

# Field hockey – Grange coach handed National role



David Knipe on duty for Grange but he now has a Scotland role with the under-18 boys. Picture Nigel Duncan Media

GRANGE coach David Knipe has been confirmed as head coach of Scotland's Under-18 boys' squad.

The boys finished third at EuroHockey Championship II in Glasgow last year and Knipe said: "It's a real honour and exciting challenge.

"I am looking forward to meeting and working with the squad and to helping play a part in their development as both people and players."

The Under-18 programme starts at Easter with a trip to Cardiff to play internationals against Wales and Switzerland.

Andy Tennant, Head of Performance for Scottish Hockey, said that Knipe, a former Grove Menzieshill player, will help accelerate the development of Scotland's best young male athletes.

He added: "The ultimate goal of delivering more high quality hockey athletes into the Under-21 and senior men's programmes."