

# Performance Newsletter



The final showdown to bring the Superleague season to a close was held on Saturday evening with a capacity crowd of nearly 6,000 people!

Storm have featured in the NSL Final four times in the past five years, having been pipped to the post last year losing out by one goal in the last second to Manchester Thunder.

This year however on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April, broadcasted live on Sky Sports 4 they were finally crowned NSL Champions, beating two-time winners Hertfordshire Mavericks 56-39 at the London Copperbox Arena.



Surrey Storm player- coach Tamsin Greenway had this to say: 'It's been six years, four, five finals and we finally got the win...I'm so happy!'

She noted Mavericks weren't an easy team to beat, 'I knew if we got it right today it [Mavs] would be a difficult team to beat. Mavericks I think played exceptionally last week and they really took it to us today but we've been playing well and I think when you win games it's just as important to know why you win as it's easy to know why you lose. We've been looking at that and we've been brilliant!'

**Pamela Cooley** @PamelaCooley · Apr 25  
We only went and did it!! So so proud of the whole team + to get POM just tops it off. What a year #Champions #storm 🏆

Congratulations to Storm and to England shooter Pamela Cooley for being named as Player Of The Match, when asked her feelings on her Superleague team Storm taking the title of champions she simply exclaimed "we're champions!!". You can see Pamela above celebrating with team mates and English Athletes Tamsin Greenway and Rachel Dunn.

Watch Sky's full interview with Tamsin here:  
<http://www1.skysports.com/news/29709/9827016/netball-tamsin-greenway-delighted-with-surrey-storm-superleague-win>



Sasha Corbin, England Player and Mavericks shooter posted on Instagram after her teams defeat reflecting on the NSL season. She thanked supporters who have backed Mavericks this season and showed her sportsmanship congratulating Storm on their victory:



sasha\_corbin

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Can't believe it's all over! Wow what a journey it's been with these girls. It wasn't the way we intended on finishing the season but lots to be proud of & lots to take away for next season. I just want to say a HUGE thank you to all that supported @hertfordshiremavericks and Congratulations Surrey Storm on becoming Champions.



Hertfordshire Mavericks Head Coach Sam Bird commented on her team reaching the final: 'We knew we could go out and perform, we proved that last week.' She went on to say 'It's my first year as head coach, I'm really proud of the team..to get to the finals, it was anyone's today. We didn't do it this year but we'll be back to take it next year!'

Manchester Thunder finished third in the Superleague, beating Yorkshire Jets 55-49.



Thunder's head coach Tracey Neville said: "We came off a loss last week and corrected it today. I'm not sure any other team could have done that like we did against Jets. We've won 15 out of 16 this season but lost the vital one but hopefully the players will learn from that experience and make sure it never happens again."

## Congratulations!

Congratulations go to Yorkshire Jets players Natalie Haythornthwaite and Lottysa 'Timmy' Cato

Jets vice-captain Natalie Haythornthwaite was named player of the season on Saturday, a full press release can be found here:

<http://www.yorkshirejets.net/news/jets-star-named-netball-superleague-player-of-the-season>

Cato won the Gilbert Golden Shot award, scoring the highest amount of goals in the season, 670 out of the 820 goals which were accumulated by Jets!



Natalie



Cato



# NPL Closing Weekend



NPL closing weekend drew to a close on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of April.

Manchester Thunder came away with the 2014/15 NPL title, with a thrilling final victory.

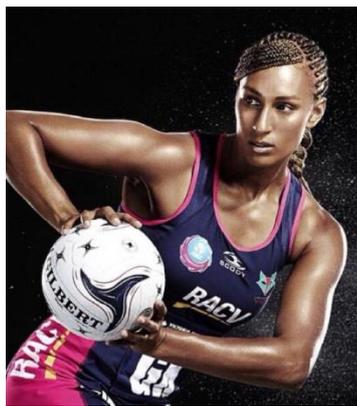
A huge congratulations to all ten sides for a season full of fierce competition. Please see the link below for the full England Netball press release:

[http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/news-and-media/latest-news/manchester-thunder-secure-2014-15-npl-with-thrilling-final-victory\\_idb38ef400-d79c-4c44-b319-7abfb431dcbf](http://www.Englandnetball.co.uk/news-and-media/latest-news/manchester-thunder-secure-2014-15-npl-with-thrilling-final-victory_idb38ef400-d79c-4c44-b319-7abfb431dcbf)

## Geva Mentor

Bournemouth born English Goal Keeper Geva has been living in Australia for the past seven years.

