

Beth Mead

Bethany Jane Mead is an English professional footballer who plays as a forward for the Women's Super League club Arsenal and the England national team. Prior to her move to Arsenal, she played for Sunderland.

Beth Mead is openly gay; she has a public relationship with fellow footballer Vivianne Miedema and has spoken about her sexuality, aiming to normalize LGBTQ+ visibility in sports, particularly football. She has chosen to make her relationship and identity a normal part of her public persona rather than a formal "coming out" statement.

"When I was growing up, where I came from, there weren't many people I knew that were openly gay or bisexual," she told Sky Sports. "My parents, at the time, maybe struggled in the beginning and it was something that was hard for me to say."

"It shouldn't be frowned upon. It should be the norm. I think there is this hierarchy of what people expect and how the older generation see it. Everyone has their opinion but for me, it now has to be the norm and like I said, you can't help who you fall in love with. If you are happy, that is all that matters."

"Actually, I've never physically come out and said I'm gay, I'm with a girl because I've not had to. I'm just being me. I've put pictures with my partner on social media. To me, I've tried to make it the normal rather than make it a statement."

Arsenal and England forward Beth Mead

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Caedmon year seven girls' league winners Beth Mead, Rebecca Mills, Abi Hall, Kate Noble, Lauren Sissons, Amelia Wheatcroft-Brown, Elizabeth Marsay and Nicole Hutchinson
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Girls reserves for final

THE year seven and eight English schools' cross-country cup girls' team took part in the county round at Aireville Park, Skipton in October, taking second place and qualifying for the regional round also at Aireville Park.

This took place in November and the girls only just missed out on qualification to the English Schools' final in Bolton by eight points.

They took a creditable fourth place and will act as reserves for the final if other teams drop out.

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Caedmon runners storm to title

CAEDMON School cross-country teams stormed the league with three league trophy wins and two second places.

The third of three league meetings at Raincliffe School in Scarborough took place recently.

Year eight girls have had an outstanding season with a maximum 75 points, 2 Malton 64 and 3 Scalby 48.

Grace Rodgers (1,1,1) worked hard against her near rival from Pindar to win all three races individually.

With strong team backing of Paige Beekforth (2,5,5), Eve Locker (-,8,14), Jess

Parkes (11,14,17) and Selina Marsay (-,20,19). Most of the team are likely to be selected for district in next month.

Year seven girls, who were third place in the first league run, came good at Caedmon moving into joint first place with Eskdale and made a determined effort to win the league outright.

Excellent performances by Beth Mead (-,2,2), Rebecca Mills (2,3,3), Nicole Hutchinson (5,3,4), Abigail Hall (-,10,9), Lauren Sissons (17,12,14) and many supporting runners secured top spot.

Final result was 1 Caedmon 73pts, 2 Eskdale 70 and 3 Pindar 68.

Again, most of the team are likely to be selected for district.

Over the three meetings the year seven boys built up a lead going into the final run with a slightly weakened side.

But they held off their rivals to share the trophy with Scalby, with both teams on 72 points and Graham on 70pts.

Excellent runs from Dougie Elias (1,1,3) and Harry Smith (6,3,13) should secure district selection, supported by Ben Lake (11,18,26) and Carl Purvis (17,14,17).

Caedmon girls were outstanding in both results and attitude, showing great determination in all the races.

Year nine girls came from behind to take second place, with Catherine Bainbridge (-,7,13) leading the team home.

Ryedale were winners.

Year eight boys were held to second place on 72 pts behind Scalby (75) and ahead of Norton (64).

The best result from Robert Pattinson (8,9,11) should secure a district place.

Year nine boys were unable to field a team but excellent performance individually by Sam Hutchinson (4,4,-) should secure a district selection.

● Whitby Community College took both trophies in the year 10/11 races.

Spotlight on Caedmon School's footballing glories this season



Caedmon's jubilant, all-conquering football teams

Picture: Doug Jackson

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Girls sweep to a double

CAEDMON'S years seven and eight girls' football team capped a marvellous season by winning a district tournament and a Youth Games competition.

The Caedmon girls team took part in the Scarborough and District football tournament at Pindar to decide on the team to represent Scarborough Schools in the Youth games at Ampleforth College.

Caedmon won both qualifying games convincingly.

Firstly, they saw off Scalby 4-0 with goals from Selina Marsay, Beth Mead (2) and Elizabeth Hodgson.

Next up was the local derby against Eskdale, with Caedmon winning 5-0 thanks to a hat-trick from Beth Mead and a brace from Selina Marsay.

The team went onto represent Scarborough Schools at the Youth Games recently at Ampleforth and won the competition by winning six of their game and drawing one - all without conceding a goal.

The team have remained unbeaten this season.

The team was Beth Mead, Selina Marsay, Elizabeth Hodgson, Elizabeth Marsay, Hannah Parkin, Eve Locker, Phoebe Linton, Sophie Hicks.

Olivia Noble is missing from the photo.

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Caedmon girls' under 13s, back from left: Beth Mead, Kate Noble, Hannah Dawson, teacher Karen Fellows, Elizabeth Marsay, Megan Fletcher Booth; front: Jordan Spencer, Kate Nicholson

Picture: Dom Shaw

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Boys and girls land hockey double

CAEDMON School youngsters are celebrating a terrific double after the boys and girls' hockey teams both landed the district tournament trophy.

