

Helvecia & Watford take Futsal honours
The FA Futsal Cup Finals took place in Sheffield this weekend.

Helvecia FC lifted The FA Futsal Cup for the second successive year on Sunday, courtesy of a 2-1 win against Loughborough Students, whilst 2007 champions and last year's runners-up Watford Ladies took the honours too by beating Leeds Met Carnegie in the women's Final in Sheffield.

It was a competitive tournament as always at the impressive English Institute Of Sport and that was also shown in the Men's Shield, which was eventually won by Futsal Cup debutants Hartpury College.

Over 30 teams made the trip to South Yorkshire for the Finals, which began on Friday with the early group games which carried on into Saturday before the knock-out stages began. With the top two from each group in both the men's and women's Cup heading into the quarter finals, there was also the Plate to contest for the remaining men's teams.

There were a few surprises too, as teams such as Loughborough Students and Genesis secured their place in the last eight of the men's competition and it was Loughborough who created perhaps the biggest upset by knocking out FC White Bear by 4-3 to seal a place in the Semi-Final against London United.

With Helvecia in convincing form after an 8-2 quarter final victory against Kickers and then a 4-1 win over Tranmere Victoria, it was left to the Students to win their Semi-Final by 2-1 and give themselves a shot at the title. They came close too, with Helvecia edging the Final by 2-1 to lift The Cup again and follow on from last year's success and their win in The FA Futsal League play-offs.

In the women's competition, last year's winners Doncaster Rovers Belles headed into the Semi-Final with a thunderous 12-1 win against Barnsley Ladies, whilst perennial challengers Watford Ladies progressed after a 7-3 win against United Again to face Curzon Ashton Ladies for a place in the Final.

A 3-0 win for Watford saw them take their place in the showpiece game, but there was to be no repeat of last year's Final as Leeds Met Carnegie ran out as 6-3 winners against Doncaster. Watford eventually took the title for a second time, by winning 3-1 in The Final.

Other awards handed out over the weekend saw Tranmere Victoria and Crewe Alexander named as Fair Play Winners in the men's and women's competition respectively. Top goalscorer was James Efpit of Genesis with 12 to his name, whilst the best goalkeeper was named as Helvecia's Jhonata Almeida Guimares and Bruno Abreu, also from Helvecia, was named as Player of the Tournament.

The Golden Boot in the women's competition was shared between Watford's Kelly Bingham and Doncaster's Vicki Stevens who both hit 13 goals, whilst Watford goalkeeper Lauren Davy was named as best stopper. The Player of the Tournament award went to Sophie Walton of runners-up Leeds Met Carnegie.

All of The FA Futsal Cup results from the last three days can be seen at Full-Time by [clicking here](#).

Jon Dutton said "At the end of a very long few weeks of event delivery the 2009 National Futsal Cup was a huge success. We were able to act on some of the negative feedback from 2008 and made some significant changes which contributed towards a first class event.."

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Logistique completes summer on the road

The end of the event season

Logistique have recently completed a busy summer of events with the team managing, 3 National Competitions. Amongst the events they helped stage the largest event of its kind in the Country – The FA UMBRO Fives.

Everything kicked off in May with the delivery of 7 regional finals of The Fives with the team visiting Leeds, Bury, London, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Birmingham and Peterborough.

Logistique were re appointed in a role as Tournament Directors following the success of the last 2 year's events. The main prize for the men's and women's teams was to qualify to play at Wembley Stadium.

In June Logistique also helped The FA, deliver its National Youth Futsal Festival building on the success of last years event. It is the 2nd year Logistique have been involved in the organisation and delivery of the event which had 80 boys and girls teams from all over England compete in Sheffield.

Logistique expanded its portfolio of events outside of football with the organisation and delivery of EFDS Playground to Podium multi sport assessment days held in Redruth, Cornwall. The day saw National Governing Body coaches from football, wheelchair basketball; table tennis and athletics cast their eye over Cornwall's most talented disabled youngsters in the hope of identifying future paralympians.

The summer culminated in Logistique event managing the National Futsal Finals at EIS in Sheffield. This is the second time that Logistique have been asked by The FA to help with the prestigious event. The Nationals finals had the sixteen best men's and women's Futsal teams complete over three days of intense competition.

Logistique Managing Director, Jon Dutton said

"It has been a busy summer for the team but one that we have wholeheartedly enjoyed the challenge of delivering".

"To have been selected to event manage The FA events again was fantastic as was our appointment by EFDS to help them with their Playground to Podium initiative"

"As we continue to expand our event portfolio we aim to offer our clients a dedicated and professional service with attention to detail the primary aim".

Planning for next summer has already begun with Logistique being appointed to manage the 2010 World Blind Championship which will act as a qualifier for the Paralympics Games in London in 2012.

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Logistique put into bat

Logistique have been commissioned to deliver a partnership plan between Leicester City Council Sports Services, Crown Hills Cricket Club, and Leicester Caribbean Cricket Club, Building Schools for the Future and the England and Wales Cricket Board in respect of a capital development programme.

Logistique has a strong track record of delivering Project funding and feasibility projects having previously completed similar projects in Irlam Local Area Plan, Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and most recently Kendal Sports Village.

