

# SPORTSROUND

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## Round-Up of Sports News & Information for Yorkshire Region

### Leeds Sports Awards

The Leeds Sports Awards panel met at the Yorkshire Post building on 3<sup>rd</sup> January to consider over one hundred nominations for winners of the Leeds Sports Awards for 2006. The Awards will be presented at a special Gala evening to be held at the Leeds Civic Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2007 in the presence of the Lord Mayor of Leeds. Awards will be made in various categories and the leading nominees in each category will be invited to attend the event. The Leeds Sports Federation is grateful to Yorkshire Evening Post, Leeds City Council and Leeds Metropolitan University for their support in staging the event; to Weltech Solutions for their help in organising the event; to Resource Print Solutions Ltd. for providing printing services and to Larkfield Engraving for support with the trophies.

### Sport England appoint new Chief Executive

Sport England signalled its new direction yesterday with the appointment of Jennie Price to the post of chief executive. Jennie Price, a trained barrister and recycling specialist, was named yesterday as the first woman chief executive of Sport England. Price has an impressive track record in management and is currently chief executive of the Waste and Resources Management Programme, the body created by the government to improve recycling. The current chief executive of the Government's Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) joins Sport England in April, more than a year after the previous full-time incumbent, Roger Draper left to head up the Lawn Tennis Association. Like Sport England's chairman, Derek Mapp, Price has little background in sport and it is understood her experience of management and working with government programmes and the public sector was considered a greater asset. At WRAP, established in 2000 to improve the country's recycling performance, Price delivered one of the most successful consumer communication campaigns in the environmental field, called Recycle Now. The campaign helped lift the number of committed recyclers in England by five million over the last two years. Before joining WRAP, Price spent almost 20 years in the construction industry, first as a lawyer and then as chief executive of the Major Contractors Group and the Construction Confederation. A Wolves fan, she will now be responsible for leading the lottery and public-funded Government quango responsible for grassroots sport and ensuring a legacy for the community from the London Olympics in 2012.

### FDSO Yorkshire Dinner

The Annual Sports Awards Dinner of the Federation of Disability Sport in Yorkshire, sponsored by **npower**, takes place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2007 at Leeds United FC. Nominations for award winners are invited. To

purchase tickets or obtain a nomination form contact FDSO Yorkshire on 01924 279305

### Goalball Sessions

Goalball Training Sessions (the sport specially for blind and partially sighted people) are now being held at Shire View in Headingley (next to the 'Original Oak') from 6.00 – 7.30 pm on 11 & 25 January, 8 & 22 February, 8 & 22 March and 5 & 19 April. For more information contact Kathryn Fielding on 01924 279305 or email [kfielding@fdso.co.uk](mailto:kfielding@fdso.co.uk)

### East Midlands MEPs' Sports Summit

Chris Heaton Harris MEP is hosting a "summit" in Daventry on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2007 to discuss future plans for sporting programmes and facilities in the Northamptonshire area. Mr Heaton-Harris would welcome input from as many different sporting stakeholders as possible, but in particular would like to have East Midlands or Northamptonshire representatives from national governing bodies of all sports, as well as representatives from Sport England and the London 2012 team. Please reply to this email address if you are interested in attending: [cheaton@europarl.eu.int](mailto:cheaton@europarl.eu.int)

### Charities Act

The Office of the Third Sector has published the implementation plan for the Charities Act 2006, setting out the timetable for the implementation of the legislation. In the first half of 2007 a plain English guide to the Charities Act will be published and a series of regional events to explain the Act to charities in England and Wales will be held. A modernised framework for the Charity Commission will also be produced. The plan can be found at: [www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third\\_sector/law\\_and\\_regulation/charities\\_act\\_2006](http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/law_and_regulation/charities_act_2006)

