churchill (3-0) and Oxclose Community Academy (2-0).

The winning teams were each presented with an England Handball Association bag of a dozen handballs while the best players from each of

the competitions received a Newcastle Vikings Handball Club T-shirt. All the children who took part also received a Vikings wristband.

Scouting of the best talent from the under-15s competitions also saw 20 girls and 20 boys selected to take part in Tyne and Wear county handball trials.

The first round of trials took place at Temple Park Leisure Centre today ahead of the Newcastle Vikings ladies' home league match against Merseyside club Peninsula and the second round of the North East men's and women's friendly league competitions between Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham and York.

Anyone wishing to join the Vikings should go along to junior training sessions on Mondays (7.30pm-9.30pm) at Temple Park Leisure Centre or Wednesdays (7pm-9pm) at Hedleys Sport in Killingworth.

Go to [www.newcastlehandball.co.uk](http://www.newcastlehandball.co.uk) for more details.



St Wilfrid's RC College were under-13 girls' winners



Under-15 girls' champions Mortimer Community College



Lord Lawson of Beamish were under-13 boys' winners



Walbottle Campus were under-15 boys' winners



All the under-13 and under-15 boys' teams at Temple Park

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Newcastle Vikings' men (dark strip) on the attack against Manchester



Action from the Vikings' ladies clash against Manchester with the Vikings in the dark strip

# Point is, two setbacks for Vikings are so frustrating

NEWCASTLE Vikings' men and women's teams succumbed to agonising one-goal defeats at home to Manchester in England Handball North Regional Development League matches at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

It was the second consecutive single-goal league loss in a row for the Vikings' ladies in another close-fought game which never saw either side manage to open up more than a two-goal advantage throughout.

Manchester found the back of the net first before captain Sandra Christie's clever flick from the edge of the goal area and strikes from wingers Blessing Ogbee and Meghan Acres edged Newcastle in front.

Centre Maren Liane fired in from the penalty line and winger Krystina Coulson and half-backs Judyta Turulska and Alina Inta each added their names to the scoresheet before Liane's second put the Vikings ahead 7-3 just before half-time.

However, Manchester quickly retook control at the start of the second half as a somewhat subdued Newcastle seemed to struggle to get into their flow.

Three back-court goals apiece from Turulska and Liane, coupled with shuttling defensive play, nevertheless ensured they kept in touch.

However, Manchester regained the lead in the closing minutes. Ogbee's second against her former club came just too late to give the Vikings time to search for another leveller as

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the away side just held on for a 16-15 win. The following men's match was a similarly close and low-scoring encounter.

Captain David Topacho both opened and closed Newcastle's first-half scoring from half-back, fellow back-court players Mohammed Ghuloum and Johannes Bellm plus wingers Adam Mobberley and Matthew Lamb all finding the back of the Manchester net in between.

However, the away side went into the half-time break with a 7-6 advantage.

Bellm added two more early in the second period either side of Lamb's second and a strike from half-back Stephan Stricker, further back-court efforts coming from Topacho's brace and Ghuloum.

Thomas Harrison levelled the scores from the wing again but as the Vikings pushed on the attack Manchester took advantage on the breaks to open their lead again.

Late strikes from Topacho and Ghuloum were not enough to prevent another frustrating result for the Vikings men - 17-16 the final score.

**NEWCASTLE** (17) MOHAMMED GHULOUM, ANDREA KING (16), MAREN LIANE, JUDYTA TURULSKA (8 goals), KRISTINA COULSON (1), WENDY LANE (1), ALINA INTA (1), SANDRA CHRISTIE (1), BETHA CAULFIELD (1), KRISTINA COULSON (1), LARSEN WELLS (10), MARK HARRISON (10), ROMANA WELLS-CARLINA, MOHAMMED GHULOUM (1) goals. **MANCHESTER** (16) ADAM MOBBERLEY (1), THOMAS HARRISON (1), STEPHAN STRICKER (1), HILGER SCHULZ, JOHANNES BELLM (2)

22 February 2017

# No Mersey shown by the in-form Vikings

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NEWCASTLE Vikings' men ran out 24-11 home victors over Liverpool Speke Garston in the England Handball North Regional Development League - but the club's ladies were unlucky to fall to their third consecutive single-goal defeat. A busy day of handball action at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre began with the second round of the under-16 Tyne and Wear trials - 22 girls and 11 boys put through their paces as they push for selection for the first county junior teams.

The Vikings' and Liverpool's women then took to the court for their first league meeting of the season.

The visitors grabbed an early lead before centre Maren Liane fired in a cracking brace to level things up and captain Sandra Christie struck a quick hat-trick from the line position.

The teams continued to trade goals with goalkeeper Andrea King denying Liverpool opening up a lead with several big saves.

Left-half Judyta Turulska scored a double of her own either side of Liane's penalty before Meghan Acres' left-wing shot just sneaked under the keeper's foot to give Newcastle a 9-8 half-time advantage.

The Merseysiders regained the lead early in the second half but Christie's brace soon levelled matters again, clocking up her 150th Vikings league and cup goal in the process.

Newcastle fought well together in defence to keep the pacy Liverpool attacking plays at bay, King continuing to pull off good saves.

At the other end of the court Liane's second penalty was soon followed by strikes from wingers Blessing Ogbee and Acres and half-back Alina Inta to keep the Vikings in touch.



The triumphant Newcastle Vikings' men's team and (below) action from their league clash with Liverpool Speke Garston



The away side nevertheless managed to open up a two-goal lead going into the final minutes but despite Kristina Coulson's late left-wing brace the Vikings fell agonisingly short - the final score 18-17.

The men's match was a low-scoring slow starter dominated by solid defences, just 2-2 on the scoreboard

after the first 15 minutes with Newcastle's goals coming from centre Mohammed Ghuloum and winger Matthew Lamb.

Ghuloum fired in from the penalty line and Stephan Stricker struck low from the back-court before the Vikings started to assert dominance through winger Niall Flanagan's fly-

ing treble, split only by Ghuloum's third.

Right-half Johannes Bellm and winger Kole Viejo-Cabellero rounded off the first-half scoring as the Vikings took a 10-5 lead into the half-time break.

A further brace from Flanagan got the second half underway, soon followed by another Ghuloum penalty.

Newcastle were increasingly breaking through the tiring Liverpool defence line.

Vlad Cocos fired in twice and then again after Stricker and captain David Topacho had also exploited the gaps.

Ghuloum scored his fifth and Stricker added another, while Lamb's pace on the fast-breaks gained him a further brace.

Bellm and Stricker rounded off a much-improved team performance for the Vikings' men and a welcome runaway home victory.

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Newcastle Vikings' men's and women's teams who took part in the North East Handball League clashes in York

## Lion tamers end Vikings' Cup dreams

### HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings' men's and women's teams were both knocked out of the England Handball League Cup at Reading Lions.

It was always going to be tough for two depleted makeshift Vikings teams, several players having to play out of their usual positions.

The men's semi-final was first up and the Vikings initially kept pace with the bigger more powerful Lions side thanks to right-half Johannes Belim's early brace and one from Matthew Lamb playing in the unfamiliar centre position.

A strong defensive display and good block saves from goalkeeper Mark Harrison between the posts helped keep Reading at bay.

Belim continued to lead the way at the other end of the court, line-players Holger Schulz and Craig Swanson also on target.

However, Reading at half-time had a 16-9 advantage.

The home side continued to stretch out their lead in the second period while Belim's back-court shooting took his personal match tally to 10 for the Vikings.

Lamb also scored twice more on the break and Swanson added a late double from the line position.

However, it was an unexpected goal midway through the half from usual goalkeeper Daniel Walsh, playing on the left-wing for the first time, which brought the biggest cheers from the Vikings' players and supporters.

Despite fighting all the way, Newcastle were unable to tame the Lions as Reading progressed through to the final 32-18.

Reading's Lionesses took an early lead in the subsequent women's League Cup quarter-final contest before two acute-angle Eiman ElBanhawy goals from the right-wing and a Sandra Christke strike from the line position soon pulled Newcastle level.

Blessing Ogbee, playing back-court for the first time, then fired into the top corner from right-half to unexpectedly put the Vikings' ladies in front - but Reading's accurate back-court shooting and fast breaks helped them re-take the lead.

Maren Liane struck back for Newcastle with a hat-trick before Ogbee and captain Christke each scored their second goals to round off the first half.

The second period was a lower-scoring affair.

Liane notched a further two, either side of a welcome first Vikings' goal from Malin Wallie.

However, they were unable to keep pace with the Lionesses despite a goal from goalkeeper Andrea King and went down 22-14.

games, first winning 10-1 and then 11-1 in the second match.

In between, Newcastle's men overcame the University of York 8-6 and Sunderland/Durham triumphed 7-4 against York Hunters.

The final matches saw the Vikings' men run out 8-4 victors over Sunderland/Durham before York

Hunters rounded off a successful day of action by being 6-1 winners against their city's university students.

With three points for a win, two for a draw and one for a defeat, and the scores being aggregated across all four rounds of matches, there is still all to play for in the last round of league matches in Durham in April.