Jon Dutton said “We are pleased that through our long term relationship with Leicester City Council we have been selected to assist in a finding a way forward on a multi faceted and complex cricket led project. Whilst Leicester has seen significant investment into its sporting infrastructure there is still a paucity of quality community facilities and this project offers the opportunity for both investment and development”.

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Futsal team has two games in Hereford next month.

England v Israel
International Friendlies
7pm, 9 October & 8pm, 10 October
Point 4, Hereford

[Click here for ticket application form](#)

England's Futsal team return to action next month, when they host two games against Israel at the Royal College Of The Blind in Hereford.

After finding themselves unfortunate not to have qualified for the next stages of the UEFA European Championship earlier this year, Peter Sturges and his side will be looking to continue their development in the sport.

After a fine 4-2 victory against Cyprus in the last game of the qualifiers in Dublin, Sturges will now be looking to build upon this in the first matches of the 2009-10 season.

The Three Lions will face Israel twice in two days in the event at the Point 4 venue, which will also see a number of junior development games take place on both evenings before the big internationals.

Tickets are available at just £3 for adults and £2 for U16s and students per evening. There is limited availability, so please contact Point 4 in Hereford or complete the attached [ticket application form](#).

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Logistique support the Boccia 2011 World Cup

Logistique has recently been commissioned by UK Sport, GB Boccia and CP Sport who are in the early stages of progressing a bid to host the 2011 Boccia World Cup. The Boccia World Cup is the most important event in the international Boccia calendar in the year immediately prior to the Paralympic Games.

Logistique has a strong track record of delivering UK Sport funding having previously completed similar projects for the Football Association in 2004 for the Partially Sighted World Championships and more recently for the CP and Blind World Championship events.

Two venues have expressed an interest in hosting the event and UK Sport have appointed Logistique to assist in selecting a host venue/city and developing an application to UK Sport for funding support.

Jon Dutton said "We are delighted to be working for UK Sport and its partners on this project. Boccia is a key Paralympic sport and the staging of the World Cup in 2011, should the bid be successful, will be a key World Class event in the lead up to 2012".

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Double reason to celebrate for Cheadle!

Two projects in Cheadle had good reason to celebrate recently with the successful award of Football Foundation funding. Cheadle in Stockport as part of the South Manchester Sports Club capital project has total project costs of £1m to develop new facilities and become a sporting hub in its surrounding community. Whilst in the other Cheadle through Staffordshire Moorlands District Council have total project costs at £845,743 towards their community football project.

Both projects have been led by Logistique over the last twelve months, which has involved preparing and submitting all of the funding documentation and liaison with project partners, funders and the design teams.

South Manchester Sports Club have been awarded a grant worth £495,000 from the Football Foundation – the UK's largest sports charity – to develop a new changing pavilion, a 60*40, floodlit third generation artificial grass pitch and sand based artificial turf pitch and comes on the back of a successful Sport England grant of £265,000.

Whilst Staffordshire Moorlands District Council have been awarded a grant of £398,871 to develop a new changing pavilion, 60*40 floodlit third generation grass pitch and re-configuration of natural grass pitches, the other match funding is being committed by the council.

The South Manchester project will support the club's growth of 34 new teams and 410 new participants. The extra changing facilities are desperately needed and the Artificial Grass Pitch will be well used, by not only Premier Football Coaching, Communities United and South Manchester Sports Club but also other local clubs and all the primary schools in the area. The site will also be the home to well-established Netball and Hockey teams giving the site a strong multi sports feel.

The Staffordshire Moorlands project will support the growth of 23 new teams and 396 new participants. The new facilities will provide a valuable home base for Cheadle United, Cheadle Town and South Moorlands FC

Stephen Brown said: "We have been delighted to have been involved in both these true multi sport project. The facilities will provide a huge boost for the local community, helping more people get involved and reach their potential. Clearly this funding will go directly to the heart of community sport to revitalise popular facilities and encourage more people to take part in sport more often. Both South Manchester Sports Club, Staffordshire Moorlands District Council and its partners commitment to providing high-quality facilities demonstrates a demand and passion for football and multi-sport – both at these clubs, and further a field."

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Pastures new for Poole Town

A new football ground could be created for Poole Town FC if potential funding proves viable.

The club has engaged specialist sports company Logistique to prepare a football development plan, business plan and to access funding.

Logistique will be consulting with Poole Town Football Club both its adult and junior sections along with Poole Borough Council, Dorset FA as well as other interested groups, over the next few weeks, to support a funding bid to the Football Foundation.

The Football Foundation is the UK's largest funder of grass roots football. It has delivered thousands of facility and community projects as well as free kit and safe goalposts, since its launch in July 2000.

Poole Town are looking into the possibility of relocating to Branksome Rec with the aim of securing a new fit for purpose stadia with modern facilities and multi use games areas for the wider community and for football development purposes.

Project lead Jon Dutton said:

'We are pleased to have been approached by Poole Town to work with them on the delivery of this project which is a real mixture of participation and excellence'.

'The club have outgrown their current home and along with the success of the first team the club has a vibrant junior and youth section which necessitates quality new community facilities.'

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