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Scotland's National Men's Team has had a busy, exciting, and successful year. The year has been one of development and preparation for our high aspirations for World Championships in Manchester 2010.

We played in 3 major tournaments this year: The Celtic Cup, our first ever US Tour, and the British Championships. The first event was hosted here in Scotland and led to significant national press coverage including a full page article in the Herald.

1) 2009 Celtic Cup

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Scotland were pleased to host the 2009 Celtic Cup in Edinburgh on August 11-16 at Fettes College. In addition to the original competitors Ireland, Scotland, and Wales, we were also joined by new entrant France. A fantastic week was had by all teams and players aided by the fantastic facilities at Fettes College. With the Edinburgh Lacrosse festival also running at the same time, there was over 300 lacrosse players on the upper pitches at Fettes!

With some wise planning, Scotland combined its final trials for Manchester 2010 with the Celtic Cup. This ensured a solid squad for the Celtic Cup and also allowed team bonding and realistic preparation for 2010. The strategy paid off and Scotland won all 3 group games by solid margins.

In strong winds, Scotland was piped in to face Wales for the final on Sunday August 16th at 2pm. The weather held and Scotland hung on to beat Wales in a nail biting game that came down to the final seconds.

Scotland keeper, Stefan Wyroslawski, won man of the match for his outstanding play in goals keeping Scotland in front.

Two new large award shields were also donated to remember the past and ongoing contributions of two Scotland players. These awards are: the Mark Hodkin Offensive Award and the John Marr Defensive Award. The inaugural winners were Ian Healy

and Tommy Kirkland respectively. Mark and John were on hand to present the awards to each of the players personally.

Overall the Celtic Cup was an enormous success. In addition to winning the cup and preparing ourselves for 2010, there was no shortage of positive feedback about the event and it's location. Peter Mundy, head of the ELF, wrote personally thanking Lacrosse Scotland for the organisation and about his plans to base future international tournaments on the model used here in Scotland. Indeed there is interest in pursuing a larger international tournament in Edinburgh at Fettes College in 2011.

To top it off, on the back of our Celtic Cup success, Scotland assistant coach, Keith Robertson, was interviewed by the Herald for a full page article in the Herald. The article covered Lacrosse in a fantastic light and will have introduced many people to our sport.

The Celtic Cup squad was:

Goalie:

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John-Paul Charles (Stirling Uni)
Ethan Harris (UMBC)
Stefan Wyroslawski (Glasgow Uni)

Defence:

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Alasdair Charmichael (Edinburgh Cougars)
Tommy Kirkland (Timperley)
Rory Marsden (Timperley)
Conor McLaughlin (Mulhenberg College)
Eric Morgan (Edinburgh Cougars)
Michael Rushworth (Aberdeen Uni)
Calum Watson (Timperley)

Midfield:

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Tommie Barker (Sheffield Steelers)
Nick Duncan-Price (Edinburgh Cougars)
Stuart Craig (Wilmslow)
Dave Gill (Timperley)
Brendan Healy (Washington Bayhawks)
Richard Heighway (Heaton Mersey)
Jim Huntingdon (Stirling Uni)
Julian MacMillan (Saint Leo University)
James McIntosh (Acadia University Laxmen)
Resham Panesar (Timperley)
Chris Paton (Glasgow Uni)

Attack:

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Myles Bonnar (Stirling Uni)
Jesse Fehr (Harvard University)
Ian Healy (Arlington Six Schooners)
Dan Heighway (Heaton Mersey)
Graham Monaghan (Brighton Panthers)

Coaches:

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John Kenney
Keith Robertson
Mark Hodkin

2) US Tour:

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2010 witnessed the first ever Scottish Men's Tour of the US. 25 players and staff descended on the US for a high energy 5 games in 5 days tour of Baltimore and the surrounding area. Arriving on Feb 16 and leaving on February 21. Scotland played games against:

Stevenson University
Catholic University
Navy Club
Towson University
Capital Lacrosse Club

The level, quality, facilities, and everything Lacrosse related in the US was a sight to behold. Although we lost all 5 games, we were within reach in 3 games. Head Coach John Kenney said: "We have come incredibly close in several games against teams that have been practising 4-6 hours a day 6 or 7 days a week. I am immensely impressed with level of commitment, general skill improvement, and team bonding that has been demonstrated over the last week. These team traits will manifest themselves in the World Championships in Manchester this summer."

