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## Youths urged to make a splash

**PORTOBELLO water polo club have launched a major youth initiative in a bid to finally make a breakthrough at British level.**

The first Scottish club to enter the national water polo league of predominantly English clubs back in 2004, Portobello were required to join at Division Three level despite winning the Scottish Cup 30 times since 1965 and 14 times in the last 15 years. Success came instantly and Porty raced straight into the British League's top flight where they have remained while the British Championship has seen them finish runners-up on three occasions.

Coach Alan Anderson said: "We have never quite managed to secure first place but now our attempts are being seriously bolstered. The first water polo taster ses-

sion for junior swimmers, aged 8-14, in conjunction with Edinburgh Leisure, took place this week and there is now a paid part-time Scottish development officer."

An Edinburgh Leisure spokesperson said: "The taster session is an ideal complement to swimming lessons."

**"We are looking to the future and maintaining continuity"**

Anderson added: "Portobello junior team combined with Warrender and won the Scottish under-17 cup last year to signify what is hopefully the start of a resurgence at this level."

"The backbone of our current senior team grew from a strong junior section and we are also

recruiting now from the student community in looking to the future and maintaining continuity in our ranks. To that end Keith Anderson, club president, was also coach of the Scottish students team who won the Celtic Nations event for the first time this year.

"Many of our juniors and seniors are currently preparing for another Celtic Nations event in August and we've been fortunate to attract sponsored sponsorships in recent years including Ravenstone, Aquatic Learning, Global Design and Source as well as Exception. Hopefully this will help us gain representation if Britain's team are included in the 2012 Olympics."

For more information on water polo taster sessions at Portobello swim centre, phone 0131-669 6888.



## Smashing response

ENTRIES from as far afield as Kent and Hampshire have been received for the East of Scotland junior tennis championships, which got underway today.

Local talent is particularly well represented on the Craighlockhart, Meadows and Thistle (Paties Road) courts spearheaded by Scott Duncan, Andrew Melrose, Euan McIntosh, Reuben Henry, Anastasia Mikheeva, Ellie Burns and the Mair sisters - Charlotte, Jennifer, Victoria and Jessica.

Ties are played over two long weekends from Thursday until Sunday and from 27-30 May.

## Festival of rugby

A SCHOOLS touch rugby festival is being held at Meggetland on 4 June with 20 competing teams expected at S1 and S2 level under the direction of women's internationalist Sara Mears.

On the senior front, hosts Sixpack came out on top at their annual tournament at Peffermill.

## Handed cup hope

EDINBURGH Gracemount men set out on Saturday in search of their first-ever Scottish handball Cup to add to league title honours already achieved.

The Capital team tackle Tryst Cumbernauld at Paisley.

## Eagles soaring

EDINBURGH Eagles opened their defence of the Co-Operative Scottish Rugby League conference with a 50-16 win over debutants Falkirk.

Tries - Graham (2), Grady, Porteous, Carroll, Wallace and McAslam.

## Red-hot Currie seal win

CURRIE'S production line of rugby talent looks assured after more success for the P7 team at their annual Malley Park mini-tournament.

It was the fifth consecutive year of success for the youngsters, pictured top, having started their victory run at P3 level. They are: Back - Murray Baxter, Nathan James, Ben Donaldson,

Fraser Wright, Peter Cavens, Josh O'Brien, Jack Buchanan. Front - Cameron Macleod, Gregor Russell, Cameron Muir, Andrew Watters, Euan Kennedy, Robbie Mackenzie, Calum Kennedy.

Other winning teams were Watsonians (P5), above left, Boroughmuir (P4), above right and Stewart's-Melville (P3), left.

### Thursday, 20 May

#### TENNIS

East Junior championships, incorporating Nike tour, until 30 May (Craiglockhart)

#### CRICKET

Murgatroyd Masterton Trophy, Heriot's v SMRH, Stenhousemuir v Marchmont

### Friday, 21 May

#### SPEEDWAY

Edinburgh v Newcastle

#### RUGBY

Edinburgh schools S2 seven-a-side series (Cavalry Park, 2-5pm)

