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ALLSTARS WEEKEND

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

Meet and Greet

Saturday

**11.00AM START
Day 1 Action**

Sunday

**11.00AM START
Day 2 Action**

Hello and welcome to the Bauer Arena, for the 2026 Allstars Weekend, yes if you didn't notice we've had a refresh in name. Our event has developed over the years and the committee felt that it was time for a refresh, both in name but also the logo for our event. Many thanks to Lee Jones for your help in sorting everything.'

Although we've had a change of name and look, what has not changed has been the energies and efforts from all of the class of 2026 in their fundraising endeavours. We've seen the multiple events from hockey games to music gigs (with one that will be on the same night that we announce the final total raised from the 2026 campaign) and many other activities that has seen the figures raised that we have today. Gone are the days where a simple post on social media

helped you bring in the pennies, it does take a lot more effort than before – the numbers we hit are worth celebrating, but what is also worth celebrating is the effort put in year on year to achieve them numbers, please never think the efforts are not seen by anybody, because believe me you are seen, respected and this weekend celebrated.

Anything else take place since our last event? Oh yes the events overall fundraising has surpassed the £1.5 Million mark in funds raised in the history of the event. Passing the million pound mark never sunk in, so I suspect the £1.5 million mark will be the exact same. To get to these fundraising milestones, it's all down to every single person who through either participation and therefore fundraise, to everyone who has attended any event that we have put on either through the organisers or the teams – it's a huge team effort that gets us passed every milestone, so a heartfelt thank you to you all.

These events takes a lot of planning and preparation, and at times the best way to describe it, is like a number of Greek plates spinning at the same time, and doing your level best to ensure that none of them break, or as few of them – the people involved in putting this weekend (and the Cymru event) have applied themselves to that very theory, to the point that the way everyone has worked towards this weekend, it reminds me of part of a quote from the legendary coach Herb Brooks "the name on the front is a hell of a lot more important than the one on the back" – the name on the front is Allstars.

So to the referees ensuring that things go as smoothly on ice, Adam, Archie, Ashley, Barnaby and Thomas – thank you for your time you're giving up and we hope you enjoy yourselves equally as the players do this weekend.

To IceSheffield, Cameron and all of your staff – thank you for your help and support before and during this weekend, I feel like it's been a working relationship towards this year's event that has been a win/win for both sides and we hope you are as happy with the event, as we are playing out of the Bauer Arena.



WELCOME FROM THE COMMITTEE

To Sarah and Graham, who will ensure the stats are available to the players (don't worry – it won't help you get an Elite Prospect page) thank you for all you will do this weekend – it's never taken for granted

To the front desk, Debs Sharon and Susan – the first people you will see when attending as a fan, and three ladies who work hard throughout the weekend without question. The event is forever grateful for the work that you do each year on the front desk and each year saying thank you seems not enough – but thank you for everything that you'll do this weekend.

To Craig – Allstars TV organiser and the voice of the Allstars, everyone knows the hours you put in to make us look good online, and sound good over the weekend, and no doubt you'll smash it out of the park again this weekend. Thank you for everything you do.

To the committee members, Geraint, Mel and Steve – this year has been like every other year, had its problems, challenges and tests in putting on this event, but you have rose to every challenge, rose to every problem and test and the fruits of your labour are on show over the weekend, all we can say again is thank you for working with us and helping put on an event that is yet again a record breaking year of fundraising.

To everyone mentioned – please take a minute throughout the weekend to take a step back

and look around the venue, players enjoying the action on ice, fans in the stands enjoying that summer hit of hockey before the domestic seasons kick in, the hockey community coming together to do good – give yourself a pat on the back and enjoy what there is in front of you.

Whether this is your first Allstars weekend (and if so, welcome to your first and hopefully not last event) or this isn't your first rodeo, the time for talking is done and time to hit the ice. We have lost a number of our community over the past year, and to every one of them, we will raise a glass throughout the weekend and remember their vast contributions to our community, each and every one of them will never be forgotten.

So whether the team are playing in Blue, Red, Purple, White or a combination of colours, pick your team and give them a cheer on the ice and although on Sunday they'll be 4 teams that will be lifting silverware, every one of you and your charities are the real winners this weekend.

May Allstars Weekend 2026 commence!

David Grant, Gareth Hubback

**On behalf of the
Allstars Weekend
Committee**



CAPTAIN: PAUL WRIGHT

Barbarians: A Captain's Journey and a Team Built on Heart

Hockey has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. I grew up in Edmonton, Alberta in the 80s right in the middle of the Oilers' dynasty years. When you're a kid watching Gretzky, Messier, Kurri, Coffey, Fuhr and the rest of that legendary roster dominate the NHL, hockey doesn't just become a sport you follow. It becomes part of your soul.

Life took me all over the place. I relocated more times than I can count, but wherever I landed, I found a way to stay connected to the game. When I worked in New York, I'd catch Rangers games whenever I could, and I'd head out to Bridgeport to watch the Sound Tigers when commuting from Connecticut. Later, living in Newbury, Berkshire, I grabbed any chance to watch the Bracknell Bees or the Basingstoke Bison. Eventually I settled in Cardiff, and that's when I started following the Cardiff Devils (although I will always be an Oilers fan foremost).

Despite all those years of watching hockey, I never really had the chance to play it properly. Growing up in that part of the UK meant I wasn't close enough to a rink for my parents to make regular trips practical. Dad was working incredibly hard as a builder, exhausted, juggling long days, and doing

everything he could for our family and with my siblings' hobbies to accommodate too, getting me to a rink just wasn't realistic. My only real playing memories were from being a wee lad on the school ODRs back in Edmonton. The passion stayed, but the opportunity didn't.

Then I hit 40 and something clicked. Life's too short. Hockey was still in my bones after all these years, I owed it to myself to finally get on the ice, so I bought some skates, grabbed a twig, and joined a local beer league team in Cardiff. That decision changed everything.

One day in the locker room, I noticed another player wearing an Allstars jersey, I think it might have been Air Ambulance Wales. Curious, I asked what it was about, and that's when I heard the Allstars story. I applied immediately. And then again. And again. No luck.

