

**BRIGHT WEEKEND MOMENTS**

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## End of November Brings End of Movember

114 Universities throughout the UK raised £1,651,790 for the Movember charity which supports men's health. A wonderful achievement. 56 university and college sport clubs at Durham University have so far raised a staggering £122,677 of this total, with four days still to go.

It's worth reflecting that our students did a simply amazing job over the month and raised more than any other university in the UK. Every club and college should be thrilled with how much they raised, with one university club raising £27,000 and one college rugby and football club raising £20,000. Well done to everyone!

Movember fundraising continues until Saturday 7 December.

Sport is very special at Durham for many reasons and long may it remain so.

### Bright Weekend Moments for the Palatinates

Our men's **football** team is trying hard to get out of the Wearside League and into the Northern League. Anyone who follows football in the North East will know that this will be a challenge. Despite going 1-0 down at the weekend, they recovered yet again to win 2-1.

They now sit behind Durham Corinthians on 41 points and Easington on 39 points, both having played 18 games. Durham have 37 points after only 14 games.

Women's **hockey** marches on with an excellent 4-0 win. Does the English Premiership beckon for this team as they sit on 27 points with Beeston second on 21, both having played nine games? There was also an excellent 2-0 win for women's 2nds.

Men's **hockey** will have been delighted with a 1-1 draw, but the seconds lost out to the top of the table 4-0.

Women's **basketball** found it very tough against top of the table Sheffield in the Super League, going down 101-52.

It was a very solid weekend for **volleyball** as the men won 3-1 on Saturday against London Polonia, having lost the first set 25-23. They won 3-0 on Sunday against Richmond in their double header. Our women lost out to a very strong Malory on the Saturday, losing 3-1 but recovering well on the Sunday, securing a 3-2 win over Leeds. This was another final set drama as the Palatinates won it 15-13 to stay sixth, just behind Leeds.

Our **rowers** were in action at the Rutherford Head. The results didn't favour the Palatinates in the men's eights, although the times were incredibly close: Edinburgh 13.21, Newcastle 13.24

and Durham 13.27. At least this gives us a marker for the rest of the season.

Newcastle second eight recorded a time of 14.09, Edinburgh 14.13 and Durham 14.14, again all very close.

Over the weekend, DU **Squash** took 16 players down to Nottingham to compete in the annual BUCS Individuals tournament. There were some very strong performances all round, with 5 players reaching the quarter finals, 4 players reaching the semi-finals and 3 in the finals for their grades. **Esme Clayton, Harry Morris and Gleb Kachur** all won their grades, with Esme and Harry not giving away a single game over the whole tournament!

### Focus on College Sport

In recent years the Durham Colleges have competed in a varsity weekend against Loughborough's halls of residence.

This year there were some amazing games with a number of really close encounters. Huge congratulations to Collingwood men's **basketball**, who trailed by fifteen going into the last quarter but came away with a 58-55 win. The same college had an excellent win in an equally close encounter, coming away with a 3-2 win in women's **soccer**. Van Mildert men's **rugby** lost in the final minute when a conversion from the corner hit the post and dropped in, resulting in a 27-25 win to



Loughborough.

Durham secured some other excellent victories: Hild/Bede **squash** winning 4-1, St Mary's **tennis** winning 3-1 and John Snow mixed **volleyball** winning 3-0. Loughborough recorded an 8-5 win overall as they won seven of the remaining fixtures. Castle women's **basketball** lost 24-30, Grey women's **hockey** lost 0-6, Hatfield women's **netball** lost 34-75, Trevelyan men's **futsal** lost 4-23, Aiden's men's **hockey** lost a close encounter 0-2, John Snow men's **football** lost 2-4 and finally Stephenson mixed **badminton** lost 5-10.

Great to see so many colleges leading in different sports and a great day out for all our teams!

## WEDNESDAY ROUNDUP

### Power Play from Palatinates

Although we are still waiting for ten results due to a problem on the BUCS website, this has been a very strong Wednesday for Durham. At the time of compiling this report, the Palatinates had won 44, drawn 7 and lost only 12.

Our **hockey** club had two crucial wins in the National League. This is a hugely competitive league in which teams play each other only once and the standard is incredibly high - several universities now play in the premier league of England hockey. Our women secured an excellent 4-1 win away at Bath to move safely into mid-table whilst our men also beat Bath 2-1 away. They will be delighted as this should make them safe within this league.

The men's seconds hockey will have been pleased with their 2-2 draw with Nottingham Trent II but the women's seconds lost 2-0 to St Andrews I.

## "Men's squash, a force in the land these days ..."

Men's **squash**, a force in the land these days, despatched Leeds 5-0 whilst our women travelled to Leeds a player down due to late illness. In the circumstances, they will not have been too disappointed to come away with a 2-2 draw, maintaining their position at the top of North One. Men's squash seconds will have been delighted with their 3-2 win over Sheffield I whilst our women's seconds made light work of Northumbria I, winning 4-0.

Women's **lacrosse** maintained their top of the table status,

beating Edinburgh 16-1. In the main it was an excellent day all round for women's lacrosse as the seconds beat St Andrews firsts 17-5, the thirds beat Leeds Beckett firsts 17-7, the fourths beat Liverpool seconds 18-5 and, the sixths beat Leeds Beckett seconds 24-1. No result yet for our fifth team against York I. The five teams scored 92 and conceded 19.

Our men's **fencing** firsts lost out to Nottingham 127-100 although this was a greatly improved performance when compared to our home match against them.

There was an excellent win for our men's **rugby league** who beat Leeds II 30-16.

Men's **volleyball** proved far too strong for Manchester, winning 3-0 with a lot to spare.