Geva is currently playing in the Trans-tasman netball league in Australia (ANZ) alongside working for Netball Victoria as a development officer bringing netball to the community.



Having been voted the number one netball player in the world last year by The Guardian and MVP for the ANZ 2014 season it was not a surprise that she was nominated for the Sportswoman of the Year award but it shows how much netball has evolved.

Geva was shortlisted to the final four of the Sportaccord Award which took place in Sochi on St George's Day this year. We are very proud not only because Geva is an English athlete but also because the nomination was publicised on the international level which is fantastic for netball as a sport to be involved in such an awards ceremony.

For the full interview with Geva by Sportsaccord please visit the link below:  
<http://www.sportaccord.com/media/news/international-convention/a-true-mentor/>



**GevaMentor**  
@GevaMentor

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Top 4! It was incredible to be nominated, let alone making the finals. WOW!  
[awards.sportaccord.com/finalists/woman](http://awards.sportaccord.com/finalists/woman)  
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@GevaMentor you are so welcome, you deserve to win - thank you for being a great representative for our sport! #netball #INFnetball



**Netball World Cup** @netballworldcup · Mar 27

@GevaMentor @sportaccord @IntNetball Congrats! What a fantastic ambassador you are to our sport! #SeeyouinSydney



# 100 DAYS TO GO!!



## NETBALL WORLD CUP Sydney 2015

With 100 days to go you will be aware that the new coaching set up was announced at the beginning of April, the below staff will support England in their 2015 Netball World Cup campaign.



**Colette Thomson**  
Assistant Coach

Colette has had a stellar career in netball playing for her country for 13 years gaining 89 caps and representing England in four World Netball Championships. Now a successful and distinguished coach, Colette has been recognised for her knowledge, determination and passion of the game. Winning the Female Coach of the Year award from Sports Coach UK and being awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours list last year. Not to mention also being a selector from 1987-1995 and in England Netball's Hall of Fame in 2007.



**Amanda Newton**  
Technical  
Defensive Coach

Amanda was entered into England Netballs Hall of Fame in 2008. The former England defender is a member of the centenary club having recorded 100 caps for her country and captaining the team on a number of occasions. Since retiring she has become assistant coach with Hertfordshire Mavericks whilst also working as a netball and physical education coach.



We would like to welcome Tracey to the team; she officially starts her role as England Head Coach today and will be leading the squad at this summer's World Cup in Sydney.

"I'm delighted to accept this opportunity, it's a great challenge and I am looking forward to the World Cup and working with the players," said Neville.

Tracey Neville has earned 81 caps for England, playing in two Commonwealth games. Before this Tracey worked as a fitness coach for Leeds Met University sports department. Since retiring from playing netball in 2008 Tracey has been helping to raise the profile of netball around the country. Not to mention being Manchester Thunder's Director of Netball and Head Coach.



**Sarah Gandon**  
Team Manager

Sarah will be continuing her role as England Team Manager. Sarah started at England Netball as Performance Operations Manager in July 2013, a role which splits her time between Team Management of the Senior & U21/development squads, operational management of the NSL and strategic competition planning. Previously Sarah had a role within the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games organising committee, volunteering in netball since her time at university in Edinburgh and team managing Scottish and British university's' squads for eight years previous.



**Karen Greig**  
Technical Attacking Coach

Gaining 31 caps for England in her playing career, the former shooter continued her netball career in coaching. Karen is NW Performance Pathway Coach at England Netball, recently finishing her season as assistant coach in the NSL with Manchester Thunder.



