

Field hockey – three Capital players in Scotland squad



Hamish Imrie (left) doing sprint training with the Scotland senior squad. Picture by Nigel Duncan Media

Three Edinburgh-born players have been included in Scotland's under-21 squad for the EuroHockey Junior Men's Championship II in St Petersburg next month.

Hamish Imrie and Patrick Christie, who have both played for the senior side, plus James Carrie will face Pool B games against hosts Russia, Poland and Italy.

Scotland open their campaign against Poland on Monday 16 July and then face Italy on Tuesday 18 July and Russia on Wednesday 19 July.

The squad travel to Belfast this weekend to play two matches against their Irish counterparts and Scotland's Edinburgh-based, under-21 coach coach Graham Moodie said: "The squad have done a fantastic job fundraising for the programme and this has been the reason we are able to play these preparation matches in Ireland.

"We would like to thank all the children and parents who have attended and supported our camps in Fife, East Lothian and Glasgow over the past eight months."

He added: "It's great to have these games in Ireland. We have been able to play some games against Grove Menzieshill, Scotland Over 40's and a Club All-Stars team although we have had no international matches in our preparation so far this summer.

“We have a great crop of players with high potential who have come through the under-18s European programmes over the past two years. Combining the under-18 and under-21 programmes in these years has been of real benefit.”

Scotland under-21: Douglas Gourlay (Dunfermline Carnegie), James Carrie (Watsonians), Murray Collins, Jack McAllister, Connor Annand (Loughborough University), Aidan McQuade, Hamish Galt, Cameron Golden (Grove Menzieshill), James Nairn, Joe Waterston, John McCluskey, Luke Cranney (Grange), Joe McConnell, Rob Harwood (Western Wildcats), Patrick Christie (Durham University), Hamish Imrie (Schaerweijde, Holland), Callum MacKenzie (Cannock), Patrick Lonergan (Clydesdale)