The school's under 13s boys almost went through the whole season unbeaten however, only Pindar got the better of them and by a single goal.

Caedmon retained the trophy won by last year's U13 team, winning the

league with five excellent wins and a no-score draw and just one defeat.

They took 16 points out of a possible 21 points.

Top scorers were the captain, Jacob Randell (20) and Josh Walker (6), backed up by a strong defence and keeper James Greenwood, with the team only conceding two goals.

Pindar School were a close second place with 15 points.

And it was a great season for Caedmon's Jacob Randell as he was

selected for the North Yorkshire County development squad.

On top of this, the boys' U14 team played in the U15 league and came a very creditable second.

Caedmon girls' U13 team set off in a determined mood to match the boys' league result in a bid to retain the trophy won by last year's year eight.

The team was drawn into a tough section which included traditional rivals Scarborough College and

Ryedale - both strong hockey schools.

The section results included 1-0 wins against Malton and Scarborough College with a 2-0 success against a mixed team, while Ryedale held them to a 0-0 draw.

Caedmon won the section, with Scarborough College runners-up, and went on to meet the runners-up of section two, Lady Lumley's.

Section two winners Eskdale were up against Scarborough College.

Caedmon beat Lady Lumley's 1-0 with a late goal which put the school in the final against Scarborough College.

Caedmon dominated the game throughout and after one goal was disallowed, two followed from Beth Mead and Jessica Jarman to secure the trophy.

In addition, the girls' U14 team have already won the hockey tournament and are now due to play Ryedale in the knockout trophy.



The victorious year nine girls, from left, Amy Middleton, Amelia Wheatcroft-Brown, Beth Mead, Abi Hall, Becky Mills, Lizzie Marsay and Nicole Hutchinson

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Caedmon's hat-trick

CAEDMON School continue last year's league dominance and have secured three major trophies yet again.

In the boys competition, the school had a decisive lead going into the last race for both year seven and year eight.

Year seven boys reigned supreme and despite a poor course over a longer race than normally expected there were a string of fantastic runs.

Shane Hicks secured the hat-trick of three wins, followed by Callum Booth in second place for the second race, Jack Stewart fourth, George Hutton sixth and Miles Locker in ninth place.

The team total was 13 points to secure the trophy.

Three straight wins by the team gave maximum points of 75 with Filey on just 63 points in second.

The year eight boys were determined to retain the trophy and this year's race meant competing against year nine's for district selection.

Cross country

Sam Calvert came fourth but was the first-placed year eight boy home for the third race in a row.

Joe Hogarth was 13th which was third for the year eights while Ben Marsay was 14th, Luke Asbury 33rd and Josef Russell 50th.

With a team score of 64, they cruised to victory at Ampleforth which meant a maximum 75 points in the league and a retained trophy.

The year nine boys had great individual results - Dougie Elias was eighth and Jacob Randell was 11th but the team was incomplete due to injuries and it meant dropping to fifth place in the league with just one league race counting.

In the girls competition the year nine team were hoping to win the hat-trick of trophies after year seven and eight at the top.

Beth Mead came second, followed by Rebecca Mills in third - despite a recently broken arm - Nicole Hutchinson was 17th, Lizzie

Marsay 18th, Amelia Wheatcroft-Brown 40th, Amy Middleton 45th and Abi Hall in 47th.

With a team total of 40 points, the girls were sure of first place in the league but Ampleforth took first place in the race with a score of 40 points and a higher placed last scorer.

So with just one point less than maximum they retained the trophy for a third year.

Caedmon's year eight team took first place in the race with Grace Richardson 25th and Sammy Gibson 41st but as they were unable to field a team at Scalby in the first meeting, they could only manage third place in the league behind St Augustine's and Eskdale.

The year seven team ended fourth in the league with top placed runner Charity Swales 21st and Paige Stewart in 22nd.

Many of Caedmon's girls and boys have now been nominated for the Scarborough District team to go to county trials in the new year.

Hinderwell

ACTIVITIES in the village hall now include: Monday, Bridge Club 7-9pm, beginners welcome (£1.50), line dancing 7.30pm £3; Tuesday, 9am-9pm hourly bookings for badminton, table tennis, unihoc, mini tennis, free use of equipment (£1.50 per person); Wednesday, IT Group, learn at your own pace, 1.30-3.30pm (free), junior indoor athletics 5-6pm, start date to be confirmed (free), 7-9pm indoor bowls, beginners welcome (£1.50); Thursday, 10am-12.30pm craft class (£1.50); 7.30pm beginners' line dancing (£3). The hall is available to hire for meetings and group activities, £4 per hour. New ceiling drapes available for weddings, private parties, dances etc. Ring 840196 or 840561 to book the hall or for further details.

ST Hilda's Old School is available for hire at £5 per hour to include use of kitchen. If your club/group/committee require a room for meetings, coffee mornings or dominoes drives then contact Janet Lonsdale on 840038.

OLD School classes: Bums n' Tums, Thursdays 7-8pm; beginners Tai Chi, Fridays 1.30-3pm.

THERE will be a meeting for the scarecrow and gala week on Wednesday 28 January at 7.45pm in the Old School. Anyone who would like to help or has ideas for activities should come along to the meeting, all welcome.