## International Test Series

Since our last newsletter we have announced a number of selections including the Netball Series against Trinidad and Tobago.

The three match home International Series will be starting **next week on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** at the Sports Training Village in Bath. Two days later the teams will meet again at the Copper Box Arena in London and the Series will be completed with a final clash at the Echo Arena in Liverpool, on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**This is not to be missed and will be the last time you will see your team play before the World Cup in Australia in August!**

Come along and back your team with the amazing support you always show and unite in red for England!

Tickets are on sale via Sky on the link and for the Liverpool match, the Echo Arena box offices are also selling tickets.

## Tickets

Remember to get your tickets for the test series; you can purchase these from the link below. Sky are selling tickets and the Echo Arena Box Office are selling tickets for Liverpool:

<http://tickets.sky.com/Netball/International-Netball-Series>

<http://www.echoarena.com/whatson/international-netball-test-match/>

## Test Series:

Pamela Cookey  
Rachel Dunn  
Kadeen Corbin  
Helen Housby  
Sara Bayman  
Laura Malcolm  
Natalie Haythornthwaite  
Sasha Corbin  
Sam Cook  
Stacey Francis  
Sonia Mkloma\*  
Layla Guscoth



## Netball Europe

The Netball Europe Open Championships will be held straight after the Test Series. The team will travel to Belfast for this event. The list of fixtures can be found below.

Court warm up:	10.00AM	12.00PM	16.00PM	18.00PM
Match Start:	10.30AM	12.30PM	16.30PM	18.30PM
Thursday 14th	ENGLAND V TRINIDAD & TOBAGO			ENGLAND V SOUTH AFRICA
Friday 15th			ENGLAND V SCOTLAND	
Saturday 16th		ENGLAND V WALES		
Sunday 17th		ENGLAND V NORTHERN IRELAND		

## Netball Europe:

Pamela Cookey  
Kadeen Corbin  
Helen Housby  
Rachel Dunn  
Sara Bayman  
Laura Malcolm  
Tamsin Greenway\*  
Sally Butters\*  
Sam Cook  
Stacey Francis  
Sonia Mkloma\*  
Layla Guscoth

Keep up to date with the Test Series and Netball Europe Championships:

Twitter: @England\_Netball

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/englandnetball>



## England U19 squad confirmed for tour to Australia

Last month the U21 long squad was revealed and the team to head out on tour was chosen from this list of selected athletes.

Competition will be provided by the Victorian Fury side along with Netball Victoria Talent Squad and VNL U19 team. This tour is part of the preparation towards the World Youth Championships in Botswana, 2017.

Many of the squad have benefitted from training at the INTC's alongside senior National athletes and this should enhance their performance as this age group aim to make an impact Down Under.

We would like to congratulate all athletes who were selected; you can follow the action on England Netball's Facebook and Twitter pages!

### Selected Athletes

**Rebekah Airey** – NW & Loughborough Lightning

**Rhea Dixon**- L&SE & Surrey Storm

**George Fisher** – East & Hertfordshire Mavericks

**Rebecca Hoult**- NW & Manchester Thunder

**Olivia Leach** – L&SE & Surrey Storm

**Alana John** - S / L&SE & Surrey Storm

**Gabby Marshall** – NW & Manchester Thunder

**Vicki Oyesola** – L&SE & Hertfordshire Mavericks

**Jess Shaw** – NW & Yorkshire Jets

**Alice Travis** – NW & Manchester Thunder

**Lydia Walker** – Y&H & Yorkshire Jets



England netball

### ENGLAND v TRINIDAD & TOBAGO INTERNATIONAL NETBALL SERIES

6 <sup>TH</sup> MAY @ 19:15	8 <sup>TH</sup> MAY @ 17:30	11 <sup>TH</sup> MAY @ 19:15
UNIVERSITY OF BATH	THE COPPER BOX ARENA, LONDON	ECHO ARENA, LIVERPOOL

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