### Smokefree Venues

The implementation of the smokefree elements of the Health Act 2006, from 6am on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007, will require all enclosed public places and workplaces to be smokefree environments. This includes offices, factories, shops, pubs, bars, restaurants, membership clubs, public transport and work vehicles that are used by more than one person. All smokefree premises and vehicles will be required to display no-smoking signs. The regulations providing the detail of how the smokefree legislation will operate are being finalised and will be laid before Parliament shortly. A copy of the Government's proposals for regulations is available on the Department of Health's website at: [www.dh.gov.uk/Consultations/ClosedConsultations/ClosedConsultationsArticle/fs/en?CONTENT\\_ID=4139521&chk=nsx](http://www.dh.gov.uk/Consultations/ClosedConsultations/ClosedConsultationsArticle/fs/en?CONTENT_ID=4139521&chk=nsx)

## **Gambling Act 2005**

The Gambling Act 2005 will come into full effect during 2007. Stadia and sports club bars with betting facilities or gaming machines will need to take steps to maintain their licences under the new legislation. Guidance on how to do this is available at [www.culture.gov.uk/Reference\\_library/Publications/archive\\_2006/gambling\\_trans\\_arrange.htm](http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2006/gambling_trans_arrange.htm) with the key information for sports clubs being found on pages 46 and 47. Clubs whose registrations expire after September 2007 will need to reapply for their permits two months before their current registration is due to expire.

## **The MEND Programme**

The MEND Programme is a national child overweight and obesity prevention and treatment programme. MEND has recently been awarded substantial funding from Sainsburys and the Big Lottery Fund to roll-out programmes throughout the UK. A large part of the work involves increasing children's and parents' physical activity levels both during the 9-week MEND Programme and also after the programme. In order to promote sustained improvements in physical activity, all the local implementation partners are recommended to guide the families into mainstream sports and clubs after the programme has finished. MEND are keen to engage with sports federations and clubs directly. In particular they are keen to provide contact details and information about sports clubs on their sites and in their materials to signpost participants into clubs and to encourage continued physical activity. For further information on the MEND programme please contact Ulla Stauch, Development Director at [ulla.stauch@mendprogramme.org](mailto:ulla.stauch@mendprogramme.org) or visit [www.mendprogramme.org](http://www.mendprogramme.org)

## **Physical activity and older people**

The British Heart Foundation (BHF) is producing a set of guidelines on the promotion of physical activity with older people. The guidelines will be used to advise best practice in relation to physical activities amongst older people and advise practitioners how to translate new evidence and advice into practice. The guidelines are currently in draft format and the BHF is keen to consult with individuals and organisations which provide physical activity opportunities for older people and to obtain their feedback. It is expected that the guidelines will be published in early 2007. The draft Guidelines and a consultation pro-forma are attached and further information can be found at [www.bhfactive.org.uk/older-adults/currentprojects.html](http://www.bhfactive.org.uk/older-adults/currentprojects.html)

## **Future of Volunteering Review – making sport heard!**

In response to the Russell Commission report of 2005 the Government is now investing significantly in youth volunteering. To capitalise on this energy, the England Volunteering Development Council has established the 'Commission for the Future of Volunteering' to develop a long-term vision for volunteering based on consultation and input from all interested parties. Sport has been challenged by Baroness Julia Neuberger DBE, Chair of the Commission on the Future of Volunteering to respond, to make sure that the voices of the largest involver of volunteers in the country are heard -14% of the adult population are sports volunteers and sport represents 26% of formal volunteering overall. The Commission has established three themes and is seeking comments/evidence on

each of these prior to publishing its final report in October 2007. To ensure that the Commission's vision for volunteering is informed by sport and recreation input. Visit [www.volcomm.org.uk/getinvolved/](http://www.volcomm.org.uk/getinvolved/) for details of how to respond, and submit your responses by 31 January 2007.

## **Sport Opportunity for Young Disabled**

YOUNG disabled people are being encouraged to take advantage of a unique sports academy which offers activities as diverse as kick boxing and ultimate frisbee. The Skill Academy, a scheme between Rawmarsh SchoolSports Partnership, Rotherham Council and Herringthorpe Leisure Centre, was established in 2005 as a multi-sports opportunity for youngsters across Rotherham with disabilities. Karl O'Reilly, of Rawmarsh SchoolSports Partnership, said: "The academy's main aim is to build on balance, agility and co-ordination skills and provide youngsters with sporting opportunities that they would usually have.