ART Tots in the Old School House on Tuesdays 20 January, 3-24 February, 10-24 March, 1.30-2.30pm, free for this term only, in partnership with Sure Start.

A DOMINOES drive held in the Brown Cow raised £104 for the Old School Party. Winners: 1 Bob Hart, 2 Nell Robinson, 3 Geoff Jameson and joint least Phil Roche and Ann Mackinder. The quiz raised £94 for Hinderwell six-a-side Football Team. Thank you to all who supported these events.

MUSIC quiz on Thursday 29 January at the Brown Cow, proceeds for Staithes Lifeboat. The next dominoes drive, on Tuesday 3 February, will raise funds for Whitby Lions, 8pm for 8.30pm start. On Tuesday 10 February Chelsea Mick will be the quizmaster to raise funds for Beth Mead to support her in her attempt to gain a place playing football for England. There will be a prize Bingo on Tuesday 17 February in aid of the Lythe, Hinderwell and Staithes Girl Guides, 6pm for 6.30pm start.

PRESTIGIOUS AWARD FOR FOOTBALLER BETH

WHITBY footballer Beth Mead had something to shout about when she was presented with a prestigious award from the Mayor of Middlesbrough, Ray Mallon.

Beth, from Middlesbrough Centre of Excellence for girls, was nominated for the Certificate for Achievement in Sport award for her inclusion in the England training camp set-up.

Director Craig Nicholson said: "Being nominated for the award in the first place is a great accolade for Beth but to go one step further and receive the certificate is a massive statement."

"Receiving it for girls' football just shows the attention

everyone is now paying to their efforts in the sport."

The idea for the awards came from Brenda Thompson, Middlesbrough Council's executive councillor for public health and sport.

"The council recognises the fact there are so many sports people doing well in the area, they thought it would be fitting for them to recognise their achievements," said Mr Nicholson.

"Middlesbrough Mayor Ray Mallon presented the awards in the council chambers."

"He congratulated Beth on being selected to attend three England U15 training camps last year."

This season, Beth has been in good form for Middlesbrough under 14s, scoring in each of the nine games she has played in.

Her total so far is 21 goals.



Footballer Beth Mead is presented with her certificate of excellence by the Mayor of Middlesbrough, Ray Mallon
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Caedmon retain district title despite tough draw

School hockey

CAEDMON School's hockey team retained the district title after seeing off local rivals Fyling Hall in the final.

Caedmon School had a tough draw for the knockout, meeting the top three hockey schools through to the final.

At the quarter-final stage, it was a close game against Ryedale with a narrow victory to Caedmon at 2-1. In the semi-final, Scarborough College were the opponents but despite a good mid-field game, they were unable to break Caedmon's defence and the scoreline of 4-0 was comfortable.

In the final - which was delayed by a week due to Fyling Hall's backlog of games - Caedmon played host instead of using a neutral ground.

The first half was very hard and tight in midfield with crunching tackles and strong runs foiled by Fyling Hall's keen defence.

It stayed deadlocked at 0-0 by half-time. Caedmon came out with renewed vigour and had 70% of the possession and after 10 minutes, Beth Mead made a darting run past a number of defenders, shooting from a tight angle to give Caedmon the opening goal.

This settled nerves and Caedmon kept up the pressure and despite a breakaway run from Fyling Hall, Caedmon's keeper held firm.

Lots of attacking play then paid off with a close ball from Lucy Welham to make it 2-0. Fyling Hall refused to give up and fought on to the final whistle, but Caedmon retained the trophy they won last year.



Caedmon girls celebrate being district hockey champions, with captain Jordan Spencer holding the trophy aloft
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ENGLAND CALL FOR RISING STAR BETH

by Carl Gavaghan

WHITBY footballer Beth Mead has been called up to play for England U15s despite the fact she is only 13.

Beth, from Middlesbrough's Centre of Excellence for girls, received the confirmation from the Football Association saying that she has been selected to go out to Germany to a training camp and play two international friendlies for England U15s.

She said she was speechless when she got the news.

"My mum and dad were crying and I thought something was wrong," she said.

"When they told me I was speechless. I couldn't believe it. I hadn't the slightest clue it was going to happen."

It is especially remarkable that she has got this call as Beth will not turn 14 until August.

"I can't wait to go away to Germany and I know a few of the girls so it should be very good."

Beth's teacher at Caedmon, Karen Fellows, said everyone was proud of her.

"It is fantastic for Beth and we have framed the letter at school,"

she said.

"For her to do this at just 13 is incredible and she is the nicest girl with it too and all her classmates are wanting her to go all the way, which I hope she can do."

This has topped off a fantastic season for Beth after attending two England training camps in this country and playing for Middlesbrough's U14s and U16s.

In nineteen appearances this season she has scored 34 goals, which resulted in her finishing top scorer for the U14s and joint second top scorer for the U16s.

On a recent tour with the club they played Liverpool in Birmingham where striker Beth scored all three of her team's goals.

At the club's end of season festival they hosted Coventry City and West Riding, both of who had England internationals in their teams.

In the first game they played Coventry resulting in a 3-1 win to Middlesbrough where Beth scored all three and in the second game they drew 2-2 with West Riding resulting in Beth scoring another two.

Beth is due to meet up with her team mates in August and then fly out from London Heathrow for the six-day training camp.



