

Forth Ports Sponsors Girls u12s Scottish Basketball Team

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FORTH PORTS SPONSORS GIRLS UNDER 12s

SCOTLAND BASKETBALL TEAM FOR A SECOND YEAR

Forth Ports has once again teamed up with Scotland's under 12s girls basketball squad* (**full team list below*), based in Stirling, as a partner and apparel sponsor for the team. The clothing and equipment was worn at the Tim Pirineus tournament in Andorra recently where the team competed against some of the best basketball teams in Europe.

In 2014, Forth Ports became the sponsors after an approach by an employee who works at the Port of Grangemouth. The sponsorship will support Basketball Scotland as they continue to develop players for the Scottish game through their skills programme for the girls. Forth Ports owns The Port of Grangemouth as well as Ports in Leith, Dundee and Rosyth and as larger employers in the local area, they are committed to supporting local organisations and youth development programmes in particular.

Stuart Wallace, Divisional Director at Forth Ports said: *"We are extremely proud to be partnering the Basketball Scotland under 12s again this year to help develop further this highly motivated and skilled group of girls. We are Scotland's premier port group we operate in a number of locations and through participating in a national team sport like this we can see youngsters from all over Scotland grow and develop. We wish them all the best for the upcoming season."*

John Kerray, Head Coach for the team said: *"The Tim Pirineus tournament in Andorra has been an invaluable learning and development experience for all our players. To play against clubs from one of the biggest basketball Nations, Spain, really gives our players an idea of the standard and style of play that is needed to compete with the top teams in Europe."*

All the girls rose to the challenge and improved their play as the tournament progressed, a very credible 2nd and 4th place finish for our teams, showed that we have improved over the last 2 years and we can compete with the Spanish clubs in this age group. Without sponsorship from companies like Forth Ports, we would not be able to attend great tournaments like this. Their sponsorship also ensures that these opportunities are open to anyone, regardless of their financial standing."

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Further information:

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Notes to editors:

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* Below is the list of players and their local clubs:

Local Club	Player	
City of Edinburgh	Rosie	Goodall
East Lothian Dragons	Alisha	Mallen
East Lothian Dragons	Lucy	Lemon
East Lothian Dragons	Annie	Wilson

Falkirk Fury	Abby	Rutter
Fraserburgh Storm	Heather	Barbour
Grampian Flyers	Rosanne	Sterk
Grampian Flyers	Darya	White
Granite City Flames	Evalina	Orba
Inverness City	Chloe	MacIver
Inverness City	Marie	Morrison
Inverness City	Eva	Morrison
Inverness City	Caitlyn	MacDonald
Kinross Cavaliers & Perth Phoenix	Ella	Doherty
Perth Phoenix	Taryn	Cummins
Polonia Phoenix	Jannike	Marshall
Polonia Phoenix	Lucia	Rizza
St Mirren	Emma	Jackman
West Lothian Wolves	Rose	Harvey
West Lothian Wolves	Sophie	Shepherd
West Lothian Wolves	Kirstin	Clark
West Lothian Wolves	Jenni	Torrance

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