Bedfordshire Player Development Programme Presentation 2023



On May 15th the Bedfordshire County Netball held their annual presentation for the Player Development Programmes (PDP): the Under 13 Bedford and Luton Groups and the U15 Bedfordshire Group. We were delighted to be joined by Gloria Keech and Alison Brightman, Chair and President of Bedfordshire County.

The evening began with a tournament organised by the PDP coaches where the three groups were mixed up and competed against each other. Once completed the players joined their families and friends in the auditorium. We were delighted that Talullah Dwyer, a former member of the Under 15 PDP and now part of the Saracens Mavericks Futures Squad attended. Her resilience, determination and humour shone through as she answered many questions from the players and families.

The coaches of each of the squads then gave a brief resume of the season before announcing their own awards to the following players that were presented by Gloria, Alison and Talullah.

| Under 15 PDP Squad Coaches : Michelle Power and Debbie Ellis | | |
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| S and C Awards | Ava Kelly | |
| | Chloe Piggott | |
| | Emma Gatward | |
| Most Improved Shooter | Ava Kelly | |
| Most Improved Mid Courter | Lily Marsden | |
| Most Improved Defender | Destinee de Sousa | |
| Coaches Player | Catie Clarke | |
| All players in the squad were presented with their 2022/2023 Bedfordshire PDP "cap" | | |

| Under 13 Luton Squad Coaches: Rachel Lewis and Victoria Topa | | |
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| Trainer of the Season | Alice Bermingham | |
| Most Improved Player | Sheena Ward | |
| Players Player | Poppy Bingley | |
| Coaches Player | Isobel Hoy | |
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| Under 13 Bedford Squad Coaches: Hayley Mackellar, Sophie Randall and Caroline McNally | | |
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| Most Improved Shooter | Isla Gardner | |
| Most Improved Centre Court | Cloe Peck | |
| Most Improved Defender | Justina Itsuokor | |
| Coaches Player | Polly Sleap | |
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Our thanks go to the families who support the players so well throughout the season and our guests, Gloria, Alison and Talullah for giving up their time to attend the PDP Presentation evening.

Now the Bedfordshire Performance Group look forward to planning for the 23/24 season and the PDP Summer Camp being held on the 24th and 25th July.

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