Middlesbrough and England footballer Beth Mead

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Grant-ing their wishes

WHITBY Cricket Club, footballer Beth Mead and county hockey star Bethany Sanderson North of England U16s Pumas have been given grant funding worth £475 to help their sporting progress.

The cash was made available through a scheme run by the Scarborough and District Sports Council (SDSC) which distributes grants cheques to sports individuals and clubs across the borough.

The main funds for the sports grants scheme are raised via the SDSC annual golf day, which will take place next year on Thursday 29 July at Scarborough South Cliff Golf Club.

The recipients who received their cheques at the awards evening were Whitby Cricket Club, which was awarded £250 towards the cost of a sight screen at the Turnbull Ground.

Hockey player Bethany Sanderson was awarded £125 towards equipment costs and Beth Mead, from Hinderwell, who this year was selected to play for England U15s, was awarded £100 towards training costs.



Whitby's Beth Mead and Bethany Sanderson (front) and Pauline Russell of Whitby Cricket Club (middle left) and other recipients with their cheques

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Scarborough Borough Council's sports development officer Matt Hewison said: "It is really great for the District Sports Council to be able to distribute so many grants to many young people and clubs across the borough."

"Although the financial sums of money aren't substantial, hopefully they can go a small way to making a big difference for some of the participants."

To find out more about the SDSC

sports grants scheme or for information on the golf day, contact Mr Hewison on 07967 465328.

● THE other recipients were Scarborough Swimming Club's Rebecca Whaling (£100) and Ross Glegg (£150) to assist with their training and development.

Daniel Collins of Scarborough Athletic Club received a £150 to assist with travel to national events.

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WHITBY footballer Beth Mead was called up to play for England U15s in June despite the fact she was only 13.

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She said she was speechless when she got the news.

"My mum and dad were crying and I thought something was wrong," she said.

"When they told me I couldn't believe it.

"I hadn't the slightest clue it was going to happen."

It was especially remarkable that she has got the call as Beth did not turn 14 until August.

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BETH EARNS NEW ENGLAND CALL-UP

FOOTBALLER Beth Mead has been called up to play for England under 15s for the second time in six months.

Striker Beth, who lives in Hinderwell, received confirmation from the Football Association to say she has been selected to go to Zwolle in Holland to a training camp and play two international friendlies for England U15s.

The 14-year-old Whitby Community College student, from Middlesbrough's Centre of Excellence for girls, is due to meet up with her team-mates next month and then fly out from Heathrow Airport in London for the five-day training camp.

Last August, Beth travelled out to Germany for a six-day camp and played the German U15s twice.

Unfortunately, the Germans' experience proved too much as they ran out 7-0 and 5-1 winners, but they had been together for three weeks beforehand.

Beth said she thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and is looking forward to travelling out to Holland.

She has had a good first half to the season playing nine competitive games and scoring 22 goals, six of which came in a recent game against Lincoln City.

Beth is a year 10 student at the college, currently studying for her GCSEs.



Beth Mead in her England strip

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Beth Mead in her England kit

BETH HITS FIRST ENGLAND GOALS

HINDERWELL footballer Beth Mead netted her first goals for England under 15s in an international friendly against Holland.

Beth, who is 14 and a student at Whitby Community College, played two matches against the Dutch and started both games.

In the first game, Beth scored England's third goal in a pulsating 3-3 draw and in the second game, England drew 1-1 with Beth scoring the only goal.

She has also just received the news that she has been included in the next squad which will meet up at Bradfield College near Reading for a five day training camp over the Easter holidays.

Beth said she enjoyed the whole experience away in Holland and was thrilled to have scored

two goals for her country.

On Saturday, Beth played for Middlesbrough U16s against Sunderland which resulted in Middlesbrough winning 7-6 winners.

Beth really showed off her goalscoring talents by scoring four goals, taking her tally to 30 goals in 12 games this season.

Her talents did not go unnoticed.

Looking after the Sunderland squad was the Sunderland ladies manager who play in the Women's Premier League.

Mick Mulhern told her how well she had played and told her he would like to sign her as soon as she turns 16 years old.

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Beth goal earns England draw

TALENTED Hinderwell footballer Beth Mead achieved something her senior England colleagues failed to do - put in a good performance in South Africa.

The 15-year-old has just returned from a five-day training camp with England U17s, where she played two international friendlies against South Africa, who stopped off in England as part of their warm-up for the U17s World Cup in Trinidad and Tobago next month.

The first game was played a week last Tuesday which resulted in South Africa running out 4-1 winners.

Beth was picked to start the game and, along with her teammates, found her opponents a strong and well-drilled team.

The England manager changed almost the whole team for the second half so she could look at as many players as possible.

The second game was played last Thursday and Beth found herself in the starting XI.

South Africa scored midway through the first half and went in at half-time 1-0 up.

The second half saw England make two changes in midfield and straight away, they started to dominate the game with their



Beth Mead, who scored for England U17s against South Africa

passing and movement.

Midway through the half, the ball was played out to the left and then played into Beth's feet.

She quickly controlled the ball and turned her defender to

smash the ball home with her left foot to equalise.

England made four more changes and kept pressing forward and it was only the brilliance of the keeper that denied Beth her sec-

ond goal and England's winner as the match ended 1-1.

Beth said she thoroughly enjoyed the whole game and was pleased to have scored another goal for her country.

