

Field hockey – Scotland edge Wales to win tournament



Scotland celebrate EuroHockey Championship II win

Scotland's men won EuroHockey Championship II but they had to come from behind to edge a tough Welsh side 2-1.

Coach Derek Forsyth had already secured promotion to the top division of European hockey for the first time since 2005.

But Scotland celebrated by winning the silverware in front of a packed crowd at Glasgow's National Hockey Centre.

And Wales proved tough opposition. Indeed, the first opportunity fell for the men from The Principality via a penalty corner.

Razor-sharp goalkeeper Tommy Alexander saved low to his right and blocked the rebound.

Wales continued to press and they broke the deadlock from a penalty corner. James Carson slammed it low into the bottom right corner.

Scotland struggled to break Wales down and Wales had the ball in the net again after a deflection but a goal was not given.

Kenny Bain then fired a penalty corner off the bar and seconds later another set piece was awarded. Bain's flick was saved on the line by Daniel Kyriakides.

It took until three minutes into the final quarter for Scotland to open their account.

Willie Marshall`s low drag flick following a penalty corner was half stopped by a defender but the ball still found its way into the back of the net.

Alan Forsyth had a chance but his reverse stick effort flew just wide of the target but the Surbiton striker was not to be denied.

The former Kelburne striker was given the ball in space in the Welsh circle and he lashed the ball into the net.

Scots goalkeeper David Forrester, who came into the game at half-time, produced several telling saves to keep his side in front.

Wales withdrew their goalkeeper for an additional outfield player but the Scots held on.

Forsyth won both the top goal scorer and player of the tournament title and Tommy Alexander was the tournament`s top goalkeeper.