## All to play for on final weekend as squads court league title glory

THE third round of the North East Handball League took place at York St John's University as part of York Hunters Handball Club's first festival.

The hosts opened on a winning note by defeating Newcastle Vikings men 6-5, a combined Sunderland/Durham University men's team then beating the University of York 8-3.

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Next up was the first of two women's matches between the Newcastle Vikings Ladies (featuring guest Sunderland and York Hunters players) and the University of York. The Vikings' team dominated both

## Vikings end campaign with defeat

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### HANDBALL

NEWCASTLE Vikings Ladies' England North Regional Development League season ended with a 21-14 loss to the unbeaten Liverpool Ladies at the Greenbank Academy.

The hosts made a quick start, opening up an early three-goal lead before Blessing Ogbee's near-post strike from the left wing got the Vikings' ball rolling.

Newcastle closed the gap to two through goals from right-half Alina Inta and captain Sandra Christke from the line position.

However, despite determined defending at the other end of the court and the best efforts of Andrea King between the posts, they were unable to withhold several decisive Liverpool attacks on the fast-break.

Liverpool's goalkeeper, meanwhile, continued to pull off a series of great saves to frustrate the Vikings' shots, two Inta penalties the only other breakthroughs in the first half.

It was 9-5 to the home side at the break.

Liverpool extended their advantage further at the start of the second half but the scoring was more evenly matched thereafter.

Left-half Judyta Turuska finally found her way through the stubborn Merseyside team's defence, line-player Christke picking up a brace either side of another Ogbee goal.

Inta then scored four on the trot, including three consecutive delightful hits over the Liverpool goalkeeper.

Yet however much the Vikings fought they were unable close the gap.

Turuska's second rounded off Newcastle's scoring.



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# County squads battle for Games glory at Temple Park

All the girls' teams who took part in the Tyne and Wear Handball School Games County Finals at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields



## Pupils prove a dab hand on the court



Court action from one of the girls' matches

THE Tyne and Wear Handball School Games County Finals were held at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

Biddick Academy and Ouseburn Community Academy from Washington claimed the under-15 girls' and boys' honours respectively.

South Tyneside's St Wilfrids RC College triumphed in the under-13 girls' competition and North Tyneside's Churchhill Community College won the under-13 boys' championship.

Hosted by Tyne and Wear Sport, Newcastle Vikings Handball Club and Newcastle Handball Club, the tournament featured more than 150 under-15 and under-13 girls and boys from schools representing each of the five Tyne and Wear districts.

### SCHOOLS HANDBALL SPECIAL

South Shields' St Wilfrids RC College Under-15s impressively went unbeaten in the girls' competition while only conceding a single goal.

They opened with a win over Willowood's Churchhill Community College (6-0) before defeating Goshead's Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (3-0), Newcastle's Gosforth Central Middle School (3-0) and Sunderland's Kippax School (3-1).

Meanwhile, in the under-13 tournament, Washington's Biddick Academy girls just scratched the title on goal difference from Gosforth Academy as their first game, against

Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (4-1) and drawing with Gosforth Academy (3-2) and St Wilfrids RC College (3-2) before defeating Churchhill Community College (4-1) in the crucial decider.

In the boys' competitions Churchhill Community College took the under-13 title for South Tyneside, drawing with Gosforth Central Middle School (9-9) and Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (1-1), before defeating Ouseburn Community Academy (3-0) and St Wilfrids RC College (2-1).

Sunderland's Ouseburn Community Academy's boys were victorious at under-13 level, dominant in only conceding one goal while picking up three good victories over Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy (4-1), St Wilfrids RC

College (1-0) and Churchhill Community College (4-0) - only Gosforth Academy holding them to a draw (0-0).

The top three sides in each competition were presented with their gold, silver and bronze medals by Tyne and Wear Sports School Games Co-ordinator Claire Lee.

The winning teams will progress to the Regional County School Games Handball Championships at Temple Park next week.

The boys and girls wishing to play handball, Newcastle Vikings hold junior training sessions on Monday evenings (7.30-8.30) at Temple Park Leisure Centre and on Wednesday evenings (7.00-8.00) at Hedley's Sport in Killingworth. Go to [www.newcastlehandball.co.uk](http://www.newcastlehandball.co.uk) for more details.

All the boys' teams who took part in the Tyne and Wear Handball School Games County Finals



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Pictured tri-cornerwise from top left are the girls' under-13 and under-15 medalists and the boys' under-15 and under-13 medalists



## Trials show off sport's future stars



Junior handballers who took part in the Tyne and Wear Junior Trials

JUNIOR handballers took the spotlight at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

More than 30 girls and boys gathered for the third round of the Tyne and Wear County Handball Trials - all vying to be selected for a place in the first under-16 county teams.

They were followed by a mini-tournament of mixed five-a-side matches between some of Newcastle Vikings' junior players.

The Purples opened with 3-0 and 4-1 wins over the Reds and Greens respectively before the Reds defeated the Greens 1-0.

The Reds and Purples then drew 4-4 before the Purples triumphed 5-2 over the Greens and the Greens then overcame the Reds 2-1.

The undefeated Purples won the competition with 11 points, ahead of the Reddies on

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seven and the Greens, who ended up six.

The day's action was rounded off by a friendly match between the Newcastle and Edinburgh women's teams.

With the Vikings fielding a few less experienced players - including giving two of their juniors a run out in the senior side - Edinburgh were able to open out an advantage right from the start.

Newcastle fought back and by half-time were only 8-6 behind.

However, they were unable to withstand Edinburgh's greater experience and powerful shooting as the Scottish side eventually prevailed 23-11 at the final whistle.



Newcastle Vikings Ladies (dark strip) and Edinburgh who took part in a friendly handball match at Temple Park Leisure Centre

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All the men's and women's teams who took part in the fifth annual Tyneside Handball Tournament at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre

# Scots' hands on a double



Hosts Newcastle Vikings' men's and women's teams at South Shields



## TEAMS FROM NORTH OF BORDER TAKE HONOURS AT ANNUAL COMPETITION

### HANDBALL SPECIAL

GLASGOW and Edinburgh took the men's and women's honours respectively at the fifth annual Tyneside Handball Tournament at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

Hosted by Newcastle Vikings, a full day of fast-paced action, packed handball saw 10 teams from across England and Scotland taking part in the quick fire 20-minute men's and women's group and placing matches.

Glasgow went unbeaten throughout the day to regain their title and become three-time champions with a 16-11 victory over East Kilbride's EK82 in a repeat of the 2014 men's final.

Maciej Trzsz and Jack Lees each scored six goals for the two Scottish sides.

Durham University claimed third place with a 12-7 success over Bedfordshire's Cranfield University.

The Vikings defeated York Hunters 12-5 in the fifth/sixth-place play-off.

In the women's competition Edinburgh won for the first time

since 2013, beating the University of Leeds 11-5 in the decider.

Emma Andersen led the way for the Scots with four strikes.

Having surrendered their title, Newcastle Vikings' ladies overcame Cranfield University 7-5 to take third place in a battle of the 2014/16 and 2015 tournament winners.

The men's tournament top-scorer award went to Durham University half-player Lucas Palumbo with 21 goals.

University of Leeds winger Magda Karwatka top-scored in the women's competition with 11 goals.

**Men's group matches - results:** Newcastle Vikings 8 York Hunters 6, Cranfield University 10 11, Durham University 6 Glasgow 7, 1982 17 York Hunters 8, Newcastle Vikings 8 Durham University 10, Glasgow 10 Cranfield University 4, York Hunters 4 Durham University 10, Cranfield University 7 Newcastle Vikings 3, 1182 6 Glasgow 17, Newcastle Vikings 3, 1982 11, Glasgow 14 York Hunters 6, Cranfield University 4, Durham University 6, Glasgow 11 Newcastle Vikings 7, York Hunters 6 Cranfield University 7 Durham University 7, 1982 11.

**Women's group matches - results:** Newcastle Vikings 7 University of Leeds 5, Edinburgh 10 Cranfield University 2, Newcastle Vikings 7 Cranfield University 4, Edinburgh 7 University of Leeds 5, Newcastle Vikings 5, Edinburgh 8, Cranfield University of University of Leeds 12.



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Action (and below and right) from the fifth annual Tyneside Handball Tournament



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# The hand-y performers!

THE North East Handball Schools Games at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre saw four local schools win through to this month's national finals.

Organised by the England Handball Association in partnership with Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, the day produced an entertaining and highly competitive mix of under-13 and under-15 boys and girls matches.

South Shields' St Wilfrid's RC College won the Under-13 Girls' Cup, defeating both Ponteland's Richard Coates Middle School 2-1 and Ches-ter-le-Street's Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy 3-0.

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The two defeated sides then drew 2-2, Richard Coates Middle School taking the runners-up spot on goals scored.

The under-13 boys' competition was ultimately decided on goals scored after each of the three teams won once and lost once.

Wallsend's Churchill Community College beat Richard Coates Middle School 2-1 and Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy defeated Churchill Community College 4-0.

