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'Welcome back to the newsletter! After listening closely to feedback from our players and the wider VI community, the leadership team made it a clear priority to bring this regular update back. We know how important it is to stay connected, and we're thrilled to be landing in your inbox once again to share the latest news and developments from across the sport'.

- Mark Winder, CEO of Goalball UK.







BREAKING NEWS

Lois Turner Joins Goalball UK as Talent Officer.

Having Lois on board as our first visually impaired staff member is a powerful step forward for Goalball UK- strengthening representation, amplifying lived experience and ensuring our community's voice is reflected at every level of the organisation.



"Having a Goalball UK member of staff with a VI will provide the opportunity of first hand experience, as well as having a voice for our community. Having that voice when we are making decisions will hopefully put us a massive step forward in making Goalball UK led by lived experience".

- Lois Turner, Talent Officer at Goalball UK.

‘Unseen’- A documentary by Maddie Reader.

Graduate student, Maddie, combined her love of sport and lived experience of sight loss to create a powerful documentary titled ‘Unseen’.



The film explores what it means to be visually impaired in sport, challenging stereotypes and showing that sight loss doesn’t stop people from playing, competing, and belonging. Maddie chose to feature Goalball (the only blind sport in her area), after filming with Chelmsford Goalball Club and seeing first-hand how the game builds confidence, friendship, and independence.



A dedicated social media campaign will follow, sharing clips and insights from Maddie’s journey and the people featured in her film. Stay tuned across our platforms for more!







Next Competition

Super League 2 Sat 21st & Sun 22nd November- EIS, Sheffield

Next Taster Session

Saturday 7th November- Surrey (FREE)

Next Coaching Course

Friday 4th December– Manchester (School Leaders)

Farewell to our chair, John Grosvenor.

Goalball UK is marking the end of John Grosvenor's eight-year tenure as Chair, a period defined by steady leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our community.







Throughout his time as Chair, John championed the values that sit at the heart of our organisation: inclusion, independence and the belief that sport can transform lives. He often spoke about the impact goalball has on individuals and families, from building confidence, to creating a sense of belonging.

John leaves behind a legacy of thoughtful governance, strengthened partnerships and a clear vision for what goalball can offer. His leadership has helped guide Goalball UK through significant development, ensuring the organisation is well-placed for the future.



From everyone at Goalball UK, thank you, John, for your dedication, kindness and belief in our mission. Your contribution will continue to shape the sport for years to come.

Follow our Socials for more updates and content.
Until next month!

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