England's next games are in Belgium, where they are playing three European qualifying games in October.

Beth's now keeping her fingers cross she has impressed enough to be included in the squad.

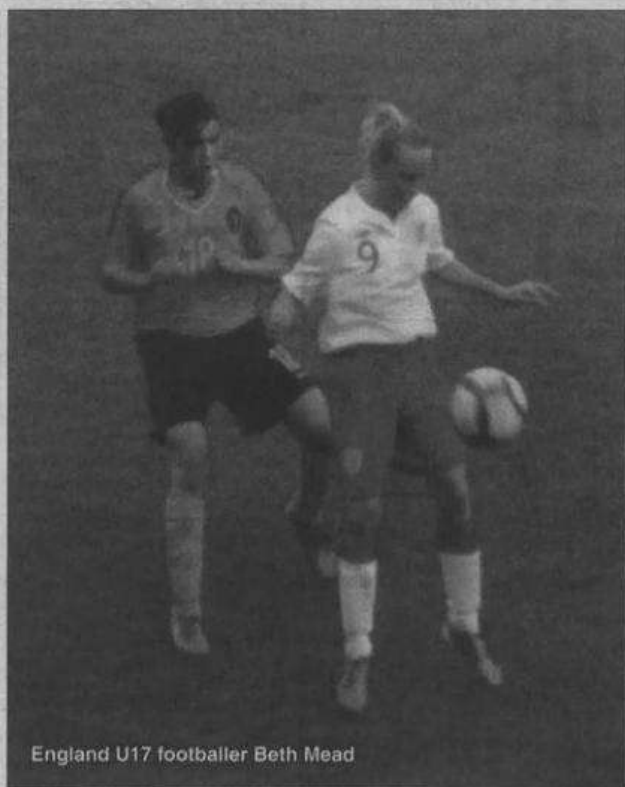
A week tomorrow, Beth travels to Hull with Middlesbrough Centre of Excellence to play in the first game of the new season, where she is hoping to carry on from where she finished off last season.

In 23 games, Beth managed to score a total of 43 goals which included two that she scored for England U15s against Holland.

This season could turn out to be a busy time for Beth with the fixtures she plays for Middlesbrough giving her the chance to play in Belgium.

There is also the possibility that there could be games against France and the USA in the near future.

She is also studying for her GCSEs at Whitby Community College.



England U17 footballer Beth Mead

Beth double helps England through to the next round

HINDERWELL'S England under 17 footballer Beth Mead netted twice to help England ladies through the European qualification stages.

Beth has just spent 10 days out in Belgium training with England's U17s and playing qualifying games against Turkey, Armenia and hosts Belgium.

In the first game, Beth found herself in the starting XI against a tough, physical Turkish team which resulted in England winning 2-0.

The second game was against Armenia with Beth on the subs' bench due to picking up a slight hamstring injury in the game against Turkey.

Midway through the second half, Beth came on and scored twice in quick succession for England in a 7-0 rout.

The last game was against hosts Belgium with Beth back in the starting line-up.

The winners of the group would qualify automatically and England dominated the first half but failed to convert any of their chances.

The game eventually finished goal-less.

Belgium topped the group on goal difference, but England also qualified as one of the highest runners-up.

England's next game is in France so Whitby Community College student Beth is hoping she has impressed enough to be included in the squad for that game and also the second phase of the European Championships which are due to be played in the spring.

Beth shines on track as well as in football shirt

WHITBY Community College students rose to the occasion at the county cross country championships at Catterick on a rather bleak and long course.

The week leading up to the event saw the girls years 10/11 team decimated by flu, with five out of the original seven girls selected to represent the district, unable to run.

It was left to Dani Braithwaite and Annie Jones to fly the college flag.

Annie ran solidly to finish 35th and Dani Braithwaite romped home in a very creditable 4th place, securing her place in the county team for the nationals.

England junior footballer Beth Mead, who went to watch her younger brother run, stepped into the breach left by the poorly girls.

Not only did she run, but she secured her place on the county team to run in the inter county match by finishing 16th.

Beth proved that she is also a force to be reckoned with on the running front as well as the football

Cross country

pitch.

In the senior girls' event, Grace Rodgers ran positively to finish in fourth position - she too will travel to the nationals next month.

In the years 10/11 boys' event, Phil Hartas led the way home for the college boys and finished in 16th place. Phil was delighted with this result and was asked to represent the county in an inter-county match at Hexham.

Dougie Elias finished 20th, Adam Entwistle 25th, Ben Lewis 26th, Harry Smith 29th and Joe Hogarth 32nd. All boys were a credit to themselves and the college.

Darren Mills ran in the senior boys' event and finished 11th - he too was selected to run for the county.

Becky Mills, Darren's sister who was blighted by flu, is waiting to find out if she will gain one of the two discretionary places on the North Yorkshire Team following her previous good form.



Beth Mead - a bit handy on the cross country circuit as well as the football pitch

Beth's bonus from council

Report by Emma Spencer

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AN England footballer hailing from the Whitby area has been given a grant to help with her training.

Beth Mead who plays for the England junior side was handed a cheque for £100 this week by Matt Hewison from the Scarborough and District Sports Council.

It will be used to help pay for travelling costs to Middlesbrough where Beth plays for Middlesbrough Ladies.

