

Gold is must for Scotland in qualification tournament

Scottish Hockey have confirmed the dates for the women's EuroHockey Championship qualifier in Glasgow in August.

The event runs from August 22 to 25 and the goal is to compete in the EuroHockey Championships, A Division, in Warsteiner Hockey Park in Monchengladbach.

Last summer, Scotland came close to automatic qualification in the same venue but they must now navigate their way to the top of the tree when they play in the knockout event which also features the Czech Republic, Wales, Austria, Lithuania and Croatia in Glasgow.

Chris Duncan, Scotland's coach, confirmed that only the tournament winner will move on to compete with the elite of European women's hockey.

The national side will welcome back their Great Britain athletes into the squad for this key series following the Olympic Games in Paris and the team hope to emulate their predecessors who won gold in the last qualification tournament played in Scotland.

PICTURE: The Scotland squad in training at Peffermill ahead of this summer's key event in Glasgow. Picture by *Nigel Duncan*



FOCUSED: More action from the training session. Picture *Nigel Duncan*



BALL WATCHING: It's intense during training. Picture *Nigel*

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