Then came the third year, the year the Barbarians were formed to support multiple charities. It felt like serendipity. My neighbour Rhian had suffered a tragic personal loss, and with incredible courage she founded 2wish, a charity supporting bereaved parents. I desperately wanted to help her charity, and when the Barbs appeared, it felt like fate. I poured my heart into the application, probably filled an entire A4 page explaining why I wanted to be part of it.

And to my absolute joy, I was accepted. First year of the Barbs. First year of me finally getting to play for something bigger than myself. I've been back every single year since.

Tragedy later struck my own family too, and the importance of the work 2wish does became even more profound. This team, this cause, this community, it all took on a deeper meaning. I've met friends for life through the Barbs and Allstars, and being given the honour of captaining the team this year means more to me than I can properly express.

What makes the Ice Barbarians so special is that every single player is here for a personal reason. We all support our own charities, each

with its own story, its own heartbreak, its own hope. That's why the bond between us is so strong. When we're in the locker room together, we all know exactly why we're there. We want to play our hearts out, raise awareness, and support our charities in any way we can.

Even though we only come together as a team once a year, now twice, thanks to the inaugural Cymru Allstars the Barbs spirit never switches off. Throughout the year, players take on challenges, organise events, raise funds, and support each other. Whether it's in person, over socials, or in the group chats, it always feels like we have our Barbs family behind us. The Allstars weekend is simply where all that energy, effort, and heart comes together on the ice.

I also need to give a huge thank you to Dave Williams. I know I have very big shoes to fill. If I can be even 50% of the captain he has been, I'll be doing alright. The support I've had from the squad has also been unbelievable, I'd need several pages to thank everyone properly, but please know how much I appreciate every single one of you for making my job so easy.

This year's squad has been incredible. We've had players taking on the 10-y-Fan challenge, a brilliant event founded and organised by our very own Steve Western. We've had a fantastic ball hockey tournament thanks to Lewis Phillips, the Loftus Cup hockey match arranged by Mark Palmer, a poker evening organised by Abi Fay, charity runs, cycle rides, Brandon McAdorey's charity barber day, and countless other fundraisers. A special shoutout to Karl Haldenby for joining the Barbs as an off-ice team player and raising for Velindre. Honestly, there are too many to

mention, and I can't thank everyone enough for putting in so much effort.

As a team, we represent around 20 charities and I'm so proud of every single player who carries their charity's name, story, and purpose with them onto the ice.

Being captain of the Barbarians this year, is a privilege and a deeply personal honour. Having just turned 50, it feels like life has come full circle: the kid who fell in love with hockey on frozen ODRs in Edmonton has found his way back to the game decades later. Hockey has always been the thread running through my life, but this team, this cause, and this community have given that lifelong love a meaning I never expected.

Here's to the Barbs, to the charities we support, and to the incredible people who make this team what it is. I'm proud to lead you. I'm proud to skate with you. And I'm proud of everything we stand for.

Wrighty X



*Pictured middle left:
Me left, sister middle,
brother right, St Albert,
Edmonton, Alberta,
1980's*

*Pictured middle right:
A younger me,
30 years ago....*

ROSTER OVERLEAF

BARBARIANS ROSTER

11	LEE JONES
31	RACHEL ALEXANDER
19	STEVE WESTERN
40	DYLAN PHILLIPS
9	JACK WESTERN
17	SAM PHILLIPS
19	SY LENNOX
90	JOSH SEATON
62	LEWIS PHILLIPS
16	ABI FAY
7	HAYLEY NUTTALL
64	ELENA STONER
11	JOSH GROCUTT
47	KEITH HINDE
11	MARK PALMER
44	SCOTT TAYLOR
56	LEWIS MCCULLOUGH
71	KIAN ROGERS
19	BRANDON MCADOREY
84	DAVE WILLIAMS
88	GARETH DUTTON
2	PAUL WRIGHT



BLUEBELL WOOD ROSTER

45	NATHANIEL BRADFORD
86	LEE DODGE
42	BRYN COLLINSON
53	ROB EGGETT
55	TOM HUMPHRIES
29	ADAM SHEPHARD
67	JOE TOMLINSON
6	RYAN SMITH
13	OZZIE FRITH
58	RICK STRANG
28	DAMIEN HARTY
15	LEWIS SALTER
24	CRAIG SUMMERILL
66	RICHARD CARTWRIGHT
37	ADAM VARLEY-REYNOLDS
3	DEAN SHEPHARD
18	JAMES HOLMES
5	EMMA GORDON
25	BAILEY CHAPMAN
61	ROB WILSON
82	ADAM BAKER
94	TOM PAINTER

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OVERLEAF...





**Bluebell
Wood**
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

BLUEBELL WOOD RETURN TO ALLSTARS!

A new captain, a new jersey but the same drive and desire for our 2nd appearance at UK Charity Allstars!

Most people from outside of Sheffield won't be familiar with Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice, what they do and how much it costs to run day to day. The amazing team at the hospice care for children and young adults, and their families, offering respite care, day trips, music therapy and so much more to make precious memories and provide support when it's needed. It costs £6.7million a year to keep the doors open, that's over £18,000 PER DAY! With only 17% of funding coming from the government, events such as UK Charity Allstars provide a vital source of funding.

We'd like to thank our team sponsors and welcome them to the Allstars Weekend family. Our title sponsors, UNITY GIFTS and shorts sponsor HOUSE OF CHESTER DOGGY DELI AND BOUTIQUE are no stranger to Allstars after sponsoring Sam Dodge, our mascot, last year when he was mascot for the Mental Health team. UNITY GIFTS even travelling down from South Yorkshire to Cardiff to see what Allstars is all about. On top of that, RDG DIGITAL are massive supporters of the event with Ryan having many of his photographs used by the event organisers AND being part of the Mental Health Hockey off ice group. We also welcome a large group of new

sponsors to the event. NEUROLOGY ACADEMY, ESTRADA ECOLOGY, UNIQUE FUNDRAISING , M6 COACHING AND PERFORMANCE , WELDON WORKS LANDSCAPING, DRIVE BY MEDIA UK and THE WINTER GREEN SPORTS BAR. All of these wonderfully generous companies are local to the South Yorkshire region and are familiar with Bluebell Wood and the wonderful work that they do for families in our area so we were delighted to be part of our fundraising efforts. It really means a lot to us to be in Sheffield representing the local charity and having so many local companies sponsoring the team.