Richard Coates Middle School then triumphed 3-2

over Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy, who narrowly took the title having scored the most goals overall.

Washington's Oxclose Community Academy won the Under-15 Boys' Cup with an extra-time 3-2 victory over Newcastle's Gosforth Academy - after a last-minute equaliser by Gosforth had levelled the scores at 2-2 at the end of normal time.

With Washington's Biddick Academy unable to take part, Gosforth Academy claimed the under-15 girls' honours unchallenged.

The winning schools go on to represent the North East at the English Schools Handball



Gosforth Academy were crowned girls' under-15 champions - without playing a match!



All the teams who took part in the North East Handball Schools Games at Temple Park Leisure Centre

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Action from the Northumberland School Games handball tournament at Cramlington Learning Centre



## They are very hand-y performers

THE Northumberland Schools Games handball competition was staged at Cramlington Learning Centre.

It was won by the Morpeth and Ponteland team that won all five of its matches.

Run by Newcastle Vikings, six mixed girls and boys area teams competed for the honours in a series of round-robin matches.

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The Morpeth and Northumberland team went unbeaten to finish ahead of Tynedale with Cramlington and Seaton Valley third.

Ashington and Coquet finished fourth, Blyth and Bedlington were fifth and North Northumberland ended up sixth.

RESULTS: Ashington and Coquet 4, Blyth and Bedlington 1, Cramlington and Seaton Valley 3, Morpeth and Ponteland 6, North Northumberland 4, Ashington and Coquet 4, Blyth and Bedlington 1, Tynedale 7, Cramlington and Seaton Valley 1, Tynedale 4, Morpeth and Ponteland 10, North Northumberland 2, Ashington and Coquet 1, Morpeth and Ponteland 6, Blyth and Bedlington 3, Cramlington and Seaton Valley 7, North Northumberland 4, Cramlington and Seaton Valley 6, Tynedale 6, Ashington and Coquet 3, North Northumberland 2, Cramlington and Seaton Valley 4, Morpeth and Ponteland 6, Tynedale 3, Ashington and Coquet 4, Cramlington and Seaton Valley 5, Blyth and Bedlington 1, Morpeth and Ponteland 7, and North Northumberland 2, Tynedale 7.



Tournament winners Morpeth and Ponteland with their medals



22 January 2014

Dundee Handball Club (blue) in action against Newcastle in a Scottish Division Two encounter at DISC. See below.

## Handball first for city

The DISC hosted the first-ever Scottish National Handball League games to be played in Dundee.

Dundee Handball Club had three teams in action — their Division One and Two men's teams, and Division One women's side.

The first game of the day was the Division Two encounter as Dundee took on Newcastle Vikings.

Dundee started strong, scoring three goals before Newcastle reorganised themselves and started matching Dundee's attacks.

Newcastle clawed their way back and actually had the opportunity to equalise midway into the first half with a penalty but a great save by Dundee goalkeeper Matt Gilhooly prevented it and Dundee eventually went into half-time leading 10-6.

The second half saw Dundee score six goals in a row on their way to a 22-13 victory.

### CRUCIAL PENALTY SAVE

The host club's women's team also took on Newcastle and Dundee goalkeeper Elena Eusterwiemann saved a crucial penalty in the first half as the home side turned around 6-5 up.

The second half saw Dundee incur two-minute suspensions and, with quarter of the second half spent a player down, Newcastle edged home 15-12.

## TyneMet Sport Students Get Elite Handball Coaching

28 Apr 2014 by Lisa Dawson



Students studying on the Level 3 Sport Performance and Excellence at TyneMet College were recently introduced to the fast paced game of Handball.

The new practical skills and techniques learned will be used as examples by the students to complete the element of the course that covers Technical and Tactical Skills in Sport.

Handball is an exciting and action-packed team sport which is great fun to play, it is recognized as the fastest ball sport in the world and has become a massive hit in Britain after the successful London 2012 Olympic Games.

The 19 students who were all new to the game were introduced to the rules, format and tactics of the game by Marlen Slinning, Head Coach and Robin Gevilette, Assistant Coach from the Newcastle Vikings Handball Club.

The Newcastle Vikings are the first developmental Handball Club in Newcastle and were founded in 2012. Marlen is the Head Coach and the driving force behind the club, she originally comes from Norway and has years of experience playing and teaching handball. Passionate about developing young people and adults in the art of handball she was delighted to come to TyneMet College to deliver four training sessions to the Sports students.

Marlen said:

"Our mission is to grow Handball in Newcastle as a community development tool for the years to come, with an aim of creating sustainable handball teams in different age/gender groups taking part in the England and Scotland Handball tournaments and leagues.

"We really enjoyed the sessions we delivered at TyneMet College. We were able to showcase this amazing sport to the students, some of whom have expressed a keen interest in joining some of the Viking's training sessions."

Warick Stephenson, Head of Care, Sport and Leisure, TyneMet College, said:

"The Level 3 Sport Performance and Excellence course examines the role of the professional sports person as well as the key concepts within sports coaching so this activity was extremely useful to the students.

"We encourage the students to build up their portfolio of sporting activities so that they can adjust coaching procedures to fit the need of a whole range of sporting disciplines."

For more information about Sport courses at TyneMet College, call and speak to a student advisor on 0191 229 5000, email [enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk](mailto:enquiries@tynemet.ac.uk) or visit [www.tynemet.ac.uk/Sport](http://www.tynemet.ac.uk/Sport)

Newcastle Vikings Handball Club meet every Wednesday, junior sessions, 19:00 to 20:00 and adults sessions 20:00 to 22:00, at Percy Hedley Sports Academy, West Lane, Killingworth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 7BH. For more information visit <http://newcastlehandball.co.uk>

## Olympic sport arrives in South Tyneside

2 May 2014



*ON THE BALL ... Newcastle Vikings Handball Club's men's and women's teams.*

SPORTS fans in South Tyneside will be able to take in the Olympic game of handball for the first time this weekend.

The event, organised by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, will see male and female teams from England and Scotland competing in the tournament at the Temple Park Leisure Centre, South Shields, on Saturday. The tournament starts at 10am and entry is free to anyone who wants to go along and watch the matches throughout the day.

Coun Alan Kerr, deputy leader of South Tyneside Council with responsibility for culture and leisure services, said: "It's really good to see South Tyneside playing an active part in continuing to develop the Olympic legacy, and help inspire young people to keep fit and healthy by getting involved in playing exciting new sports like this.

"I hope this tournament is the start of something really promising for the North East."

The tournament will see Newcastle Vikings' men take on teams from Sunderland University, York, Bedfordshire's Cranfield University, Edinburgh, Glasgow and East Kilbride in Scotland.

In the women's competition, the Vikings will be playing against Edinburgh, York and Cranfield University.

Newcastle Vikings Handball Club is the first non-university handball club in the North East and was founded Marlen Slinning and fellow enthusiasts in September 2012.

Ms Slinning, who is from Norway – the home of the Olympic handball champions – is the head coach and chairwoman of the club.

She has played handball all her life and was inspired to set up the club in the wake of the London 2012 Olympic Games:

She said: "I've been playing handball since I was about five, it's really popular across continental Europe but less known in Britain.

"I wanted to build on the huge interest and legacy generated by the Olympics. Handball has really taken off and we're developing rapidly as a club with the help of Sport England, establishing promising senior and junior teams for both girls and boys. I also teach handball in local schools."

She added: "We've got a good mix of experienced and new players of all ages at the club now and our aim is to grow handball across Newcastle and the North East. This tournament in South Tyneside is a big step towards that, and hopefully we'll attract some new members to our club too.

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South Tyneside Council worker and Vikings goalkeeper, Andrea King, was inspired to try her hand at the sport after going to watch the Olympic women's handball semi-final in London.

"A couple of months later a friend told me about a new handball club setting up in Gateshead so I went along, and through that I found out about the Newcastle Vikings.

"Coming third in our first league season has been amazing."

Newcastle Vikings Handball Club train on Wednesday evenings at the Percy Hedley Sports Academy, Killingworth, North Tyneside, – juniors from 7pm to 8pm and adults from 8pm to 10pm.

The club is also planning to start up additional junior and senior training sessions at Temple Park Leisure Centre from September.

Further information can be found at [www.newcastlehandball.co.uk](http://www.newcastlehandball.co.uk) and on the club's Facebook page.

## Handball tournament aims to convert new fans

Tuesday 28 April 2015 – by PETER TENNICK

28 April  
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LOOKING BACK ... competitors at last year's event.

## Handball club gets a national mark of success

21 July 2015



Jade Mackie (Tyne & Wear Sport) presenting the Clubmark award to Marlen Slinning and some other members of the Newcastle Vikings club.

A South Tyneside-based sports club has been handed a national accolade. Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, who train at Temple Park Centre, South Shields, is celebrating scooping a prestigious clubmark accreditation.

They are the first club in England to receive the honour, for which they needed to achieve quality standards in a range of categories, from coaching and club management to child welfare and protection.

Jade Mackie, who presented club members with the prize on behalf of Tyne and Wear Sport, said: "I want to commend all involved with the club on attaining this prestigious recognition.