Mr Hewison said: "We have a small grants fund for local organisations and individuals who want to apply for a bit of money."

"The reason we supported Beth is because she has had a grant previously and she is obviously a very talented football player and anything we can do to help her development is the least we can do."

"She is an England under 17s player and for us to have one of those in the borough is good for us."

● IF you would like more information about grants contact Matt on 07967 465328.

LEFT: Matt Hewison presents a cheque to England starlet Beth Mead
Picture by Ceri Oakes

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Euro championships call-up for Beth (15)

HINDERWELL footballer Beth Mead has been picked for the England under 17s squad to fly out to Poland to play in the European Championships.

Beth, a student at Whitby Community College, flies out from Luton today for a 10-day competition where England will be playing against Iceland, Sweden and hosts Poland.

The winners of the group will qualify to play in the finals at UEFA headquarters in Nyon, Switzerland, at the end of July.

Beth helped England qualify for this phase in October last year when they played Turkey, Armenia and hosts Belgium.

Fifteen-year-old Beth said the trip to Belgium was a great experience and what made it more special was the fact she scored her first two goals for England at full international level. The past two years have seen Beth travel to Germany and Holland at under 15 level and this season alone, she has played South Africa and Norway in this country at under 17 level as well as the trip to Belgium.

At club level, Beth has been banging the goals in for Middlesbrough Centre of Excellence, scoring 23 times in 14 games.



She has also been busy training with Sunderland Womens FC who play in the FA Premier League, with a view to signing for them next season.

Beth Mead is pictured above (number nine) lining up with her England colleagues – she is flying out to Poland today to take part in the European Championships

College's U16 girls in district hockey success

WHITBY Community College's under 16 girls' hockey team are the district champions.

They played Ryedale School at the start of the school year and won 2-0, with Dani Bratthwaite player of the match.

They went on to play Malton School and won 1-0 with excellent defending from both schools, in particular from Kate Hodgson and keeper Josie Bowes.

Both schools were evenly matched and vitally, Malton missed two shots on goal.

So the college had a final booked against Lady Lumley's but due to their opponents having to cancel, the

college claimed the trophy by default.

The team included Danielle Braithwaite, Josie Bowes, Ruth Wilkinson, Elizabeth Marsay, Alison Marsay, Kate Hodgson, Alyssa Orton, Matilda Smith, Sarah Little, Jordan Spencer, Jessica Jarman, Rebecca Dove, Chloe Creek, Abigail Millward, Beth Mead and Meghan Booth.

Whitby Community College's district hockey-winning side
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Beth Mead stars for Sunderland in a pre-season win over Blackburn

BETH SHINES UP FRONT FOR CHAMPIONS

HINDERWELL'S England U17 international footballer Beth Mead has made a fantastic start to the new season at FA Premier League ladies' champions Sunderland WFC.

Beth (16) signed for the FA Premier League champions in July after manager Mick Mulhern expressed a great desire to sign her.

Pre-season training started in July which included a trip to Keele University to play in an international tournament.

Sunderland won every game to get to the final and Beth scored seven goals in six games which included a hat-trick against Liverpool.

To add the icing on the cake, Beth also scored a goal in the final where they beat Manchester City 2-0. The final pre-season game was against Blackburn (pictured) which resulted in a 5-0 win to Sunderland with Beth scoring the fifth goal.

Sunderland have just started the defence of their FA Premier League title with two wins out

of two. They travelled to Watford for their first game and hammered the Hornets 8-2 with Beth scoring twice.

Next up were league cup champions Barnet, which resulted in a 2-1 win to Sunderland with Beth netting both goals.

Next up they are away to Coventry City so Beth is hoping she can keep up her good early season form in front of goal.

England U17s are due to go out to Northern Ireland in October to play in the first round of the European Championships where they will play Finland, Israel and Northern Ireland with the winners going onto the next phase early next year, so Beth is hoping to be included in the squad which will be there for 10 days.

Beth, who has to travel to Sunderland twice a week to train, is now studying hard at Whitby Community College, doing A levels in sport and science.

● MORE in Tuesday's Whitby Gazette.

Beth's scintillating early form delights chairman



Hinderwell's Beth Mead scores the first of her two goals for Sunderland against Barnet and right, on the attack in the same game
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THE scintillating early season form of Hinderwell's England under 17 footballer Beth Mead has already earned her a rave review.

Beth (16) has been banging in the goals for FA Premier League women's champions Sunderland, netting four times in their opening two games against Watford and Barnet.

She followed this up by putting the Black Cats ahead against Coventry at the weekend, but the Sky Blues came back to win 3-1.

Football

Maurice Alderson, chairman of Sunderland Women's Football Club, said: "We are absolutely thrilled with the way Beth has started.

"She has come in and not looked out of her depth and fitted in well with the other players.

"If she continues to improve, I have no doubt the England selectors will be

knocking on the door very soon."

Whitby Community College student Beth signed for Sunderland ladies in July and made an immediate impact, scoring seven times in six games in a pre-season tournament at Keele University.

Beth is keeping her fingers crossed to be selected for the England U17s for the first round of the European Championships in Northern Ireland, next month. England will take on the Ulstermen, as well as Finland and Israel.