A lot of the team from our inaugural appearance back in 2024 have returned to the purple army, with #86 Lee Dodge taking the helm as captain, ably assisted by Allstars veterans, #67 Joe Tomlinson and #58 Rick Strang. When the team got announced back in November, we hit the ground running and set about our fundraising, with a target of £18,000 to match our 2024 effort.

The team have been amazing from day 1 with so many amazing efforts, so many weird and wonderful ideas and a lot of fun along the way. Special mention goes to the efforts of #82 Adam Baker who has put himself out there on so many occasions, often alone, in his fundraising raising efforts. #42 Bryn Collinson who joined the team late after a drop out but hit the ground running and made a super human effort with a 24 hour challenge to deliver 24 PT classes, SMASHING over £1500 in the blink of an eye! Even our mascot, 6 year old Sam, got in on the act with a sponsored walk in his kit! And, of course, the Allstars ICON that is Rick Strang paddle boarding 100 miles, in full kit! That's just to name a few. So many of the team deserve special recognition but we only have a small gap!!! The combined effort of the team managed to blow our £18,000 target to pieces before the event and then push us past the £20,000 barrier too. The support that the team have shown for each other, giving advice, help, support, constructive criticism and encouragement has meant we have had such a positive atmosphere and vibe to our group

chat that it's been a real pleasure to be part of!

Examples of some of the incredible fundraising events that the team have undertaken for 2026 are:

Rick Strang's 100 mile paddle board; Adam Varley-Reynolds' hot sauce challenge; Adam Baker's silent disco; Bryn Collinson's 24 classes in 24 hours; Sam Dodge's sponsored walk in full kit; A fixture against Beighton Bombers; Craig Summerill's stick raffle; Ozzie Frith's live gaming stream; And many, many more!!!!

Now, we could be wrong, but we believe that we have an Allstars first. Those familiar with how the Allstars Weekend works will know that teams are made up of a mix of hockey experience and ability. And this year is no different. But we believe that we're the first team to have an employee of the charity we're representing on the team. Our #6 Ryan Smith is not only a huge hockey fan, but he's also one of the incredible members of staff that care for the children and families at Bluebell Wood. Ryan will be taking to the ice to get his first EVER taste of ice hockey on the other side of the glass! So we think that Ryan is the first person to work for the charity he is representing. Oh, and did we mention he'll be playing hockey for the first time? Yes, he's NEVER played before! We have so much love and admiration for him! To step on to the ice for the first time at such a big charity event is a MASSIVE challenge!

This year saw a first for us with a pre-Allstars training session with Sheffield Steeldogs LEGEND, ex-Steelers and GB defenseman, Ben Morgan joining us on the ice to put us through our paces before a pre-Allstars fundraising game with Beighton Bombers which raised over £2000. We can't thank

"Morgs" (don't call him Ben. Only his mum calls him Ben!) enough for giving his time to support our efforts. It was an honour to be coached by a local ice hockey legend and great fun too. We can't wait to hit the ice in Sheffield. The results are irrelevant to us. Win or lose, we know we have given our all for the kids and staff of Bluebell Wood.

Now, those eagle eyed of you will notice we have a special touch on our jerseys. Firstly, the design this year has been inspired by the charity and the venue. We have the purple of Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice and grey to represent the steel that Sheffield is world famous for. Those of you that have ordered replacement jerseys will have noticed that along with the personal player sponsors, there's another difference between the replica jerseys and the ones you see on the ice. Each player will have a picture drawn by a child that has been cared for by Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice meaning every player is representing an individual child from the hospice.

A huge thank you to everyone that has donated. Be it as a team sponsor, a player sponsor, sponsoring a piece of a players kit, buying a raffle ticket or simply donating to a players JustGiving page, you have made this possible. Whether it's £1, £10, £100 or £1000, every donation has been part of a much bigger effort and will go towards making a MASSIVE difference to so many families funding activities, day trips, respite care, music therapies and even future fundraising events. Thank you for helping to make this difference.

And now, after 9 hard months of fundraising at a time when so many companies are struggling and so many people are struggling to make ends meet, we can say with pride that we beat our target, we gave our all and now it's time for the hockey take centre stage. It's time to "lace 'em up" ready for a weekend of hockey, laughter and maybe a light ale to celebrate all that the 8 incredible teams, Barbarians, Breast Cancer Now, British Heart Foundation, Dreams Come True, Help For Heroes, Mental Health Hockey, Prostate Cancer UK and Bluebell Wood, have achieved in their fundraising efforts for the 2026 UK Charity Allstars!

Keep an eye on the Bluebell Wood Instagram and Facebook pages to keep up to date with the scores, the fixtures, the up to date fundraising and the silliness throughout Allstars weekend!

ANTHONY RUSSELL

Stay the course

For reasons we can't quite bottom out, my son has real issues with his grip. He's constantly dropping things, his hands get tired easily and he frustrates himself quickly when he tries to do anything requiring fine motor skills. Also, because he's a 9 year old boy, has the attention span of a gnat so his attempts at trying to him feels like he's attempting a task for an hour when in reality it's been shorter than the ears on a mouse version of Van Gogh.

The other day I asked him to unplug the TV and he struggled. It was late in the day, it had been hot all day, his hands were slippery from sweat and he wanted to give up after a moment. "No, darling. Keep trying please" was what I said in response. It took him a good minute and he was getting really frustrated but eventually he got there. He looked up at me with a look of confusion as to why I'd made him keep going. "When things are tough, mate, you have to keep trying. If you try, then you might do big things. If you give up when things get hard, you'll never know."

This sparked a thought about the idea of staying the course. Earlier this year, when Banners On The Wall turned 15 years old, I found myself confronting just how much energy and time I'd put into all I've done and whether it was worth it. It was relatively easy to say yes to myself but when I looked at the larger context of hockey in this country, we seem to still be having all the same conversations that we were having back in 2011 when I started writing about the sport. Making the game better known, the number of import players in the British game, developing young British players, I think I've had

the conversation as many times a season as there are games and more so.

