MEN’S LACROSSE CLUB 2016/2017

The Men’s Lacrosse Team set off at the start of the season to have a strong rebuilding year following the graduation of half of the 2015-2016 team. As a result of losing such senior leadership, this season inevitably saw its fair share of ups and downs.

Except for one player, the entire team was comprised of underclassmen. This presented a unique but initially challenging opportunity as the year began. Lacking experience and chemistry, the Team had to learn to play together. However, the first and second year classes bonded very quickly; this was displayed in the team’s Lacrosse Scotland Student Tournament victory over Glasgow, Strathclyde, and Aberdeen in October.

The season finished in similar fashion as the team made a Final Four appearance in Edinburgh and defeated Strathclyde to win the Scotland Lacrosse Final Four shield. Following this victory, the team also saw 7 players asked to join the National Scottish Student Sports Team. These offers consisted of training for an exhibition match against England to prepare for the world championships in 2018.
In retrospect, this year did not fully reach the team’s goals that it set out of the start of the year. With an absence of BUCS participation and fewer games played in Lacrosse Scotland due to weather and unfavorable conditions, the team did not play as many games as it had hoped. Nonetheless, with growing membership and hopefully a strong incoming freshman class, not to mention we are lucky not to graduate any players from this year’s squad, the team has high hopes heading into next year. We plan to once again restore dominance in the BUCS Scottish division and become again one of the premier lacrosse teams in the UK.
WOMEN’S LACROSSE CLUB 2016/2017

This year has been extremely exciting and successful for the Women’s Lacrosse Club. The 2016/7 Season has seen a large growth in membership, with the largest majority of girls joining us as beginners. Participation was at a new high with many girls competing in two matches a week and the club has formed a new 3rds team, made up of mostly beginners who have play friendly matches throughout the year.

BUCS

This year both the 1st and 2nd team entered the Scottish 1A league. There was some tough competition throughout the league but the club has been very successful. The 2nds finished the season 3 places higher than last year with great wins against both Glasgow 2’s and Aberdeen 2’s. The 1st Team had yet another successful season; winning 7 out of 8 of their BUCS league fixtures. The team then went on to play in the playoffs to get to promoted to the North Premier League for next season. We cannot wait for all 3 teams will be playing in BUCS leagues next season!

Representation

This year many girls from the club have gained Half Blue’s for representing Scotland throughout
the year. We are proud to say that 6 girls were selected for the Scottish University squad to play friendly matches and receive training. Furthermore, after monthly training weekends and a rigorous recruitment process two of our girls were selected to represent Scotland Senior B at the Home Internationals in April 2017.

Volunteering
We continued to work with St Leonards, with our outreach officer, Alex, playing a key role in coaching and umpiring for the school on regular occasions. We have also established new links with Fettes School and Glenalmond College which we hope to continue next season. We have recently reached out to Sporting Chance charity to aid the development of Kenyan Lacrosse and a few girls will be in Kenya this summer volunteering and we will continue to support players in the run up to the Lacrosse World Cup.