## **Health warning as teenagers get lazier**

British teenagers get lazier as they get older, research has found. The study followed 6,000 children from the age of age of 11 or 12. By the time they were 16, girls were active for 2.8 hours less each day and boys for 2.5 hours. The amount of physical activity fell by 46 per cent in girls and by 23 per cent in boys over the five years. By the age of 16, girls were physically active on fewer than two days a week and boys on fewer than three days or a little more. The five-year study, funded by Cancer Research UK, measured the amount of time the children spent watching television, using computers or playing video games. They were asked how often they took exercise which made them sweat or breathe hard. The charity says that too much sitting around encourages obesity, increasing the risk of diabetes, heart disease and cancer. On average, 16-year-olds spend 16 hours a week in front of a screen.

## **2012 Olympics Spin-Offs for Region**

Yorkshire's development agency has predicted a £600m boost for the region as a result of the 2012 Olympic Games, but a study by the influential Institute of Public Policy Research (IPPR) casts serious doubt on such hopes. It warns expectations outside London "feel over-inflated" while some regional development agencies have "excessively" high hopes that jobs and investment will spread across the UK. The Games will create 8,164 jobs outside the capital compared with 7,966 jobs in north-east London and 38,875 jobs in Greater London, according to the analysis used in the IPPR's report. The study questions if it is realistic for Sheffield to hope for a £15m spin-off and for Doncaster to see its airport as making it an Olympics training and tourism destination and warns of "marginal" benefits outside London. Concerns that the regions could lose out financially with Whitehall and Lottery cash being diverted to London are also highlighted by the report. Dermot Finch, director of IPPR's Centre for Cities, said the Games's impact outside London would not be massive which regions had to understand and adjust expectations accordingly. Leeds MP Greg Mulholland said many people across the UK were pleased London had won the Olympics but hoped for a knock-on effect and added it was disappointing but not surprising to see that the vast majority of investment would go into London. "But the real concern, and one I raised with the Government, is that there is a danger that investment will be taken out of areas such as Yorkshire," said the

Liberal Democrat who represents Leeds North West. Regional development agency Yorkshire Forward said the report raised some interesting ideas but also some "significant" contradictions. Head of strategy Don Stewart said: "I wholeheartedly agree with the conclusion that the benefits of London hosting the 2012 Olympic Games will not happen automatically, which is why we, along with partners in the region, are working to maximise the potential opportunities and benefits for regional business and communities. Even at this early stage we are confident that there will be significant economic benefits for Yorkshire and Humber. There is a fine line to be drawn between being realistic and failing to make the most of a once in a lifetime opportunity for our region."

### **Programme Manager, Leeds Initiative**

Can you help Leeds get the best out of the Olympics? This is a six-month opportunity in the first instance, based in the Leeds Initiative office in Leeds city centre (The post could be suitable for a secondment subject to agreement from your organisation). The successful applicant will develop and implement a business plan for Leeds to maximise the potential benefits of the London 2012 Olympic Games for the city and city region. A key feature of the role will be to identify and assess the potential value of economic and other opportunities and to outline an approach which will deliver a lasting legacy of enhanced sporting and cultural activity. To succeed in this role, you will have:

- the ability to quickly develop partnerships and excellent working relationships with a range of stakeholders in sport, business, economic development, tourism, health, marketing and education;
- experience of business planning and attracting investment;
- a proven track record of managing projects from conception to completion; and
- the ability to manage competing priorities and deliver results.

Above all you'll have the passion, drive and energy to bring the benefits of the world's greatest sporting event to help make Leeds even better for its residents, visitors and businesses.

For an informal discussion about this post contact: Kathy Kudelnitzky, 0113 2478915 or Dinah Clark 0113 3950099 . Closing date is 5.00 pm 11 January 2007 Interviews will be held on 31 January 2007.