Though this summer, of course, we have did maybe make some actual ground. The unification of governing bodies so we have one singular entity in charge of British ice hockey is one of those things that felt like it was so distant as to be as far away as the moon and yet we did get there. Despite what the current folk say, the sport was in a place to do it back in 2021 and just didn't get over the line but we did get there in the end.

Now that chapter point has been marked and the next part in the story of British hockey lies down the track, currently out of sight, as the golden generation of men's national team players from the 2010s dwindle in number and the women's team edge closer to Olympic qualification, we still butt heads about all the things above that we've not gotten to grips with but still need to address as well as all the other things I've not mentioned.

Somewhere, reading this in the programme edit, David Grant is again likely smiling and sighing at the idealism that I am often accused of exhibiting but actually I don't think this is so much an ethereal concept but a bit of sound advice that I tried to impart to my son that he took with good grace and has also likely forgotten. What can I say? Dad imparting life truths isn't as interesting as Power Rangers. However you, dear reader, are actively reading this so I leave you with a small task to do before Sunday turns to Monday.

If you're not playing this weekend and you don't play ice hockey regularly, take a moment to speak to one of the players and ask them about their preparations for this weekend. Ask them about how long they've been playing, how old their gear is, how many hours they have spent training over the years at stupid

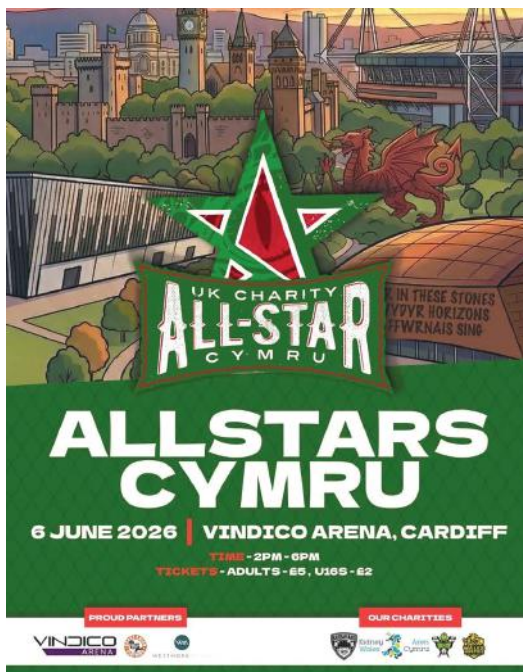


o'clock at night. It is an apt simile for how we need to force this sport forward so it is no longer haunted by its potential. It's also a simple lesson that can be applied to all things we do.

At risk of offending our erstwhile organisers, the All Stars trophy isn't the Stanley Cup but it takes commitment to get yourself into a position to get to the point where you can play in a tournament like this one. Things like this, all that creativity and energy and desire to do good through the thing we love can and will

hopefully lead us to the big things we hope for, whatever that win looks like. Stay the course, friends. Good things are built when you do.

Anthony Russell has been writing about British ice hockey since 2011 on his site, Banners On The Wall. During the season, you can catch the news from every game across every division men's and women's on the What's Current Stream, Wednesday night at 8pm. He is also the voice of Guildford Flames TV.



BREAST CANCER NOW

The research
& care charity

CAPTAIN: MICHAEL COOKE

Being captain of the Team Boobies for All Stars Weekend is something I was immensely honoured to be asked to do.

In my first year as captain, we've already raised over £19,000, which still feels a bit mad to say out loud. I'd love to take all the credit, but sadly the rest of the team might notice. The truth is, it has taken a real effort from everyone. Players, families, sponsors, volunteers, mates, and probably a few people who only donated so we'd stop pestering them.

The money means a lot. This team means a lot. The charity means a hell of a lot more to many of us.

Hockey has a funny way of bringing people together. Usually through bad decisions, sore knees, terrible changing room music and someone forgetting half their kit. But this weekend is different. It gives us the chance to take all of the chaos of Hockey and focus it towards something that actually matters.

I'm massively proud to lead this team, and I can't wait to step onto the ice with them in

Sheffield this July. We'll give it everything, have a laugh, probably chirp each other to death, and hopefully play some "decent" hockey along the way.

Thank you to everyone who has backed us, donated, sponsored, shared a post, bought a ticket for the weekend, or supported us in any way. It really does make a difference.

For those loved, those lost and those still fighting.

Cookie



BREAST CANCER NOW ROSTER

33	RICHARD MARTIN
30	RYAN ATKINS
87	JUSTIN RACINE
73	CHRISTOPHER DOWNEY
32	STEVE GABRIEL
32	BEX HARDING-SMITH
13	DYLAN WEBB
6	MARTYN KETTLE
69	NIGEL ROOKE
17	RICHARD COMBELLACK
95	BEN WHEAT
24	DEAN THOMAS
16	SEAN CALLAGHAN
76	CORMAC O'KEEFE
32	GABRIEL DUARTE
52	ALEX DUBB
88	BEN BEST
5	MICHAEL COOKE
28	AIMEE PARFITT
21	WILLOW OATLEY
22	STEVE BAKER
16	MARC LEVERS



CAPTAIN: **BENNO THOMPSON**

Another year, another Allstars Weekend!!

This year we roll into Sheffield for the 2026 edition of Allstars Weekend!!

Last year was once again another record breaking year for BHF Hockey, smashing our previous record amount raised and setting a new benchmark of £21,000!!

How do we top that??

Well after last year's amazing effort by the wonderful players, that left BHF Hockey on £93,000 raised since the team started in 2014, meaning that we were able to focus on Project100, a little goal I made for the team to reach!!

The fundraising this year got off to a slow start, however as momentum gathered, I was extremely proud to announce to the world that in May we smashed through the £100,000 mark since the team was created!!

One hundred thousand Thank You's to all past and present players, whom without their amazing efforts, none of the funds raised would be possible!!

To have been part of this amazing weekend since 2018, and rolling into my 9th year involved, I have been honoured to have been involved in such an amazing team, whom most have very personal reasons for representing BHF Hockey!!