"Everyone at the club works extremely hard to raise the profile of handball across Tyne and Wear and the club is committed to offering activity to all of its members irrespective of what level they are at."

Newcastle Vikings Handball Club has been training at Temple Park Leisure Centre since September 2014 and, along with the training sessions they hold in both in both South Tyneside and Killingworth, they also dedicate time to visiting schools to introduce the sport during PE lessons and at after-school clubs.

Marlen Slinning, who runs the club, said: "We are very proud to have achieved the Clubmark award. "We are a club for all members of the family and the award will show that we provide a safe and well run sport for anyone wanting to come and try it.

"We already have good adult male and female teams here, but would love to have more younger members here and hopefully this accreditation will encourage more parents to bring their children along to give it a try."

## Newcastle Vikings Ladies reclaim Tyneside Handball Tournament title

12 May 2016



Newcastle Vikings Ladies are celebrating after reclaiming their Tyneside Handball Tournament crown, Hosted by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, the annual tournament, now in it's third year, welcomed both men's and women's teams from across northern England and Scotland to South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre to compete in the group stages, play-offs and finals.

The Vikings women were up against Durham University, the University of Leeds and Edinburgh.

Edinburgh's draw with Durham University in the last of the women's group-stage fixtures saw them win through to the final on goal difference, as Durham had to settle for third place ahead of the University of Leeds.

However, Newcastle's ladies were too strong for Edinburgh in the final as they ran out 17-10 winners in the highest-scoring match of the day. Vikings half-player Alina Inta claimed the tournament top-scorer prize with 13 goals.

Newcastle Vikings' men took on the newly-established Sunderland side, combined teams from York Hunters-Durham University and Edinburgh-Newcastle, the University of Strathclyde and reigning two-time champions Glasgow,

A feisty derby saw Sunderland beat Newcastle 9-7 in the play-off for third place to gain revenge for the Vikings' group stage victory,

The Edinburgh-Newcastle team defeated York Hunters-Durham University 6-5 in the fifth place decider.

Glasgow's men had gone through the group stages unbeaten and seemed set for their third Tyneside win in a row, But an evenly-matched final saw their Scottish student neighbours hold them to an 8-8 draw to take it to a nail-biting sudden-death penalty shoot-out to decide the title for the second year.

This time, however, Glasgow were to be denied as the University of Strathclyde goalkeeper's second save gave them a 6-5 shoot-out victory.

Strathclyde's Chris Mowat and Glasgow's Yohann Gloaguen were the clear top-scorers in the men's competition for the second year running with 26 and 21 goals respectively.

The club would like to thank all the teams for coming to take part and hope everyone enjoyed another great fun day.

THE VIKINGS LAND .... IN NEWCASTLE!

13 November  
2012



Winners of Handball does Hollywood

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VIKINGS ON THE MARCH

16 February  
2015



Newcastle Vikings women's handball team achieved the rare feat of keeping a clean sheet in their 49-0 home victory against University of Leeds last weekend in the North Regional Development League - another example of how far the club has come.

In a great team performance, goalkeeper Andrea King admitted to growing nervousness the longer the game went on, followed by a mix of elation and relief after coming close to achieving the same feat a week earlier. On top of 29-1 and 26-5 away wins over Leeds Carnegie and University of Leeds, the Vikings ladies have scored 104 goals while only conceding six in a run that has sent them leap to the top of the league. It shows how the team has grown after playing their debut 2013/14 season in the Scottish Handball League where they finished in a creditable third place.

The men's team are also in good form with an unbeaten league run of seven games that sees them flying high. That represents an impressive turnaround under new coach Jason Lee after a winless first season.

Head coach Marlen Slinning founded the club in the wake of the legacy from London 2012 with a mission to grow and develop handball in the North East. With a multi-national mix of experienced handballers and beginners, the Vikings currently have nearly 50 players, including a talented mixed junior team. The Vikings are a club going places.

Anyone interested in playing for, supporting or sponsoring Newcastle Vikings Handball Club can find out more at [www.newcastlehandball.co.uk](http://www.newcastlehandball.co.uk) or via their Facebook and Twitter pages.



6 June 2015



England Handball @englandhandball 10h  
20 minutes gone it's @LondonGD II 7 @NVHandball 4. Andrea King having a great game in goal for @NVHandball



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Great performance from @NVHandball Never gave up but @LondonGD II just too strong



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@LondonGD beat @NVHandball 22-14 to win women's League Cup

## HAWKS BOOK SUPER-8 SPOT: CUP GLORY FOR GD AND CRANFIELD

8 June 2015



NEM Hawks men team won the Championship play-offs to take their place in Super-8, while London GD II won the Women's League Cup and Cranfield Wolves won the Men's League Cup.

London GD II's women beat a Newcastle Vikings side which was missing a number of players 22-14. Sarah Putner scored six for the Capital side while Marlen Slinning found the back of the net seven times for the North East outfit. Andrea King also enjoyed a great game in the nets for Newcastle.

## VIKINGS GIVEN CLUBMARK STATUS

20 July 2015



Newcastle Vikings Handball Club has been awarded Clubmark accreditation.

The award was presented by Tyne & Wear Sport at the club's training session at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields. In order to become Clubmark accredited the Vikings club has achieved quality standards in child welfare and protection, coaching, club management and a range of other measures designed to ensure the club is well managed.

Presenting the award, Jade Mackie from Tyne & Wear Sport said: "I want to commend all involved with the club on attaining this prestigious recognition. Everyone at the club works extremely hard to raise the profile of handball across Tyne and Wear and the club is committed to offering activity to all of its members irrespective of what level they are at."

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"We already have good adult male and female teams here but would love to have more younger members here and, hopefully, this accreditation will encourage more parents to bring their children along to give it a try."

John Thomason from England Handball said: "Newcastle Vikings are a great example of a club that is promoting best practice on-and-off the court, and that is reflected in their achievement of being awarded Clubmark. The partnership approach with Tyne & Wear Sport that the club has adopted in reaching this goal has set an example to other handball clubs across the country."

To find out more about the Vikings Club please visit [www.newcastlehandball.co.uk](http://www.newcastlehandball.co.uk)

## PLAYERS FOR FIRST MEN'S UNDER-20/21 CAMP ANNOUNCED

19 November  
2015

The first camp of the recently announced Men's Under-20/21 programme will take place on 13 December 2015 at Stoke Mandeville Stadium.

The players who have been selected for the camp are:

- Dan Carden – Warrington
- Sam Blamire – NEM Hawks
- Alex Brookes – Oly Cats
- Alex Sinclair – Nottingham HC
- Ash Jones – Deva HC
- Rick Boon – Oly Cats
- Morgan Gillet – Warrington
- Oliver Bray – Ealing
- Harry Morley – NEM Hawks
- Jack Judge – Carlshalton
- Ben Howard – Nottingham HC
- Ryan Thomas – Warrington
- Evan Nicol – Warrington
- Carl Barnes – NEM Hawks
- Callum Gorman – Peninsula
- Nate Green – Warrington
- Jacob Maxted – Warrington
- Tyler West – Carlshalton
- Ed Page – NEM Hawks
- Toby Venables – Warrington
- Nik Tan – Warrington
- Niall Flanagan – Newcastle
- Ollie Tyler – NEM Hawks
- Owen Tyrie – Deva HC
- Rob Papirovic – Oly Cats

Head Coach Ricardo Vasconcelos said: "This is an exciting moment for us as we get to observe a few players that were under our eye for a while now. The fact that the programme is long (around 18 months) means that we have the chance to keep the group 'open' throughout. This allows us to observe different players in different moments of the season if we decide to. This is an age group with great quantity and quality and we still have five or six players playing abroad (Denmark, Germany, France and Sweden) that will be considered in future sessions and camps."

## CLEAN SWEEP FOR VIKINGS AT NORTH-EAST TOURNAMENT

2 February  
2016



Newcastle Vikings won four-from-four in the second round of the North East Handball tournament.

The matches, between Newcastle Vikings, Durham University and York Hunters took place at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre on 30 January.

The friendly tournament got underway with mixed teams from Durham University and York playing each other, Durham winning 13-8.

Newcastle Vikings' women then scored a brilliant runaway 20-2 win over York Hunters, with both teams each giving a run out to a couple of Durham University players .

The Vikings men then beat York's mixed team 17-10, as the home side sought to give more game time to a number of newer and less regular league players.

In the second women's match of the day Newcastle switched things around a bit to allow players a chance to try less familiar positions. York took an early two-goal lead but the Vikings came back to win 9-3.

The final men's match saw the Vikings run out convincing 16-6 victors over the mixed Durham University side.

Together with Newcastle's league victory over the Huddersfield men's team earlier in the afternoon, the regional tournament wins were a welcome return to winning ways for the Vikings men's and women's teams.

Durham University hosts the third round of the North East tournament on 28 February 2016.

## VIKINGS CLAIM INAUGURAL NORTH EAST TOURNAMENT CROWN

29 February  
2016



Newcastle Vikings ran out winners of the inaugural North East Handball Tournament as their men's and women's teams claimed four wins from four in Sunday's final round of matches.