Beth Mead gets sandwiched in the game against Notts Forest
picture: Susan Gutteridge



Beth Mead is congratulated after scoring early on

Beth on target again for Black Cat ladies

HINDERWELL'S star female footballer Beth Mead continued her fantastic start to the season when she scored again for Sunderland ladies on Sunday.

The Black Cats travelled to last season's league runners-up Nottingham Forest and were two goals up inside 10 minutes after Beth's goal was followed by one from Sarah McFadden.

The breakthrough came in the sixth minute following a penetrating through ball from Sophie Williams which set Beth clear on goal.

Football

Although her shot was partially blocked by goalkeeper Claire Wallhead she could not prevent the ball from crossing the line.

Despite having chances to add to the score the ladies saw the game out comfortably to emerge as 2-0 victors.

Manager Mick Mulhern – who expressed a personal desire to sign Whitby Community College student Beth for Sunderland – was jubilant after

the game.

"It was a very accomplished display from back to front," he said.

"We played some lovely football, certainly the best so far this season.

"We created a host of chances and defended well when we had to.

"Hopefully we can build on this performance."

Beth (16) is bang on form this season after scoring four times in the Black Cats' first two league games of the campaign, as they beat Watford 8-2 and Barnet 2-1.

Beth Mead on the run with the ball in the previous week's game for Sunderland against South Londoners Charlton

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Hinderwell's Beth Mead shoots and scores for Sunderland ladies against Reading on Sunday
picture: Susan Gutteridge

ENGLAND WOE AS BETH PULLS OUT OF SQUAD

Injury forces Hinderwell striker to withdraw

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HINDERWELL footballer Beth Mead was this week named in England's under 17 squad for the first qualifying round of the UEFA Championships, to be held later this month in Northern Ireland.

But the 16-year-old, who plays as a striker for Sunderland ladies, has since been forced to withdraw from the squad with a hamstring injury.

Beth is having a fitness test for the Sunderland v Leeds game at Farsley on Sunday but it is doubtful she will be fit. She is hoping to return to action for the Black Cats when they take on Aston Villa a week on Sunday.

The England call-up was a fantastic reward for Whitby Community College student Beth, who has been in dazzling form for Sunderland ladies since joining them over the summer.

She was on the scoresheet once again on Sun-

day, helping Sunderland to a 6-3 win over Reading.

Her side led 2-0 before the Royals pulled a goal back before the break, but then Beth restored Sunderland's two-goal cushion ten minutes after the break and there was no looking back from there. It was her seventh goal in six games.

England take on Israel on Tuesday before facing hosts Northern Ireland on Thursday and Finland a week on Sunday.

Speaking to the Gazette before her withdrawal, Beth - who has been involved with the England set-up for a while - said: "It's always a good feeling when you find out you have been picked for your country."



Beth Mead heads the goal which put Sunderland ladies on top of the league
picture: Susan Gutteridge

Beth hits winner

HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead shook off her England disappointment by sending Sunderland ladies to the top of the league on Sunday.

The 16-year-old striker's header was the only goal of the game as the Black Cats beat Leeds 1-0.

It was enough to put them at the summit of the Women's National Premier League, leapfrogging their opponents in the process.

Natalie Gutteridge played the ball through for Beth who closed in on goal and when the Leeds keeper collided with her own defender and the ball broke loose for Beth to slot home her eighth goal of the season.

Last week, the Whitby Community College student was called up for England under 17s for the first qualifying round of the UEFA European Championship but later withdrew with a hamstring injury.

Hotshot Beth on scoresheet again



HINDERWELL hotshot Beth Mead was on the scoresheet again as Sunderland ladies returned to winning ways with a 5-0 win over Watford on Sunday.

The 16-year-old Whitby Community College student rounded the keeper to score Sunderland's fourth from an acute angle, continuing her sparkling form.

The Black Cats are second in the FA Women's Premier League table, a point behind behind Coventry, with two games in hand. The pair meet a week on Sunday.

Beth Mead holds the ball up for Sunderland against Watford (left) and celebrates her goal with team-mates (right)
pictures: Susan Gutteridge



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Beth brace takes tally to 12

Beth Mead (centre) who scored twice against Barnet, is flanked by delighted team-mates.

picture by Susan Gutteridge

● Keep an eye on how Beth gets on in Sunday's game on our website www.whitbygazette.co.uk



HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead took her league tally to the season for 12 as her brace of goals helped Sunderland ladies back to the top of the Women's National Premier League.

The Black Cats were being held 1-1 at Underhill on Sunday until Mead's double put them firmly on the way to a 4-1 win.

Mead had a penalty appeal turned down in the busy opening period but scored in the 51st minute as the Barnet keeper misjudged the bounce and Mead pounced to slot home.

The 16-year-old added her second at the angle of the box as she took a touch before smashing the ball into the bottom corner of the net.

Mead almost added to this from a similar position after cutting inside the full back and shooting narrowly over.

This Sunday, Sunderland play at home to Coventry in a top-of-the-table fixture.

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Beth bittersweet as Black Cats held



Beth Mead celebrates her goal

pictures: Susan Gutteridge

IT was a bittersweet day for Hinderwell's Beth Mead who scored a goal, set up another but saw her Sunderland ladies side let a two-goal lead slip in a top-of-the-table clash with Coventry on Sunday.

Mead turned her marker and crossed for Sophie Williams to volley home from just inside the box to put Sunderland ahead in their FA Women's Premier League game.