This year's team once again comprises a core group of regulars, who help create the heartbeat of the team, and is wonderfully supplemented by some fresh faces, and returning debutants from last year, adding to an amazing atmosphere within the changing room!!

We are all spurred on to creating a lasting legacy within the event, but as i said last year, the weekend may be all about the hockey, but the true winners are the charities that are involved, which at the time of writing has raised over £1.5 million for numerous charities over the course of the last 19 years that the event has been run!!

I cannot write another article without saying a massive thank you to those behind the scenes, my brilliant leadership team for helping keep me calm when things aren't going to plan and shooting down the outright silly ideas, and finally to all the wonderful friends, family members and amazing sponsors who have

once again set the team on a path towards another memorable year of fundraising!!

Having stepped into the pressure cooker of the captaincy last year, and my eyes opened to the incredible amount of work required to take a group of individuals, all who have differing levels of abilities, from former professionals, decent recreational players to those who play few and far between, and some who like myself, only play once a year at this incredible event!!

With the goal of creating a team, we have managed to go one better, and create a family!! A family who we all give 110% on the ice to perform to the best of our ability for the British Heart Foundation!!

Sheffield has a special place in my memories as being the venue that started my Allstars journey, and being able to lead my team out on this ice will be special and complete the set of venues that Allstars rotates between!!

Now that we have reached the weekend, I hope all those involved have a truly special event, and most importantly HAVE FUN!!

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BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION ROSTER

- 85 **DAVID GRANT**
- 29 **RICHARD DEAN**
- 4 **KEVIN MCGLYNN**
- 26 **NATHAN WEBB**
- 94 **DAN SUTTON**
- 77 **ERIC PERRY**
- 23 **ANDY WAY**
- 24 **JACK HAYNES**
- 89 **DANNY KEELAN**
- 76 **LIAM KAY**
- 21 **CHARLES DOWELL**
- 21 **ORLANDO BECKETT**
- 93 **PAUL PROCTOR**
- 79 **LUCY FARESTVEDT**
- 28 **JOE WAIT**
- 5 **DAVID NASH**
- 66 **WILL JORDAN**
- 72 **BENNO THOMPSON**
- 86 **ANNIE BOLTON**
- 5 **LAUREN DENNESS**
- 43 **ORLA BECKETT**
- 27 **ASH EGLEY**

Grant/Hubback Award 2026

Before the first game of this year's event, the committee will be announcing this year's winner of the Grant/Hubback award, to the person who in the view of the committee epitomises the values of the Allstar Weekend – giving back to the community, and selfless in their actions, the very qualities demonstrated by the two men who this award was named after – Owen Grant and Roy Hubback.

Over the years, we have been lucky to have had amazing winners of this award, and this year's winner is no exception. If you are reading this before the first puck drop, please make sure you're in your seat for 11am to see who is the 2026 winner.

Previous Winners

2011	-	Susan Gray
2012	-	Sharon Grant
2013	-	Geraint Walters
2014	-	Jo Hinde
2015	-	Maureen Smyth
2016	-	Marvin
2017	-	Mia Thorne
2018	-	Adam Clarke
2019	-	Sarah/Andrew Davies
2022	-	Kelly Coles
2023	-	Rachel Miles/Danny Langhorn
2024	-	Rick Strang
2025	-	Karen and Mark Locke
2026	-	?

Who will win this award in 2026?



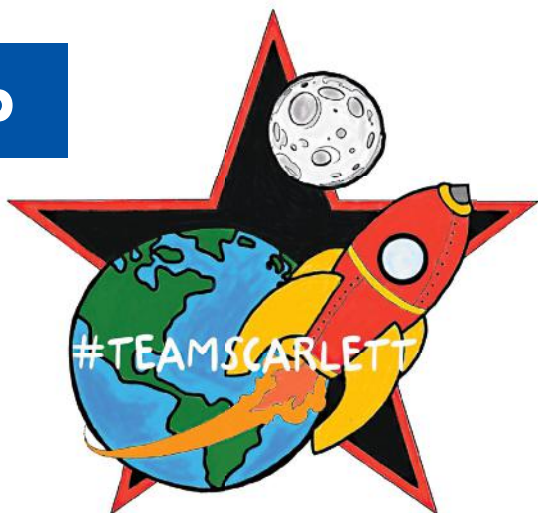
The Scarlett Cup

First awarded in 2023, The Allstars Weekend committee introduced a new award, to reward the person who over the weekend epitomise the fun, positivity and spirit of the weekend. This is named after Scarlett Seren Thomas, a little girl who would light up any room with her smile.

The previous winners have all epitomised everything that Scarlett was, and we expect the 2026 winner to be no different. Who that will be? We'll announce that after the final on Sunday.

- 2023 - Allstar Angels
- 2024 - Pete Weeks
- 2025 - Graham Collins
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SATURDAY

11.10 PROSTATE V MHH
11.33 BHF V H4H
11.56 BLUEBELL WOOD V BCN
12.16 ICE CUT
12.31 DREAMS V BARBARIANS
12.54 BCN V MHH
13.17 BHF V BLUEBELL WOOD
13.37 ICE CUT
13.52 DREAMS V H4H
14.15 BARBARIANS V PROSTATE
14.38 BHF V MHH
14.58 ICE CUT
15.13 PROSTATE V BCN
15.36 DREAMS V BLUEBELL WOOD
15.59 BARBARIANS V BHF
16.19 ICE CUT
16.34 DREAMS V BHF
16.57 BLUEBELL WOOD V PROSTATE
17.17 ICE CUT
17.32 H4H V MHH
17.55 BCN V BARBARIANS

SUNDAY

11.00 BLUEBELL WOOD V H4H
11.23 BCN V DREAMS
11.46 PROSTATE V BHF
12.06 ICE CUT
12.21 MHH V BARBARIANS
12.44 PROSTATE V H4H
13.07 DREAMS V MHH
13.27 ICE CUT
13.42 BLUEBELL WOOD V BARBARIANS
14.05 BHF V BCN
14.28 DREAMS V PROSTATE
14.48 ICE CUT
15.03 BHF V BARBARIANS
15.26 BLUEBELL WOOD V MHH
15.49 H4H V BCN
16.09 ICE CUT
16.24 PLAYOFF - 7TH V 8TH
16.54 PLAYOFF - 5TH V 6TH
17.24 ICE CUT
17.39 PLAYOFF - 3RD V 4TH
18.09 PLAYOFF - 1ST V 2ND



CAPTAIN: **DAVY BROWN**

Dreams – More Than Just a Hockey Team

Back in 2018, I bumped into G and he mentioned that a place had become available at Allstars. I knew how difficult it was to get into the tournament, so when the opportunity came along, I grabbed it with both hands. Looking back now, it's one of the best things I've ever done.