The scene was set for a competitive third round at the University of Durham Sports Centre in Stockton-on-Tees after York Hunters won the first round and Newcastle took the second round.

The opening tie saw Newcastle's men beat Durham 7-5 in a tight encounter.

The women's competition again saw Newcastle and York each giving a run out to a couple of Durham University girls, with the Newcastle-Durham team runaway 15-2 winners in their first match of the afternoon.

Durham's men then convincingly won 15-5 against York.

The second women's match saw the combined Newcastle-Durham side claim another victory over York-Durham, 8-3 this time.

The final men's match was another close contest as Newcastle and York traded goals throughout. The Vikings won out 12-10 to seal the overall tournament title.

Newcastle Vikings would like to thank all the players who took part in the three North East tournament days and look forward to another fun competition next season.

## ENGLAND HANDBALL LEAGUE CUP: DOUBLE JOY FOR GD

25 April 2016



London GD2 enjoyed double success as their men's and women's teams booked their places in the League Cup final.

GD's women were pushed hard by Newcastle Vikings, who they beat in last year's final to win the trophy, edging past the North-East side 17-16.

They will play Poole Phoenix in the final after they beat Liverpool 19-17 in another close match.

GD's men also endured a nail-biter, overcoming Capital City rivals London Angels by a single point as the match finished 24-23. They will be looking to go one better than last year when they lost in the final to Cranfield Wolves. Their opponents will be Oxford, who ran out 24-16 victors at Manchester.

18TH JULY 2016

## VIKINGS SEEKING COACHES

18 July 2016



Newcastle Vikings Handball club is seeking talented coaches to develop its junior and senior teams.

Applicants should:

- have a sporting background with coaching experience in a team sport
- be able to deliver effective coaching sessions and work as a team with our other volunteer coaches
- hold, or be willing to work towards (with our support):
  - Level 1 or Level 2 Handball Coach Qualification
  - First Aid in Sport
  - Safeguarding and Child Protection

A DBS check will be required.

To view the full advert including information on how to apply please click [here](#)

21ST SEPTEMBER 2016

## GB SQUAD FOR MEN'S IHF UNDER-21 TROPHY ANNOUNCED

21 September 2016



The 'long-list' squad for the GB men's Under-21s has been announced as the build-up to November's IHF Trophy in Georgia gets underway.

The squad is:

- Dan Carden (Liverpool HC)
- Connor Moore (Peninsula HC)
- Craig McLelland (Ayr HC)
- Morgan Gillett (Warrington Wolves)
- Oliver Bray (Denmark\*)
- Ben Howard (Nottingham HC)
- Nate Green (Warrington Wolves)
- Will Moore (London GD)
- Jacob Maxted (Warrington Wolves)
- Ross Strachan (Livingston HC)
- Chris White (Livingston HC)
- Toby Venables (Warrington Wolves)
- Nial Flanagan (Newcastle Vikings)
- Josh Da Silva (\*)
- Jack Lees (EK82)
- Jordan Price (\*)
- Ciaran Lapsley (Glasgow HC)
- Ollie Tyler (Warrington Wolves)

\*=TBA

The long list will be reduced to 14 prior to the competition.

The squad will have two training camps ahead of the tournament, which takes place from 8-14 November. The first camp will be in Nottingham from 7-9 October. It will focus on testing and selection, with two training sessions a day, and a possible friendly match. The squad will then travel to Portugal from 31 October to 7 November for a holding camp. Again the squad will be put through two training sessions a day, with the possibility of a training match. Following the Portugal camp the 14-man squad will travel to Georgia for the competition.

Head Coach Ricardo Vasconcelos said: "It's really exciting to be able to enter the IHF Trophy. It will give some of these athletes international experience. This will help them deliver if, and when, selected to the GB Senior Squad. "The amount of quality players in this age group is testament to great work of club coaches across Britain in developing players. "There are other players who could have easily made this squad and they will be closely observed for future opportunities. "The training camps will allow us to focus on outcomes and process. We will be giving our all to win every game at the IHF Trophy."

11TH OCTOBER 2016

## 14-MAN GB MEN'S UNDER-21 SQUAD ANNOUNCED FOR IHF TROPHY

11 October  
2016



The 14-man GB men's under-21 squad, and three reserves, has been announced for the IHF Trophy in Kutaisi, Georgia.

The 17 players will travel to Portugal for a holding camp from 31 October - 6 November, ahead of the tournament which takes place from 7-14 November.

The squad is:

- Dan Carden: (Liverpool HC)
- Craig McLelland: (Ayr HC)
- Oliver Bray: (AGF - Denmark)
- Ben Howard: (Nottingham HC)
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- Ollie Tyler: (Warrington Wolves)

Reserves:

- Connor Moore: (Peninsula HC)
- Morgan Gillett: (Warrington Wolves)
- Nial Flanagan: (Newcastle Vikings)

Unavailable for Selection:

- Josh Da Silva: (AC Fafe - Portugal)

Coach Ricardo Vasconcelos said: "This was, once more, a hard choice. It was made even harder due to the fact that this competition only allows 14-man squads.

"We couldn't be happier with the effort, willingness and composure shown by the boys over the last days.

"The process is still the most important side of our work but we feel that this time we can focus strongly on the outcome as well and we are looking forward to it."

12TH DECEMBER 2016

## FIRST TYNE & WEAR HANDBALL SCHOOLS FESTIVAL A SUCCESS

12 December  
2016



The first Tyne & Wear Handball Schools Festival on 9 December saw over 150 under-15 and under-13 girls and boys take part.

The tournament was hosted by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club at their home match venue Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields, in association with Marlen's Handball Coaching. It was funded through Tyne & Wear Sport's satellite club grant award.

Mortimer Community College and St. Wilfrid's RC College made it a victorious double for South Shields schools in the morning's girls' competitions. Mortimer won all three of their matches to take the under-15s title. In the under-13s tournament St. Wilfrid's won three and drew one match.

In the afternoon's boy's competitions Newcastle's Walbottle Campus 1 under-15s and Gateshead's Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy under-13s were the winners. Both teams went undefeated.

The winning teams were presented with an England Handball Association bag of a dozen handballs. The best players from each of the competitions each received a Newcastle Vikings Handball Club t-shirt.

All the children who took part also received a Newcastle Vikings Handball Club wristband.

Scouting of the best talent from the under-15 competitions also saw 20 girls and 20 boys selected to take part in next month's Tyne & Wear county handball trials. The first round of trials will take place at Temple Park Leisure Centre on Saturday 14 January 2017 (10.00-12.00). The trials take place ahead of Newcastle Vikings ladies' home league match against Peninsula - and the second round of the North East men's and women's friendly league competitions between Newcastle, Sunderland, Durham and York. Entry to watch the matches is free.

Newcastle Vikings Handball Club would like to thank all the schools and children who took part in the festival.

Any young players wishing to join the club can go along to sessions at:

- Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields: Monday evenings 19:30-20:30
- Hedleys Sports Centre in Killingworth: Wednesday evenings at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields and on Wednesday evenings 19.00-20.00

For more information check out [www.newcastlehandball.co.uk](http://www.newcastlehandball.co.uk)

7TH FEBRUARY 2017

## ENTRIES OPEN FOR TYNESIDE HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

7 February  
2017



Entries are open for the fifth annual Newcastle Vikings' Tyneside Handball Tournament that takes place on Saturday 6 May 2017.

The tournament will take place on Vikings' full-size handball court at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields. It will consist of four women's teams and six men's teams (or a total of 10 teams subject to entries). There will be a minimum of three 16-minute group games per team, before placing play-offs and finals.

For more information, and to request a booking form, please email [info@newcastlehandball.co.uk](mailto:info@newcastlehandball.co.uk). The deadline to return booking forms, with a £50 entry fee per team, is Friday 31 March 2017. The first teams to return their booking form and payment are secured their places.

The tournament will be followed by our fun evening social event in Newcastle city centre.

13TH MARCH 2017

## TYNE AND WEAR HANDBALL SCHOOL GAMES COUNTY FINALS

13 March  
2017



Biddick Academy were crowned Tyne and Wear under-15 girls county champions, while fellow Sunderland school Oxclose Community Academy won the boy's title.

South Shield's St. Wilfrids RC College won the under-13 girl's competition and North Tyneside's Churchill Community College took the honours in the under-13 boy's tournament.

The competition was hosted by Tyne & Wear Sport in partnership with Newcastle Vikings Handball Club and Sunderland Handball Club, at the Vikings' home match venue Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields.

More than 150 teams from schools from all of the five Tyne & Wear districts took part in an action-packed day. The top three sides in each competition were presented with gold, silver and bronze medals by Tyne & Wear Sport's School Games Co-ordinator Claire Lee. The winning teams will have the opportunity to progress to the regional and then national county handball championships.

Tyne & Wear Sport, Newcastle Vikings Handball Club and Sunderland Handball Club would like to thank all the schools and children who took part in a great fun day.