Awards:

John Marr Defensive Award: Douglas Freeman
Mark Hodkin Offensive Aware: Dave Gill

Scotland was:

| Name | Number | Club/University |
|-----------------|--------|-------------------------|
| M Brendan Healy | 31 | Arlington Six Schooners |

D Calum Watson 6 Timperley
A Chris Paton 41 University of Glasgow
D Conor McLaughlin 19 Muhlenberg College
M Dave Gill 12 Timperley
D Douglas Freeman 15 Barfly LC
G Ethan Harris 18 UMBC Post
A Graham Monaghan 38 Wilmslow
A Ian Healy 21 Arlington Six Schooners
M James Slade 26 University of Western Ontario
M Jim Huntington 9 Stirling University
G John Paul Charles 29 Stirling University
M Jordan Coffey 7 Brock University
M Julian MacMillan 16 Saint Leo University
A Kevin Russell 42 St. Lawrence
M Malcolm Kent 8 Stirling University
A Myles Bonnar 44 Stirling University
M Nick Duncan-Price 5 Edinburgh Stars
D Quentin Morgan 69 St. Andrews University
D Robert Hetherington 4 Stirling University
D Rory Marsden 25 Timperely
M Tommie Barker 3 Sheffield Steelers
D Tommy Kirkland 17 Timperely
M Troy Kachor 22 Calgary Mountaineers

John Kenney Head Coach
Keith Robertson Assistant Coach
Mark Hodkin Assistant Coach
Steve Cluney Medical Officer

3) 2010 British Championships

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Scotland entered the 2010 British Championships with high hopes and an entirely UK based team. Fresh with energy and experience from the US tour, Scotland played three solid and steadily improving games on the Saturday May 1st that saw us undefeated against English Uni's North, South of England, and Wales Development. We were seeded into the upper bracket with our first 2nd stage game against a very tough Lancashire. Tiredness and a quality opposition saw us lose to Lancashire knocking us out of contention for 1st place. Despite the setback we recovered on Sunday morning beating England Masters to play Cheshire for 3rd/4th place. A close, hard fought game against Cheshire didn't go Scotland's way and saw finish 4th in the tournament.

Scotland was:

Players:

Myles Bonnar
Tommie Barker

Tommy Kirkland
Calum Watson
Rory Marsden
Malcolm Kent
Dan Heighway
Timothy Higgins
Jim Huntingdon
Quentin Morgan
Rik Heighway
Robert Hetherington
Graham Monaghan
Stuart Craig
David Gill
Chris Paton
Nick Duncan-Price
Michael Rushworth
Resham Panesar

Coaches:
Keith Robertson
Mark Hodkin

4) 2010 World Championships

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Of course the major of event of the year is yet to happen. We are extremely excited about the upcoming World Championships which are to be held next door in Manchester, England from July 10-24.

Over the last two years, Scotland Men have had over 150 applications to play for Scotland in the World Championships. 95 of those applicants attended a trial.

Through the 2 British Championships, a friendly against Loyola College, the Celtic Cup, the US Tour, friendlies against top English Clubs, and numerous training sessions, the 2010 World Championships team is:

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| M Brendan Healy | 31 | Arlington Six Schooners |
| D Calum Watson | 6 | Timperley |
| A Chris Paton | 41 | University of Glasgow |
| D Conor McLaughlin | 19 | Muhlenberg College |
| A Dan Heighway | 11 | Heaton Mersey |
| M Dave Gill | 12 | Timperley |
| D Douglas Freeman | 15 | Barfly LC |
| G Ethan Harris | 18 | UMBC Post |
| A Graham Monaghan | 38 | Wilmslow |
| A Ian Healy | 21 | Arlington Six Schooners |
| M James Mitchell | 32 | Hampstead |
| M James Slade | 26 | University of Western Ontario |

A Jesse Fehr 13 Harvard University
M Jim Huntington 9 Stirling University
M Jordan Coffey 7 Brock University
M Julian MacMillan 16 Saint Leo University
A Kevin Russell 42 St. Lawrence
D Michael Rushworth 30 University of Aberdeen
A Myles Bonnar 44 Stirling University
M Richard Heighway 14 Heaton Mersey
D Robert Hetherington 4 Stirling University
D Rory Marsden 25 Timperely
M Stuart Craig 10 Wilmslow
G Timothy Higgins 1 St. Andrews University
M Tommie Barker 3 Sheffield Steelers
D Tommy Kirkland 17 Timperely
M Troy Kachor 22 Calgary Mountaineers

Alternates:

D Beau Frecker 23 St. Andrews University
G John Paul Charles 29 Stirling University
M Malcolm Kent 8 Stirling University
M Nick Duncan-Price 5 Edinburgh Stars
D Quentin Morgan 69 St. Andrews University

John Kenney Head Coach
Keith Robertson Assistant Coach
Mark Hodkin Assistant Coach
Steve Cluney Medical Officer