I already knew a couple of the lads in Dreams, but over the years I've made so many great friends through Allstars. What started as a hockey tournament has become one of the weekends I look forward to most every year. It's a chance to catch up with old friends, make new ones and be part of something that's much bigger than the game itself.

Apart from the COVID year in 2020, I've been lucky enough to take part every year since 2018. This year marks my third year as Dreams captain, and my final year in the role. It's been a huge privilege to captain this team, and I'm incredibly proud of everything we've achieved together.

We've enjoyed some fantastic moments on the ice, becoming two-time Allstars champions, and this year we'll be doing everything we can

to defend our title. But, for me, Allstars has always been about much more than winning games.

Every team raises money for its own chosen charity, and together the Allstars community has raised an incredible amount over the years. That's what makes this event so special – everyone comes together for the same purpose: making a real difference while enjoying an unforgettable weekend.

A huge thank you goes to the committee and everyone working behind the scenes who gives up their time to organise this incredible event year after year. Without all of your hard work, none of this would be possible.

Finally, a special shout out to G. I genuinely wouldn't be here if it wasn't for him, and I certainly wouldn't have had the privilege of captaining Dreams. He's one of the good guys, and I'll always be grateful for the opportunity he gave me.

To everyone taking part this weekend, enjoy every minute, make plenty of memories, raise as much money as you can and, most importantly, have fun.

Here's to another fantastic Allstars weekend.

Go Dreams!

DREAMS COME TRUE ROSTER

96	GEMMA DAVIES
33	KEVIN PORTER
22	JENNIFER HEPP
05	BRIAN MCCALLUM
39	JASON BAILEY
24	CRAIG POYNTER
3	HOBIE BLAIR
14	SAM HAZELDINE
68	RYAN MARKS
77	ANGUS WILSON
9	SANIJS PETERSONS
11	LOKEL WONG
12	KRISTIAN CRANE
26	STEVE SANDERS
96	JORDAN SIMPSON
4	ASHLEY TAYLOR
19	JAMES FRAYLING
00	MICHAEL MCCRUDDEN
11	DAVY BROWN
7	GERAINT WALTERS
60	SCOTT SMITH-MYERS
7	MICHAEL GREAVES

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Allstars is about so much more than hockey. It's about friendships, community and people coming together to raise vital funds for charities that change lives. For Team Heroes, representing Help for Heroes means a great deal, with many of our players knowing firsthand the difference the charity makes. Every player has embraced that responsibility, and I'm incredibly grateful for the dedication, enthusiasm and fundraising efforts they've shown throughout the year. Together we've raised an incredible amount for Help for Heroes, and that total is still growing.

A huge thank you also goes to our fantastic sponsors: Nowack, RJC Tattoo, MB Plumbing, Emily Middleton Sport Rehabilitation, Aspex, 242 Group and MAC Traffic Solutions. Your generosity allows us to continue fundraising, raising awareness and proudly representing Help for Heroes throughout the year. We simply couldn't do it without you.

This year's fundraising has been nothing short of inspiring. A special mention goes to Stevie Lewis for organising and completing a gruelling military physical training challenge, and to everyone involved in organising and taking part in the inaugural Loftus Cup in Gosport.

Bringing together players from Help for Heroes, the British Heart Foundation, Breast Cancer Now and the Barbarians, it perfectly showcased what the Allstars community is all about - working together to make a difference. In addition, there were 2 charity games hosted in Nottingham thanks to the guidance of Steve Kimber and our previous Captain Mel Hemming-Bosworth. Bringing Team Heroes legends together with the current team and also hosting Heroes vs Prostate.

Finally, thank you to the Allstars committee and every volunteer working behind the scenes. Your hard work, dedication and countless hours of planning make this amazing weekend possible, and without you none of us would

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be here. Good luck to every team this weekend, and thank you to everyone who continues to support this incredible event.

**Let's make
Allstars
2026
one to
remember.**

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SUPPORT FOR OUR WOUNDED

- 22 **GEORGE HAWKRIDGE**
- 86 **ASH BURROWS**
- 15 **BLAKE ADAMS**
- 95 **JAKE BROUGH**
- 7 **JAMES KIMBER**
- 70 **JESS LESLIE**
- 28 **MORGAN BULL**
- 65 **PETE P.FRITH**
- 77 **RICH WILLIAMS**
- 64 **RICKY YOUNG**
- 5 **RICH WILLIAMS**
- 19 **STEPHEN LEWIS**
- 32 **TOM BATH**
- 30 **LEIGH MCHATTON**
- 15 **AALIYAH HEMMING**
- 17 **GRACE RALPHS**
- 14 **MEL HEMMING-BOSWORTH**
- 6 **SARAH S.KIMBER**
- 37 **SAM TERRY**
- 41 **EMMA ADAMS**
- 77 **SARAH KIMBER**
- 8 **MCKENZIE JORDAN**



MENTAL HEALTH ICE HOCKEY

CAPTAIN: **STEVE MERRY**

Hello all, welcome to this years Charity Allstars weekend here in Sheffield.

We have had the usual mayhem and madness at Mental Health Hockey. The team have been working really hard to smash last year's team total.

The team have done a fantastic job raising money and raising awareness for all the mental health charities that we all support.

We have some of our regular returnees to the team this year they have done an amazing job helping and guiding all of our new players this year. As ever we have all been working and helping each other like we normally do.

We have done some amazing achievements with our fundraising this year. Charity Hockey Games, walking mountains to name two such events.

We have also been helped with our off ice supporters who have also raised money and our amazing sponsors who yet again have gone above and beyond in some cases to help the players raise the funds to support all these worthy causes.