Meanwhile, the best players scouted from the area's schools over the past season will take part in the third round of the Tyne & Wear county handball trials at Temple Park Leisure Centre on Saturday 18 March 2017 (10.00-12.00). The trials will be followed by a Newcastle Vikings juniors' match and the Vikings ladies' friendly against Edinburgh (1:30-3pm). Spectator entry for the day is free to watch all the action.

Newcastle Vikings hold junior training sessions for girls and boys on:

- Monday evenings 19:30-20:30 at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields
- Wednesday evenings 19:00-20:00 at Hedley's Sport in Killingworth

For more information go to [www.newcastlehandball.co.uk](http://www.newcastlehandball.co.uk)

26TH MAY 2017

## NORTH EAST SCHOOLS FINALIST DECIDED

26 May 2017



The North East Handball Schools Games took place at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre.

In the under-13 competition South Shields' St. Wilfrid's RC College won the girl's cup. They defeated Ponteland's Richard Coates Middle School 2-1 and Chester-le-Street's Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy 3-0. The two defeated sides drew 2-2, with Richard Coates Middle School taking the runners-up spot on goals scored.

The Under-13 boy's competition was ultimately won by Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy. The title was decided on goals scored after each of the three teams won one and lost one. Wallsend's Churchill Community College beat Richard Coates Middle School 2-1. Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy defeated Churchill Community College 4-0. Richard Coates Middle School then won 3-2 over Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy.

Washington's Oxclose Community Academy won the under-15 boy's cup with an extra-time 3-2 victory over Newcastle's Gosforth Academy. A last-minute equaliser by Gosforth had levelled the scores 2-2 at the end of normal time.

The girl's under-15 competition saw Gosforth Academy claim the title unchallenged after Washington's Biddick Academy were unable to make the day.

The winning schools will go on to represent the North East region at the England Handball Schools Handball Finals on 10 and 11 June at Worcester University.

26TH MAY 2017

## GLASGOW AND EDINBURGH CLAIM TYNESIDE TOURNAMENT TITLES

26 May 2017



Glasgow and Edinburgh took the men's and women's honours respectively at the fifth annual Tyneside Handball Tournament.

Hosted by Newcastle Vikings Handball Club at South Shields' Temple Park Leisure Centre 10 teams from across England and Scotland took part in quick-fire 20-minute group and placing matches. #

Glasgow beat East Kilbride's EK82 16-11 in a repeat of the 2014 final, to regain their title and be crowned champions for a third time. Maciej Trzos scored six times for Glasgow, while Jack Lees notched the same amount for East Kilbride.

Durham University claimed third place with a 12-7 win over Bedfordshire's Cranfield University.

Newcastle Vikings defeated York Hunters 12-5 in the fifth/sixth place play-off.

In the women's competition Edinburgh won for the first time since 2013, beating the University of Leeds 11-5 in the final. Emma Andersen led the way for Edinburgh with four strikes.

Having surrendered their title, Newcastle Vikings' ladies beat Cranfield University 7-5 to take third place.

The men's tournament top-scorer award went to Durham University half-player Lucas Palumbo with 21 goals. University of Leeds winger Magda Karwatka top-scored in the women's competition with 11 goals.

Handball is a sport played throughout five continents by over 180 countries and 19 million people all ages, worldwide. Combining speed, strength, stamina, agility, technical precision, skill and teamwork, handball has become one of the fastest-paced and exciting Olympic sports.



Founded in 2012, the Newcastle Vikings Handball Club is the first handball club in the region. The club is made up of a diverse group of people with a common objective: practice handball whilst contributing to the development of the community through sport.

Marlen Slinning is the head coach and the driving force behind the club. Hailing from Norway with years of experience playing and teaching handball, she is passionate about developing young people and adults in the art of handball. Marlen has joined forces with a group of other sports enthusiasts and founded the club that to date has over 40 participants, both juniors and seniors.

We spoke with Marlen to find out more about her club and this fascinating sport.

**What makes Handball such a great sport?**

Handball is an exciting and action packed team sport which is great fun for girls and boys of all ages. It is recognised as the fastest ball sport in the world and can be played both indoor and outdoor, even on the beach. Handball can be adapted to the equipment and space you have available and there are many simplified versions of the game which can suit different size groups and ability.



**How many club members do you have and how often do you hold training sessions ?**

Currently we have 48 members and we hold sessions twice a week.

Mondays at Temple Park Leisure Centre, South Shields: Juniors, age 10-16 from 6.30-7.30pm - Seniors Development (age 17+) from 7-8.30pm. Those who are playing in the league stay until 10pm on Mondays.

Wednesday at Percy Hedley Sports Academy, Killingworth: Juniors, age 10-16 from 7-8pm - Seniors Development (age 17+) from 8-10pm.

**Do you get many people coming along to the training sessions who are completely new to the sport?**

Our membership changes every year as we have a lot of students playing with us. This means every season we lose and gain new members due to people finishing or starting university. Around half of our members were completely new to handball when they joined us. So it is a great mix of beginners and experienced players.



**Do you have a Junior Team at the moment?**

We have a Junior Team training at Percy Hedley Sports Academy on Wednesdays. We have 10 players in the age between 10-16.

We are also working closely with South Tyneside Council to promote our new Temple Park Junior sessions. We are also working closely with Sunderland School Sport to promote our sessions through school visits and taking part in their handball school games. We also offer all schools one free taster session of handball to hopefully attract new members to our junior sessions.

**What has been the biggest achievement for the Newcastle Viking club?**

For our club the biggest achievement has been seeing how much the club has developed from when we started in September 2012. After only one year we had one women's team and one men's team playing competitive handball in the Scottish League and this year in the English League and we have one junior team. So after just one season we had over forty members.

**How can someone get involved with your club?**

If someone would like to try out handball they are very welcome to any of our handball sessions. We offer three free taster sessions and welcome beginners as well as experienced players.



If schools or other community clubs would like a taste of handball they can get in touch with us to arrange and we can come to their venue.

As we are playing in the English North Development league we host home matches at Temple Park some weekends during the year and we will be hosting our annual handball tournament on the 2nd May from 9am to 7pm. We also welcome spectators to come along and support us during our matches. This has free entry and it's a great way to get a taste of the sport. Details of our match dates can be found here on our website.

We'd like to thank Marlen and her team for all of their help.

For more information about Newcastle Viking Handball Club you visit their website, like their Facebook page and follow them on Twitter.

**Vikings First to Achieve National Clubmark Accolade**



Newcastle Vikings Handball Club have become the only handball club in England to achieve the prestigious Clubmark accreditation.

Clubmark is a national accolade for sports clubs, awarded in recognition of achieving high quality standards in child welfare and protection, coaching, club management and a range of other measures designed to ensure the club is well managed.

The award was presented by Tyne & Wear Sport at the club's training session at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields. Presenting the award, Jade Mackie from Tyne & Wear Sport said, "I want to commend all involved with the club on attaining this prestigious recognition. Everyone at the club works extremely hard to raise the profile of handball across Tyne and Wear and the club is committed to offering activity to all of its members irrespective of what level they are at."

As well as training regularly at both South Tyneside and the Percy Hedley Sports Academy in Killingworth, Newcastle Vikings Handball Club also spend a lot of time visiting schools to introduce the sport during PE lessons and at after-school clubs.

Head Coach Marlen Slinning said, "We are very proud to have achieved the Clubmark award. We are a club for all members of the family and the award will show that we provide a safe and well run sport for anyone wanting to come and try it. We already have good adult male and female teams here, but would love to have more younger members here and hopefully this accreditation will encourage more parents to bring their children along to give it a try."



John Thomason from England Handball said, "Newcastle Vikings are a great example of a club that is promoting best practice on and off the court, and that is reflected in their achievement of being awarded Clubmark. The partnership approach with Tyne & Wear Sport that the club has adopted in reaching this goal has set an example to other handball clubs across the country."



Handball is a team sport which involves two teams of seven players; it is played at an extremely high pace and is suitable for males, females and juniors of all levels. There are now approximately 19 million people playing the sport worldwide and it has been an official Olympic sport since 1936.

*Jade Mackie (Tyne & Wear Sport) presenting the Clubmark award to Marlen Slinning and some other members of the Newcastle Vikings Handball Club.*



## Schools rival to compete for the School Games Handball title

Laura Watson March 30, 2017

The first School Games handball competition in Tyne and Wear was a great success with 20 teams in total taking part.

Oxclose Community Academy won the U15's boys' competition and Churchill Community College won the U13's boys' competition. The U15's girls' competition winners were Biddick Academy and the U13's girls competition winners were St Wilfrid's RC school. The competition was a culmination of qualifying rounds and was held at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields. The winners will now progress to the regional qualifiers held in the next couple of months.

30 March  
2017



Claire Lee, School Games Co-ordinator at Tyne & Wear Sport said, "Handball is an up and coming sport in the UK and it was great to see so many young, talented people getting involved with the sport in our region. England Handball, Newcastle Vikings Handball Club and Sunderland Handball Club were a big help in running the event."

Students expressed their excitement of getting involved with a new sport through School Games and commented on how handball is a fast pace, energetic team sport.