### **GB Fitness Map**

As millions of Britons struggle to keep their New Year's Resolutions, a new report has named and shamed the unhealthiest places in the country. Researchers have identified the ten areas where there are high levels of disease and lots of people with unhealthy lifestyles. They have also pinpointed those places that are likely to place a huge burden on the NHS in the future because so many residents are currently smoking and eating the wrong kinds of foods. The report authors said their findings show the timebomb which threatens to overwhelm the health service unless people change their ways. Market analysis organisations TNS and CACI studied current levels of serious illness such as heart disease and chronic conditions in 408 local authorities across the UK. Using a combination of official data, market research and surveys, they also analysed lifestyle trends that might predict future health problems, such as the proportion of people following diets typically filled with high sugar and fatty foods but few fruit and vegetables. This enabled them to pinpoint the areas where levels of illness and bad habits are

already causing health problems. Of the worst ten, eight were in Wales, with the other two being Easington in the North East, Bolsover in Derbyshire. Glasgow, Liverpool, Gateshead, Stoke-on-Trent and Barnsley all appeared within the top 30 unhealthiest places. The rating was based on them being home to high numbers of older people and disadvantaged communities with serious medical problems, high rates of smoking, obesity and poor diets. The report also pinpointed areas where unhealthy lifestyles suggest an increase in health problems in coming decades. This was based on high rates of inactivity, smoking and a diet containing lots of fast food but little fruit and vegetables. The 10 places judged to be storing up the greatest future problems included several inner London boroughs, Nottingham, Manchester and Hull. In contrast, the report also identified areas where people generally are healthy and have lifestyles that suggest a lower risk of serious illness in future years. These included the Isles of Scilly, the Orkney Islands, the borough of Ealing and Ryedale (8<sup>th</sup> in the list) where there are particularly high numbers of healthy people following well balanced diets.

### **New Year Resolutions**

Thousands of people who take their expanded Christmas waistlines to the gym this week will have abandoned their good intentions by June. After consuming an average of 250 extra calories a day and spending hours on the sofa, the average Briton returned to work this week with a "mince pie bulge", according to one gym chain. Although the collective exercise effort starts with a bang this week, for some it will end with a whimper by summer. January is the most popular month for joining a gym, with almost 12 per cent of memberships taken out. However, the Fitness Industry Association said that almost 22 per cent of people who join will have thrown in the towel after 24 weeks. A further 20 per cent will disappear before December. Thousands more who continue to pay a monthly membership will barely use it. Research from the consumer analyst Mintel shows that 15 per cent of people paying membership fees visit less than once a week, including three per cent going less than twice a year.

### **The Quiz for Christmas**

1. Which country finished 3rd in the World Cup this year?
2. Which is the most southerly venue at which the Olympic Games has ever been held?
3. Who is the World Snooker Champion?
4. Who are the holders of the Davis Cup?
5. Which comedian used to play centre-half for Doncaster Rovers?
6. Where did Australia regain the Ashes this month?
7. Who is the BBC Sports Personality of the Year?
8. Whom did Roger Federer beat in the final of the Wimbledon Men's singles this summer?
9. Who succeeded Lance Armstrong by wearing the yellow jersey on the winners podium at the end of the Tour de France this year?
10. Who is the Minister for Sport?
11. For which county did Dr W G Grace play?
12. For which English club did Aussie rugby star Wendell Sailor play?

**Answers on next page**

## The Answers

1– Germany (they beat Portugal 3-1 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> place play-off); 2 – Melbourne (in 1956); 3– Graeme Dott (he beat Peter Ebdon 18-14 in the final); 4– Russia (they beat Argentina 3-2 in the Final); 5 – Charlie Williams (lose a point if you said that nearly everybody who has played at centre-half for Doncaster Rovers was a comedian); 6 – Perth (not Buckingham Palace, as Geoffrey Boycott would have us believe); 7– Zara Phillips (who also happens to be eleventh in line to the throne); 8– Rafael Nadal (the first win for Federer over Nadal in six matches); 9– Floyd Landis (although whether he will be allowed to keep it is still open to debate and appeal); 10– Richard Caborn (who also happens to be a keen fan of Sheffield United); 11- Gloucestershire (for whom he once scored 318 not out v Yorkshire); 12- Leeds Tykes (for whom he scored 15 tries in 14 appearances)

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