You will notice a couple new charities this year on the front of our jerseys, I personally am raising money for Bigmoose. Some of our other new charities are St Weburghs, Action for Children and Sport in Mind.

These are along side our usual charities Nottinghamshire Mind, Mind, Andy Man Club, Samaritans, CALM and Sobs. It so important that the smaller charities are supported. Along side the larger ones.

I would also like to thank our leadership team. Ryan, Immy, Woody, and Lewis for all your hard work and keeping me in check.

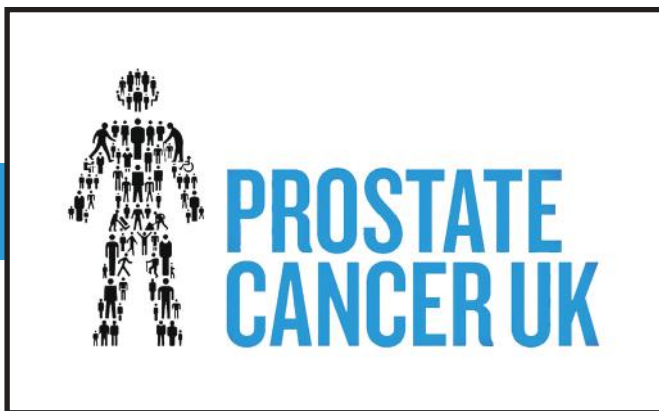
I want to also thank Sarah, who is helping with our social media over the weekend and as ever we may have a few MHH alumni with us over the weekend to help and support

Love to you and remember
it's ok not to be ok.

Steve

MENTAL HEALTH HOCKEY ROSTER

53	JAMIE RODDISON
22	DANNY LANGHORN
83	JAMES CARMAN
71	MATTHEW WILLIAMS-BROWN
47	OWEN DICKENSON
30	OWEN FAUNT
30	ADAM WOODLIFFE (GRIMES)
45	DEAN PRESCOTT
84	JOE GRAY
23	LIAM OKEEFFE
96	MATTHEW SALISBURY
38	WEZ SPURRETT
84	MATT PATTERSON
5	ROB SMITH
20	JACOB LUTWYCHE
14	LEWIS ASTILL
27	JOHN ROGERSON
27	LIAM PAGET
25	STEVE MERRY
68	CHRIS THOMAS
77	KATIE EDGINTON
56	IMOGEN SKEY



CAPTAIN: **ROSS TOOMEY**

It is a huge privilege to captain Team Prostate Cancer UK for one final year.

Before anyone gets excited, I'm not retiring from Allstars. I'm just stepping down after 3yrs as captain, which means the new captain will hopefully be more organised, better at chasing grown adults for information, and making tactical decisions based mainly on who looks least out of breath on the bench.

Allstars is one of the best weekends in the hockey calendar. It brings together great people, great causes, questionable fitness levels, heroic chirping, and players who still hope one good shift and a goal might get them a call from the NHL.

But underneath the laughs, dodgy knees, bad passes, and bench door confusion, we are here for something that really matters.

Prostate Cancer UK is a cause that affects far too many men and families. Every donation, sponsor, volunteer, supporter, and player who pulls on the jersey helps raise awareness and make a genuine difference.

This year we wanted a jersey that did exactly that; raised awareness. So we've gone big, bright, and impossible to ignore with a Monsters Inc inspired design. With the blue furry pattern, purple spots, monster teeth along the bottom, and a few fun details worked into the design, it is made to stand out, start conversations, and help draw attention to the cause from all ages. It's all about using something fun to shine a light on something serious.

Get yours from Cross Check Clothing and help scream up some support for Prostate Cancer UK.

To the team: play hard, enjoy it, back each other, and try not to age me more than this captaincy already has. Both corporate and public sponsors, thank you for your generosity and encouragement, we are blessed to have your backing.

To everyone supporting us: thank you. You are the reason this weekend works and so many life's are made better.

To the Allstars Committee: thank you for being hero's advocating for all these amazing

PROSTATE CANCER UK ROSTER

charities. The time and effort that goes into this project is unreal, and we are proud of you and grateful to work with you.

It's been one of the greatest honours to be asked to captain an Allstars team. I will be forever proud and grateful for the opportunity and experience.

Let's raise money, make memories, have a laugh, and leave everything on the ice, apart from our dignity. That disappeared around warm-up.



- 16 **CHRIS MEE**
- 39 **MACKENZIE MACNAMARA**
- 8 **STEPHEN MATTHEWS**
- 37 **ALED HOPKINS**
- 93 **PAUL BRAISBY**
- 23 **TYLER ROCKLEY**
- 51 **ROSS TOOMEY**
- 27 **SHAUN HARRIS**
- 24 **LUCAS MORGAN-D'SOUZA**
- 27 **LAURA DANCE**
- 63 **CADEN HUGHES**
- 15 **ELLIOT COX**
- 54 **CHRISTIAN MOHR**
- 70 **JOSHUA VIZOR**
- 5 **CR STEWART**
- 8 **MATTHEW MARSHALL**
- 28 **STEVE BOSWORTH**
- 92 **MAT CHURMS**
- 6 **NATE WATT**
- 91 **PHIL MCNEIL**
- 44 **JACOB DEMUTH**
- 49 **ALISTAIR SEMARK**

EMILY GARSIDE

POWER PLAYS FOR PURPOSE - HOCKEY AND CHARITY

The history of charitable involvement in ice hockey dates back to local community matches and memorial games organised to support injured players or struggling families. Early hockey fundraising often centered on local communities rather than major charities. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, clubs organised benefit matches to support injured players, bereaved families, or local hospitals. Before professional contracts and insurance became common, these events were essential for players facing financial hardship after serious injuries. Community rinks and amateur teams frequently relied on charity fixtures to maintain facilities and support grassroots participation.

During both World War I and World War II, hockey teams across Canada, the United States and Britain organised exhibition matches and military fundraising events to support war relief and injured veterans. These games helped strengthen the sport's connection to civic identity and public service. Charity hockey events became opportunities for communities to gather, boost morale and contribute financially to national causes.