Megan, Caitlin and Lucy from Churchill Community College said, "We love the fast paced energy in handball which makes the sport really fun to play."

The pupils from Churchill Community College also commented on the positivities they achieve from being part of a team in sport.

"What like most about playing sport is the team work that is produced. You can also relieve stress when playing sport and the feeling like you are part of a team is great. It's also nice to spend time with your friends too."

Many of the students at the handball competition were very talented and some even play for sports clubs outside of school including football, rugby and boxing.

Jordan and Connor from Oxclose Community Academy said, "We all play many other sports including football and boxing. We play for clubs outside of school including, Riverside Panthers Football Club, Leam Rangers Football Club and District Youth Boxing Club."

The pupils from Oxclose went onto say, "What enjoy the most about taking part in sport is keeping fit and having fun at the same time. We enjoy playing together as a team as we encourage and support each other on and off the field."



The girls photographs from the competition can be found [here](#) and the boys photographs from the competition can be found [here](#).

### Results:

#### U13 Girls

- 1st – St Wilfrid's
- 2nd – Lord Lawson
- 3rd – Gosforth Central
- 4th – Kepier
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## GCS & Marlen's Handball Coaching

23 April 2016

GCS is proud to be partnering with Marlen Slinning from Marlen's Handball Coaching to ensure that delivery of the Global Sport ~ Global Learning Handball Program continues in England's North East.

Marlen, originally from Norway holds a combined Sport Sciences and Physical Education degree with focus on both Primary and Secondary Physical Education. She has always had a great passion for sporting activities and has 12 years of handball coaching experience. Marlen is also involved in national tutoring for Handball coaches and runs the Newcastle Vikings Handball Club.

The Global Sports ~ Global Learning Handball Program consists of 6 sessions. Each session includes 1 practical lesson and 1 theory lesson. After each practical handball lesson the group then participates in classroom activities whereby they record their experiences in the form of a sports coaching manual. The manual is a collection of their work which includes their wording of the rules and equipment required to play as well as detailed instructions for how to perform the skills. It also includes information about their school and their daily routines and lifestyle. This is then published and sent to a school in India where it is used to teach the Indian children how to play Handball. A letter/report full of pictures and photos is then sent back to the school from the children in India explaining how they used the manual. It also includes details of where they live and their culture. This relationship can continue post program.

Since 2010 the Global Sport ~ Global Learning program has been successfully delivered to over 60 schools and young offender institutes in England. The program is now currently being launched in Australia expanding the opportunities for schools to engage in global collaborations. For more information about how your school can get involved in the Global Sport ~ Global Learning Handball Program please contact Rick at [rick@gcsprojects.org](mailto:rick@gcsprojects.org) or [+61 \(0\) 4589 33115](tel:+610458933115).

July 2016

### Newcastle Vikings



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Head coach Marlen Slinning is the driving force behind the club, having joined forces with a group of other sports' enthusiasts and founded the club. The multi-national club currently has more than 40 adult and junior players (men & women).

The club's board of directors is working hard to provide the right structure to the players and to develop the club further. The Vikings' men's and women's teams currently compete in the England Handball North Regional Development Leagues and in national tournaments, as well as hosting regional handball tournaments.

All adults and children are welcome to get involved – training sessions take place at both the Percy Hedley Sport Academy in Killingworth, as well as at Temple Park Leisure Centre in South Shields which is also the club's home match venue. Please get in touch for more info or visit the club website

For full timetables, membership fees and more information please visit the clubs website or phone using the number provided

& remember **1st 3 sessions free!**

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### Activities

**Handball**

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2 August  
2012

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*Picture Credit: Team GB celebrate a goal against Montenegro at London 2012. AP Photo/Matthias Schrader*

## Handball match to be held in CitySpace

Released: Wednesday 6th February 2013

6 February  
2013



Following on from the National University Handball Championships in London which was the biggest event ever recorded for university handball in the UK, the Institute of Sport are holding their own showcase game and try it out session this coming Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2013 in CitySpace.

Come to Cityspace at 3pm to see a University of Sunderland squad play against a Newcastle team made up of the Vikings and Gateshead on our show court. There'll then be an opportunity to try handball yourself after the game.

Team training will be held in CitySpace on a Sunday from 6pm – 8pm for anyone interested in joining the newly formed University of Sunderland team. Both men and women are welcome and players will be given the chance to play competitively in a local league.

For more information contact Sports and Activities Officer Danielle Farrell on 0191 515 3696 or email [su.sports-officer@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:su.sports-officer@sunderland.ac.uk)

*Image: Great Britain's Women's Handball team celebrate a goal against Montenegro at London 2012. Picture Credit: AP Photo/Matthias Schrader*



18 October 2012

## Woods hoping London 2012 will boost the popularity of Handball at BUCS level



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**Sunderland University's Handball teams are hoping that the London 2012 Olympic games will encourage more people to become involved in the sport.**

At the Freshers Fayre, over 100 students signed up to take part in Handball, leaving the University with two men's teams and potentially the only women's team in the North East.

At the 2012 Olympic Games neither of the GB teams picked up a victory. However, Jack Woods, President of the University team, is confident that with the talent at his disposal this will not be repeated for Sunderland at British Universities and College Sport (BUCS) level.

"The Olympics has really showcased what Handball actually is," said Woods. "Students have been saying 'I saw it at the Games and I needed to play it', that's the legacy of the Games."

He added: "I have seen quite a few guys who have real potential to go somewhere in this sport, and that's just from looking at their ability in the taster sessions, with some coaching they could go pretty far".

Although no fixtures have currently been arranged for the Handball team, Woods has connections at Universities nationwide, with future fixtures against Loughborough, Bangor and Leeds a distinct possibility.

Talks are currently underway with representatives from both Northumbria and Newcastle Universities, to arrange future friendly matches.

In addition to friendly games, the establishment of a Northern Tournament is collaboratively underway and is planned to take place in early November, at CitySpace.

Students interested in getting involved with Handball should email Jack Woods at: jackfranciswoods@yahoo.co.uk and training sessions are held at CitySpace at 6-8 every Sunday evening.

24 October 2012

## Handball on the rise in Sunderland

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2 August 2012



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Team GB have lost all of their matches at London 2012 so far but there have been encouraging displays against quality and experienced opposition.

The Men's team are scheduled to play their third game of the tournament against Argentina this afternoon.

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12 November  
2012

## Sunderland Handball Club suffer consecutive defeats in tournament debut

**The only way is up for Sunderland Handball Club after they suffered defeats to both Northumbria and Newcastle Universities in the Northern Tournament at Eldon Leisure on Sunday.**

In the first ever game for Sunderland HC, they were comfortably beaten by an experienced Northumbria side 29-15.

However, in the second and final match of the tournament Sunderland were more convincing, only losing by nine points to a very impressive Newcastle team, 19-10.



Captain Jack Woods knew that both games against seasoned teams would be difficult and said his side had to be realistic in their expectations from their opening games.

He said: "Against Northumbria we were all over the place, but that's acceptable because it was the first game more than half the guys had played.

"After the game I sat them down and they really took what I had to say on board. In the second game we held off Newcastle for a long time and the scoreline was acceptable.

"I'm proud of the guys, especially in the last game; losing by less than 10 points to Newcastle is progress as they are a really strong team."

Woods highlighted the performance of James Errington in goal as the best of the day, making clear that Errington's quality was one of the key factors that kept Sunderland in the second game.

Sunderland HC will be looking for their first competitive win in yet to be confirmed future friendly matches, likely to be played at CitySpace.

6 February  
2013

## Give it a go Handball session to be held at CitySpace



*Great Britain's Women's Handball team celebrate a goal against Montenegro at London 2012. Picture Credit: AP Photo/Matthias Schrader*

**The University of Sunderland Handball team are hosting a free session on Saturday to boost the popularity of the sport in the North East.**

The event will take place in the main hall of CitySpace between 3-5 pm and will be hosted by the Newcastle Vikings Handball Club, Gateshead Handball Club and the University of Sunderland Handball team.

A showcase exhibition match will be played as a select team of Vikings and Gateshead players face the university side to offer a taste of a live Handball game.

President of the University Handball team Jack Woods is looking for more players to bolster the squad, with the Handball players offering coaching after the match in the hope that people will turn up to training the week after and join the university team.

"Handball is an extremely fast paced and thrilling game and we here at the club really want to showcase what the sport has to offer people," said Woods.

"There's still an Olympic buzz about the sport and I encourage anyone interested to come down and try it."

The university also hope to get enough female's down to CitySpace on Saturday to put on a mini women's game.

Woods added: "The session is open to everyone, students and members of the public, and it's a great opportunity for people to come and enjoy one of Europe's most popular sports."

One of the reasons that the university team have struggled to get enough players signed on in recent years is that there hasn't been a Handball league for them to compete in, but now plans are being put in place to form a North East league.

University of Sunderland Sports and Activities officer, Danielle Farrell, believes the introduction of a league will help generate interest in the sport.

Danielle said: "It is hard to get enough players to sign on because there is not a league for them to play in at the moment so we have a very small squad.