### Saturday, 22 May

#### GOLF

Dispatch Trophy (Braid Hills) until 29 May

#### CRICKET

Scottish Saltires v Kent (1:45), Watsonians v Clydesdale, West v



Carlton, Greenock v Grange, Stenhousemuir v Heriot's, Edinburgh Accies v Fauldhouse (at Beeslack), Largo v Boroughmuir, Glenrothes v Watsonians 2nds, Carlton 2nds v Edinburgh 2nds, Holy Cross v Grange 2nds (Meadowbank) **GOLF** Handicap Opens (men) at Liberton and Musselburgh Old course. **FOOTBALL** Fly Emirates Scottish Junior Cup Final - Linlithgow Rose v

### SC (4:30)

#### NETBALL

Scottish cup finals including Edinburgh Holyrood v Orkney in Evelyn Beattie

#### QUAICH

Quaich consolation event (Aberdeen). **RUGBY LEAGUE** Moray Eels v Napier Univ, Easterhouse Panthers v Edinburgh Eagles.

### Sunday, 23 May

#### ATHLETICS

Edinburgh marathon

#### CRICKET

Scottish Saltires v Nottinghamshire (1:45) **TAE-KWON-DO** ITF Presidents Cup (Meadowbank) **GOLF** Handicap Opens (men) at Liberton and Musselburgh Old course.

### Monday, 24 May

#### TENNIS

East of Scotland women's tennis league - division one - David Lloyd (Edinburgh) v Blackhall, Braid v Dunfermline, Thistle v David Lloyd (Newhaven) **GOLF** Glencorse Open seniors tournament.

### Friday, 28 May

**SPEEDWAY** Edinburgh v Scunthorpe

### Largs Thistle (Kilmarnock)

#### Monday 24 May

#### TENNIS

East men's league division one - Dunfermline v Thistle, Blackhall v David Lloyd (Edinburgh), Barrton Park v Braid.

#### Tuesday, 25 May

#### RUGBY

Currie v Japan XV (Malley Park, 7:30).

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#### Friday, 28 May

#### SPEEDWAY

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### RUGBY

Edinburgh schools S1 seven-a-side series (Cavalry Park), 2-5pm.

### Saturday, 29 May

#### CROQUET

Scotland v Ireland (Meadows) **RUGBY** World seven-a-sides (Murrayfield), until Sunday **GOLF** Duddingston Open men's tournament

#### CRICKET

Carlton v Dunfermline, Greenock v Watsonians, Grange v West, Heriot's v Stoneywood-Dyce, Largo v Carlton

2nds, Glenrothes v Grange 2nds, Holy Cross v Edinburgh 2nds, Boroughmuir v Edinburgh Accies, Watsonian 2nds v Fauldhouse **RUGBY LEAGUE**

### Kirkcaldy v Edinburgh Eagles

### Sunday, 30 May

#### CRICKET

Hampshire v Scottish Saltires, Carlton 2nds v East Academy XI **GOLF** Lothians boys' championship qualifying (Braid Hills), Gifford mixed foursomes.

### Monday, 31 May

#### CRICKET

Kent v Scottish Saltires **ATHLETICS:** Edinburgh Schools inter-scholastics **SPEEDWAY** Scunthorpe v Edinburgh **TENNIS** East men's tennis league - division one - David Lloyd (Edinburgh) v Thistle, Braid v Blackhall, Barrton Park v Dunfermline.

### Tuesday, 1 June

#### GOLF

Lothian boys championship match play (Braid Hills) until Friday, Prestonfield ladies open tri-am.

#### RUGBY

Scotland v Japan A (Murrayfield), 7pm. **TENNIS** East of Scotland women's league - division one - Dunfermline v Blackhall, David Lloyd (Newhaven) v Braid, Thistle v David Lloyd (Edinburgh).

### Wednesday, 2 June

#### GOLF

Ratho Park open seniors tournament, Baberton ladies open greensomes.

### Thursday, 3 June

#### GOLF

Ratho ladies open greensomes. **TOUCH RUGBY** Schools Festival (Meggetland, 1-3pm).

### Saturday, 5 June

#### SPEEDWAY

Stoke v Edinburgh

#### RACING

Musselburgh

#### CRICKET

Watsonians v Aberdeen, Forfarshire v Carlton, Clydesdale v Grange

#### ATHLETICS

Edinburgh park run (Cramond/Silverknowes) East v West (Meadows) until Sunday.

#### RUGBY UNION

Australia under-20 v Scotland under-20 (Argentina, world championships), Scottish women v South Africa

#### GOLF

Newbattle Open, Castle Park mixed foursomes, Murrayfield mixed foursomes, Gogarburn ladies handicap open.