The expansion of televised hockey in the 1970s and 1980s transformed fundraising into a larger public platform. The New York Rangers were among the early NHL teams to expand hospital and youth charity appearances in the 1970s, with players regularly visiting children's hospitals and participating in fundraising skates tied to New York-area charities. These community appearances helped establish the expectation that NHL players would take on

visible public charity roles. The Philadelphia Flyers developed one of the NHL's strongest community outreach identities during the 1970s "Broad Street Bullies" era. Their alumni charity games and hospital partnerships later became a model adopted by other franchises, with NHL players becoming influential public figures capable of driving nationwide campaigns. Charity auctions, signed memorabilia sales, and celebrity exhibition games became more common, particularly within the NHL. Teams increasingly partnered with hospitals, children's charities, and medical research organisations to expand their community impact. Wayne Gretzky helped transform hockey fundraising into a high-profile public activity, laying the foundations for major league-wide campaigns that emerged in the 1990s and beyond.

This rise in charity came close to home in the early 1990s with Mario Lemieux's diagnosis of Hodgkin lymphoma; NHL fundraising around cancer awareness accelerated dramatically, eventually contributing to the launch of "Hockey Fights Cancer" in 1998. The campaign united teams, players and fans in support of cancer research and patient care, helping establish charity



awareness nights as a regular part of the hockey calendar. Purple jerseys, themed warm-ups and emotional tributes to patients and survivors became iconic elements of hockey fundraising culture.

In the UK, charity fundraising has always been part of hockey tradition, and fundraising in UK sport has long been part of the culture. From bucket collections for local charities to themed jerseys auctioned for everything from local children's charities to national cancer charities, Elite League and NIHL clubs regularly support their local charities.

Cardiff Devils currently partner with Kidney Wales, with mascot Taz even running a 10k to support them. Meanwhile, fundraising efforts after the tragic death of Adam Johnson led to catastrophic bleed kits being installed in every Elite League rink by the charity set up in his name, Adam's Angels.

And of course, the UK Charity All Stars tournament brings together amateur and former professional players to compete on behalf of charities from across the country. The event has supported causes including Prostate Cancer UK, British Heart Foundation, Help for Heroes and Tŷ Hafan. Since its launch, the tournament has raised hundreds of thousands of pounds and increased the visibility of ice hockey within British communities.

Last year's event raised over £180,000 and supported an array of charities, from Cancer Research to mental health to Help for Heroes. The event has proved year on year that hockey fans are passionate about giving back to the community. And for the first time, an official All Stars Cymru event means Welsh players and fans can continue that fundraising close to home for the charities they're passionate about, and maybe even break their own fundraising records.

HOCKEY (ONE DAY) WILL BE FOR EVERYONE... DIVERSITY AND THE SPORT

Ice hockey has traditionally been seen as a fast, physical and highly competitive sport, but in recent years it has also become a platform for inclusion and social progress. Across the world, hockey organisations are working to ensure the sport is accessible to people from all backgrounds, regardless of gender, ethnicity, disability or sexuality. In the United Kingdom, inclusivity initiatives are helping to broaden participation and create a more welcoming environment on and off the ice.

Historically, ice hockey has faced criticism for its lack of diversity, particularly compared with other sports that are more accessible. Compared to, say, football, where you need a ball and a flat (ish) surface to learn to play, hockey already has barriers; you need to be near ice at a minimum to get to a rink, then to be taught to skate, get equipment, training, club fees... the list goes on. There are barriers to anyone getting on the ice, simply because of the nature of the sport.

Then there are cultural barriers. Typically very white, very masculine, and, in the men's game, very straight, hockey has struggled to move away from these 'traditional' ideas of what makes a hockey player. Couple that with the sport's expense and the need for access to ice and specialist equipment, and it's unsurprising the sport hasn't diversified as quickly as others.

Slowly, things are changing across all areas of diversity and inclusion.

One of the most visible inclusion movements in modern hockey has been support for

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LGBTQIA+ players and fans. Organisations such as You Can Play have helped challenge discrimination within the sport by promoting the message that athletes should be judged only by their talent, work ethic and character. Pride Tape has become an important symbol of inclusivity within the game, despite controversy in some areas of professional hockey. It has become a powerful symbol of inclusion and even where players and teams reject it, an even more powerful tool for activism to counter that mentality.

Inclusion around race in hockey has also seen a significant upswing in recent years, with groups such as the Hockey Diversity Alliance, founded by current and former players to combat racism and improve diversity in hockey, focusing on opening hockey to underrepresented communities at the grassroots level. Similarly, Black Girls Hockey is a rapidly growing group focused on the visibility of Black women in the sport, again especially at the grassroots level, and, with the introduction of the PWHL, hoping to increase diversity at the professional level.

The PWHL has, of course, in just two full seasons, done amazing things for women's representation in the sport, not just by being a visible, professional league, but also through grassroots efforts in the cities they play in. As one fan sign said at an early game, 'If we'd known there'd be a professional league, we'd have tried harder,' but jokes aside, there now is a realistic professional route for women in hockey in North America. With Team USA's Gold Medal victory at the 2026 Winter Olympic Games and their being far better role models than their male counterparts, representation and the future of women's hockey look bright.

Accessibility for disabled athletes has become another major focus within the sport. Programmes supporting para ice hockey and adaptive skating continue to grow, giving people with physical or sensory impairments the opportunity to participate competitively and socially.

In Britain, UK Blind Hockey has played a leading role in creating opportunities for visually impaired players. The organisation adapts the game through specialised equipment, modified rules and tailored coaching sessions, allowing blind and partially sighted athletes to experience the excitement and teamwork of hockey in an inclusive environment. Alongside blind hockey, many organisations now support deaf/hard-of-hearing hockey.

Sledge hockey, post-Olympics, is enjoying renewed interest and showing there's more than one way to enjoy the game, and that talent on the ice is no longer dependent on a particular body type.

We shouldn't pretend that hockey hasn't got a long way to go in terms of diversity. It's a sport that by its very nature will always have barriers to participation. But as these organisations prove, there are ways to remove those barriers - and when we do, we open the ice up to new talent, but also more importantly, new people to love the game.





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