

## Ed Smith appointed as Chair of UKUS

FORMER CHIEF Operations Manager for Price Waterhouse Cooper, Ed Smith has been given the position of Chair for the newly created United Kingdom University Sport association. UKUS will replace both the body for University and College Sport and BUSA in the summer. The new Chair's business acumen is likely to be used to gain investment and funding for university sport across the UK. Smith will take on the position formally in January.

## Alcuin beat Vanbrugh to reach top of table

LAST WEEKEND SAW Alcuin at the top of the college football table for the first time in years, beating Vanbrugh 6-1. It was the standout game of a wet and windy Sunday afternoon, as most teams struggled with the elements. With Goodricke and James joint top at the start of the day, a drab 0-0 draw left both teams ruing a missed opportunity to build a lead in the table. Langwith played out another draw, 1-1, with Derwent, as both teams continue to struggle with the lack of striking options this season, holding up the table with two points apiece. Halifax beat Wentworth 3-1 in the day's only other game to divide the table in two, with Vanbrugh, Wentworth, Langwith and Derwent trailing off the pace.

## York Ultimate Frisbee to host BUSA event

THE UNIVERSITY of York's Ultimate Frisbee Club will be hosting the National Outdoor Ultimate Frisbee Competition next May. The competition sees the top 32 clubs in the country come together to compete in one of only two annual tournaments where BUSA points are at stake. The coup follows York's success in hosting the University Northern Indoor Regionals two years in a row. The club celebrated being chosen to host the tournament by finishing fourth at the University Mixed Indoor Regionals in Bradford, thereby qualifying for the University Mixed Indoor Nationals which will take place in Manchester in Spring 2008.

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# Defensive lapses cost York in fourth straight league defeat

## WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

York 1sts	1
Sheffield 2nds	3

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YORK WOMEN'S first football team were again consigned to the disappointment of defeat as visitors Sheffield snatched a 3-1 victory on Wednesday afternoon. Goals early and late in the first half, and a third five minutes from time were enough to earn an injury-depleted Sheffield their second win of the season.

The defeat leaves York still searching for their first three points of the campaign, now four matches old, but many positives can be taken from their showing. Attractive long-ball play down the flanks exerted considerable pressure on the Sheffield defensive line but the finishing touch was frustratingly absent. York captain Maz Brewster urged an attack-minded approach from the outset and the team responded with the lively left-wing runs of Louise Kedge intimidating an exposed Sheffield defense and delivering accurate crosses across the face of goal.

However, York's early spirit was soon dampened as defensive uncertainties allowed Sheffield midfielder Chloe Sprenger to latch on to an ambitious long-ball and round goalkeeper Annalie Schutz to score.

The home team



York were unable to break down an extremely solid Sheffield defensive unit

matched their opponents throughout the opening half, but it was a Sheffield set-piece that proved decisive just before the break, doubling their advantage. A neatly-executed overhead kick from Nat Troggatt looped over the York goalkeeper after a left-wing corner had only

been partially cleared.

In a lapse of concentration after the second goal, Sheffield allowed their opponents an immediate route back into contention. In first-half injury time, a perfectly weighted through-ball from the York midfield caught their opponents off guard and

striker Ruth Morris slipped in unnoticed to narrow the deficit with a composed low finish.

Zoë Raffray was introduced at the interval to quicken the pace and seek an equalising goal for the hosts. The second half was, however, rather low key with chances rare at both

ends. Sheffield were content to defend their advantage and their rearguard remained resolute. The home team were adept at switching the focus of attack, but could not find the telling pass.

Although lacking their first-half potency, Sheffield remained a fleeting threat with Tolu Osinubi dropping back from the forward line to orchestrate play. Having survived one goalmouth scramble, York finally saw the match slip from their grasp in the 85th minute. Having repelled a late York forward burst, the away side forced a right-wing corner with a swift break and, when York once again failed to clear the danger, Osinubi tapped in to cement the three points for Sheffield.

Speaking after the match, Brewster said, "it was a good performance overall and I thought the third goal flattered them somewhat." The team will certainly have to focus on the emerging positives in preparing for next week's home encounter with high-flying Durham.

## YORK LINE-UP

1. Annalie Schutz, 17. Carey Kalym, 6. Claire Richards, 16. Charlotte O'Shea, 9. Nikki Giles, 4. Becky Segal, 8. Maz Brewster (capt), 5. Charlotte Taylor, 14. Louise Kedge (10. Zoë Raffray - H-T), 3. Ruth Morris, 15. Fiona Wallis

# York beaten in bottom of table clash

## MEN'S SQUASH

York 1sts	2
Durham 2nds	3

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YORK'S 1ST team lost a hard fought tie 3-2 against Durham 2nd team in BUSA League 2B on Wednesday.

York started well with first year Paul Atkinson picking up a swift win against Julian Le Witt. Atkinson's speed and fluency around the court saw him dominate the match.

The fixture was tied when Durham's Patrick McConvey defeated York's Kamren Minal in the sec-



Men's first team left without reward after a close match

ond pairing, despite Minal returning from a two game deficit to take the match to a fifth and final game, which he narrowly conced-

ed with a score of 9-7. In the first of the two simultaneous pairings, York number two James Burkhead was beaten con-

vincingly by Sam Williams while York captain Tom Davenhill forced his tie against Tim Baker to a deciding game. This contest reflected the match as a whole, with Davenhill losing the fifth game 9-2 despite a hard fought performance.

This left York 3-1 down with the match between the two team's top players inconsequential, although Matt Twaddle salvaged some pride with a convincing victory.

After the match, York captain Tom Davenhill described the great difficulties his team have faced this season. "We've had to deal with the loss of the

top six players from last year and gained Paul as the only fresher, so yes it has been tough."

Davenhill was unassuming in explaining the loss. "I think my tie turned the game," he said humbly. "At the end it was a question of fitness, and Durham had more". The loss leaves York still without a win this year and languishing in the league.

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