"We have a format for a league down on paper so hopefully it will be up and running soon."

As well as the promise of a new league, it is hoped that the showpiece event on Saturday will inspire people to get involved in the sport, and Danielle believes that Handball offers a great variation on most other sports.

She added: "I think people should try Handball because it is a really really fun and energetic game, to watch and play. You are indoors so it can be played all year round and it just gives you a bit of variety to play a different sport."

## Handball: "More things to come", says captain Woods

10 February  
2013

**University of Sunderland Handball captain Jack Woods thinks that the sport can grow in the North East following an exhibition day against a Newcastle side at CitySpace.**



Sunderland lost 15-9 against a men's side comprising of Newcastle Vikings and Gateshead, and then lost 11-9 to the Viking's women's side, but Woods said: "This, hopefully, is the springboard for more things to come."

There hasn't been a local league for Sunderland to join this year, meaning the team has been restricted to merely training sessions but there are high hopes for Handball, which has grown in popularity since the London 2012 Olympics.

As well as the two exhibition matches, there was also a 'give it a go' session where anyone could come on to the court and play the game as the University seeks to get more people involved in the sport.

Woods said: "Handball at the university is a really new thing. It's a new club this year; I think we're the newest sports society (at University of Sunderland).

"We're trying to get a local league together, especially with the guys from Newcastle Vikings. They'll be a league for us to play in and opportunities for people to play so it isn't just training, it'll be games as well."

The Vikings were set up in September 2012 and, along with Gateshead and a university team from Newcastle, are keen to join a league and star player Charlie Goulty said that they wanted to capitalise on the popularity of Handball from London 2012..

Goulty said: "With the interest that's been generated from the Olympics, that's been the idea, to really try and promote the sport.

"The point of today was to really start the ball rolling in terms of competition, that was one of the main goals: to get a competitive league going in the North East."

Sunderland were largely outclassed in the opening game although did get more into it as the tie wore on, and they matched the women's team throughout the second game. They improved defensively as Woods' organisational skills came into play, and they put together some fluent attacking play too.

Woods said of the performances: "I think we did really well. We played the girls in the second game but even the Vikings say that their girl's team are their strongest team.

"I'm really quite proud of the guys. Two of them had never played handball before, and the rest of the team had only played two competitive games.

"It's really good for the team, they've really enjoyed it and it's been a real big morale boost that they've held the score quite low."

The Handball team trains from 6-8pm every Sunday for men and women at CitySpace, and Woods added of the sport: "It's a really good workout, it's a very physical game, it's really fast and it's really fun to play."

12 February  
2013

## High hopes for Handball in Sunderland

**The Newcastle Vikings came down to Cityspace to play an exhibition match against the University of Sunderland side.**

A taster session was also put on afterwards as Handball continues to receive interest after bursting into public consciousness during the Olympics.

## Handball Exhibition Match in Sunderland – In Pictures

13 February  
2013

**A selection of images from the Handball Exhibition at Cityspace in Sunderland.**

To read more about the day and the hopes for Handball in Sunderland, click here.

All pictures taken by Zoe Vicarage, email: zoevicarage@outlook.com

## Woods positive about new-look Handball team

23 October  
2013

**Sunderland University's handball coach is optimistic about his team's prospects for this year.**

Jack Woods has long been interested in handball, a sport with a large following in mainland Europe but not in the UK.

However, the success of London 2012 provided a springboard for this "new" sport and Woods, part of the GB students' side, chose to set up a team for the University.

Last year, lacking experience, the team struggled in their first two tournaments, but some continental help drastically improved performances.



"We had a few Germans playing and we were suddenly unstoppable," Woods recalls. "Instead of losing, we weren't even letting teams score this time."

But the nature of University limits the lifespan for players, as proven with this year's all-new line-up.

"This year we've got three Cypriots, two Greeks and a Polish guy as well," Woods said of his cosmopolitan team.

"We've been blessed because finding a good pivot player is extremely hard, yet there's someone here who has played pivot for six years. His job is to create gaps so your players can have free shots on goal."

Woods, with his Level 1 coaching badge, knows he needs to get his team toughened up for this contact sport, adding: "I want them prepared for what they're going to feel.

"In a handball game, there'll be people throwing you and clattering you – I've broken my jaw twice! I play American Football for the University and it hurts less. In handball there's no pads, it's a very physical game."

Coaching takes place at CitySpace on Sunday evenings but Sunderland isn't participating in a BUCS (British Universities & Colleges Sport) handball league, forcing Woods into using his contacts to arrange matches. "A lot of players on my GB students' side run the handball programmes at Universities like Bangor, Loughborough, Bath, Leeds and Sheffield Hallam, so we've got options.

"Nationals are in February too, if we can get ourselves there. But we won't have a match for at least six weeks."

In the meantime Woods, as player-coach, has to teach a whole new sport to many of his teammates. The London legacy lives on.

12 June  
2015

## **Farringdon girls eye national handball glory**

Farringdon Community Academy's Year 10 girls are aiming for glory this weekend – after reaching the National Handball Championships.

The team, made up of Year 9 and 10 pupils, are off to the University of Worcester for their big day, having won the Sunderland and Northern regional qualifiers.

The Farringdon girls have been given the ideal build-up, with coaching from the Newcastle Vikings handball club to hone their skills further.

Megan Elliott, Tiegan Mason, Terri Gilmour, Emily Herron, Sarah Blackhall, Issy Auty, Alice Jewitt, Amelia Agnew, Juliet Humphrey and Katy Hutchinson will represent Farringdon, whose head teacher, Howard Kemp, said: "We are delighted that our students have qualified for the National Handball Finals.

"This represents the culmination of a lot of hard work from staff and students alike.

"Handball really took off at Farringdon following the 2012 Olympic games and is part of our PE syllabus in Key Stage 3. I know that our girls will do the school, the city and the region proud – good luck!

"Alice Jewitt will not travel south with the squad today, as she is taking part in an England Karate training session, but she will head to Worcester in time for the quest for national success.

## Handball



Members of Sunderland Handball Club

The fast-paced, exciting game of handball is new to Sunderland and growing fast!

Active Sunderland provides advice about how you can get involved in sport and physical activity, joining a sports club, coaching, volunteering or accessing sport funding. We also work with a number of clubs and organisations to create and promote opportunities for residents to be active. Below you can find opportunities to get involved in handball in Sunderland

If you would like for further details of the sports available in your area please [contact Active Sunderland](#)

### Sunderland Handball Club

The Sunderland Handball Club is the only adult handball club in Sunderland. The club offer recreational and competitive opportunities to play this increasingly popular sport, with beginners and more experienced players all welcome. Sessions take place at Sunderland College's Bede campus.

For further information please [email the club directly](#)



## Sunderland Handball

23 May  
2016

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What a way to make sports fun! We had such a fantastic time playing a range of games and working in teams, proving sports doesn't always have to be hard work. Can't wait to do it again!







9 March  
2015

## 2014-15 Archive

Lastly, to our newest sport as handball went to their final tournament of the year. This is still not a BUCS sport but we believe it will be in the not too distant future. We managed to make it through the group stages in Birmingham beating MMU 8-2 and Liverpool John Moores 9-3 but lost to Loughborough 8-6. We eventually lost out in the last sixteen going down to Nottingham 9-4 but we look to be ready for the sport's change of status.

## Durham Handball Put to the Test

(6 December 2015)

9 December  
2015



The qualifying rounds of the ABUHC Championship for the north region was the first test for the DU Olympic Handball Club. Never have any of the teams played together against any opposition, so naturally the whole team was both nervous and excited to see how they would play together.

The Mens A Team met one of the stronger teams in their first match, and played solid in defence and attack. Unfortunately, already half-way through their first match, the GB national player Niall Flanagan popped his shoulder after being tackled from two of Lancasters players. However, regardless of the injury, Durham kept on fighting to the end with a good result.

The momentum built up in the first game was kept throughout all the mens A team matches, meaning Durham secured 5 wins.

The Womens Team started off in the same manner, beating Loughborough with two goals. After a loss against Lancaster, the girls were ready to take on Dundee to go home with the victory. Due to the tournament running one hour late the Durham to forfeit the match after only two minutes.

Altogether it was a successful weekend for Durham handball who will look to push on from here. Next up the Mens A team will go to the ABUHC Finals in March, the Womens Team is still questionable (qualifications and fixtures are yet to be realised). The DUOHC will also participate in a North East Friendly cup with York- and Newcastle Handball Clubs in December, January and February.

### Results:

#### Mens A Team - 5 Wins:

- Durham vs Lancaster (12 - 7)
- Durham vs. Bangor II (10 - 2)
- Durham vs. MMU Cheshire (11 - 1)
- Durham vs. Loughborough II (11 - 1)
- Durham vs. Liverpool (11 - 8)

#### Womens A Team - 1 Win, 2 Loss (one forfeit):

- Durham vs. Loughborough II (5 - 3)
- Durham vs. Lancaster (2 - 6)
- Durham vs. Dundee (1 - 0) - Forfeit

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