Women's **tennis**, for the second time this year, drew 3-3 with Loughborough II but retain their place at the top of Premier North and remain on track for a return to the National League at the first time of asking. It was a very good day all-round for tennis as the club won all six of their other matches.

In an absolutely crucial encounter, our women's **netball** secured a double over Manchester. Having already won away, they recorded a 52-45 home victory. This should almost certainly secure their place in Premier Two for next year. The seconds lost out to Northumbria I 48-34 but our women's sixth team had a thumping 54-12 win.

Our women's **show jumping** mixed team beat both Newcastle and Leeds first teams.



Durham **rugby** travelled to second placed Hartpury and in a desperately close encounter will have been disappointed to come away with a 23-21 defeat. They were leading with five minutes to go before conceding a late penalty. A very difficult place to go! Our seconds lost to Leeds firsts 24-7 but there was a good 62-15 win for our thirds against Bangor. The men's fourths and fifths both lost their games.

Our women's **badminton** had another good day, our women's firsts beat Newcastle II 8-0, the seconds beat Northumbria I 7-1 and the thirds beat Sunderland I 8-0.

Our women's seconds **basketball** beat Sheffield Hallam firsts away 54-33, our women's thirds beat Leeds seconds 63-55, again away, and our men's thirds won their home game against York firsts 84-54.

There was no first team action in **football**, but our men's seconds beat Sheffield seconds 1-0 and the thirds drew with Sheffield thirds 2-2. The women's seconds looked to be in real trouble against a very strong Northumbria thirds trailing 2-0 early on but made an amazing recovery to come away 3-2 winners. The women's thirds lost out 4-0 to Leeds seconds.

There was no first team action in the **golf** either but the club had a good day out. The seconds drew away against York I 3-3, the thirds beat Leeds Beckett II 4-2 and the best result of the day came when the fourths beat Leeds I 4-2 away.

Finally, with few games in **water polo** our women's seconds thrashed Leeds I 20-2 but our men's thirds lost heavily, 29-3, to York I.

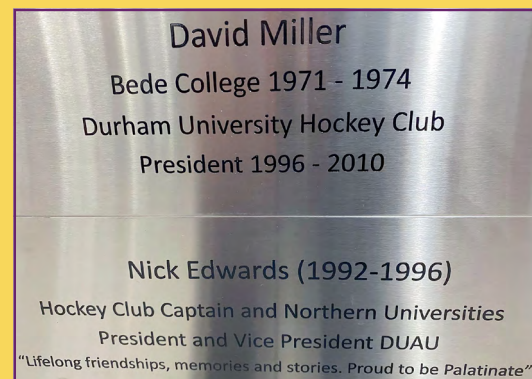


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## Memories From Our Plaque Wall

Durham sport makes up a huge part of many students' lives, whether it is university or college sport or just using the many fitness suites Durham now has. It has become a monster in its own right and, over the years, it has only been possible to deliver because of the amazing students past and present, who have contributed in so many ways. Listed below are three such former students:

**Jock Wishart, DUBC President 1972-75, DUAU President 1973-74. BUSF medallist: canoeing, rowing and powerlifting. “Durham was a ‘watershed’ in my life.”**



**Dave Miller, Bede College 1971-74, Durham University Hockey Club President 1996-2010.**

**Nick Edwards, 1992-95. Hockey Club Captain, Northern Universities President and Vice-President DUAU. “Lifelong friendships, memories and stories. Proud to be a Palatinate.”**

Thank you for your observations on our last report which included:

**“Love it as always. However, we can be number one if we just believe that. We have just to maximise in the sports that are uniquely Durham and make our extra points there.”**

**“I’ve been really enjoying the extended sport reports recently - love the new format.”**

If you have any feedback, positive or otherwise, alumni news or suggestions for future additions to our plaque wall, please [get in touch](#).



### Wider Support Programmes in Action.

For most of the first fifteen years the Wallace Group worked closely with Sport in Action on their longstanding sites such as Fountain, Munali and Kabwata. It has only been in the last five years that we have moved to a hub site model and now these new sites are spread across all the provinces of Zambia, with just over fifty now in place.

Ownership of these hub sites sits within the local community. Using the support pack developed by the Wallace Group, they set up their own committee structures and put in place opportunities for young people to play sport and to develop many wider skills. Through this model tens of thousands more children have had the opportunity to play sport.

One of our students from last year commented: **'I am so grateful to have played a small part in the growth of**

**coaches at Chipata and see how sport can genuinely change lives. My experience at Chipata has certainly changed my life!'**

**Education and hub sites:** The volunteer Zambia Foundation funds between 40 and 50 children through their education each year and these children are identified through our hub sites. Durham funds ten of these children.

**Duke of Edinburgh Award:** For the last three years Durham has been working with the DofE Zambia team to put children through their bronze and silver awards. We aim to put 250 children through these awards this year and hope to award our first ever gold award next year. Once again, the children are selected to take part from the hub sites.

**Enterprise schemes:** Early days for this initiative but we aim to introduce the schemes to all our hub sites. For now we have pilots at Metero and Fountain. These sites have tailoring

projects as well as local crafts and jewellery making. The idea behind the scheme is to train young people in specific skills to give them a start in life. Many do not go to school hence this initiative offers them an opportunity to learn skills crucial to their future.

One early initiative was to design and make netball strips for their hub site teams. This proved to be particularly successful. Team Durham and the Adderstone Foundation have been the major funders of these sites to-date.

The hub site model is designed to be self-funding but we have recently introduced a scheme where individuals or organisations can help fund a hub site in order to kick start and maintain its long term future. Durham University rugby club will be funding seven of these sites this year and beyond. We will keep you informed of progress on these sites.

**Next week:** Constructing basketball/netball courts.