The Black Cats doubled their lead early in the second half when a free-kick was headed back across goal for 16-year-old Whitby Community College student Mead to touch home from close in.

But the joy was short-lived as Coventry quickly pulled one back and with time running out, the Sky Blues forced a dramatic injury-time leveller, denying Mead and her team-mates the chance to pull two points clear of second-placed Leeds.

Despite the disappointment, Beth shifted her goals tally for the season to 13.

And it was a special day for West Cliff pupil Daisy Stokoe, who was chosen as Sunderland's mascot.

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DISTRICT LANDS SIX AWARDS

WHITBY scored a landmark double hat-trick at the Scarborough and District Sports Council awards, picking up no less than six winners' prizes.

And with a further four nominees also being awarded runners-up prizes in the glittering ceremony at Scarborough Spa on Thursday night, Whitby certainly outshone its rivals.

The roll of honour is:

- Primary Sports Girl U11 winner: Thea Fenwick – Yorkshire and British ski moguls champion in her age group who was invited to train with the UK Freestyle team;
- runner-up: Daisy Drake – captain of the North Yorkshire Youth Games girls' football champions, picked for the county team after being spotted by a scout.

- Junior Sports Girl U14 winner: Megan Coates – gymnast who has qualified for the

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GB team, training monthly with them at Lilleshall. She has successes in a wide range of regional and national competitions.

- Junior Sports Girl U16 runner-up: Catherine Laffan – the highest-ranked 15-year-old in country at girls' beach volleyball who played for the northern region in UK School Games.

- Junior Sports Boy U16 winner: Ryan Gibson – a talented cricketer who has been awarded an academy contract with Yorkshire and also trained with Middlesbrough at football.

- Junior Sports Girl U18 winner: Beth Mead – England under 17 footballer with two goals for her country; signed for Sunderland ladies in the national premier league and has already scored 13 league goals this season; runner-up: Dani Braithwaite



Footballing star Beth Mead, of Hinderwell, is presented with the girls' U18s award by Mitch Cook 1147581

– North Yorkshire's leading cross country runner and won her first ever steeple chase in a time ranking her first in the UK

- Junior Sports Boy U18 winner: Jack Orrell – achieved player of the year and highest break in local adults' snooker and billiards league; now secured a place in the

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Mead seals it

HINDERWELL teenager Beth Mead scored the only goal to keep Sunderland Ladies on course to retain their Premier League crown with a hard fought 1-0 victory over Reading Ladies on Sunday.

It was her 14th goal in 12 appearances which keeps her top of the league's goalscor-ing charts ahead of Reading's Nicola Watts who has played two games more.

The Black Cats ladies, with a game in hand and almost identical goal difference, host league leaders Leeds United, who are three points ahead, on Sunday.

The match kicks off at the Hetton Centre at 2pm.

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Beth brace gets Black Cats purring

Women's football

HINDERWELL hotshot Beth Mead began 2012 in style as her brace of goals helped Sunderland ladies to emphatically sweep aside Notts Forest 6-1 on Sunday.

The female Black Cats took the lead on nine minutes when Nicola Devine hit a deep cross for Mead to head firmly into the net at the far post.

Mead soon added her second as Kelly McDougall to set her free on goal and the young striker calmly chipped over the advancing keeper from just inside the box.

There was no looking back for Sunderland after that as they romped home in their first game since the festive break.

Sunderland are top of the FA Women's Premier League on goal difference from Leeds but with a game in hand.

Beth Mead heads the first of her two goals against Notts Forest
picture: Susan Gutteridge



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Mead keeps Black Cats three points clear at top

BETH Mead helped Sunderland ladies establish a three-point lead at the top of the FA Women's Premier League by scoring in Sunday's 2-0 win over Cardiff City.

Mead's first half strike at a windswept Academy of Light came in the 33rd minute when she was released by a delightful through ball and the young striker turned her marker.

Women's football

Although her shot was parried by Rhian Nokes, she was first to react to poke the ball home.

Steph Bannon's free-kick late on secured the points for the Black Cats, as the ladies leave Leeds trailing in their wake.

Beth Mead takes on the Cardiff defence in Sunday's 2-0 win over Cardiff City
picture by Susan Gutteridge



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ENGLAND CALL-UP REWARD FOR BETH

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HINDERWELL footballer Beth Mead has been named in a 30-woman squad to attend an England under 17 training camp.

The five-day camp will take place from Monday 13 to Friday 17 February in Warwick.

The call-up is a reward for striker Beth (16) who has been in blistering form for Sunderland ladies as they chase the FA Women's Premier League crown.

Beth, an A-level sport and science student at Whitby Community College, previously scored twice for England under 17s in a European Championships match against Armenia – a feat she describes as her favourite moment.

She was called up into the England squad earlier this season but was forced to withdraw with an injury.

Beth told the Whitby Gazette: "I'm really glad to get back into England fold, fit and fighting again."

Her manager at Sunderland, Mick Mulhern, said: "I'm very pleased for Beth – and her colleague Rebecca Olley."

"Both have worked very hard in their first season at Sunderland and I have no doubt they will enjoy the week away."

"The experience will aid their development further."



ABOVE: Beth Mead – back in England set-up
LEFT: Beth in action for Sunderland ladies against Watford
picture: Susan Gutteridge

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'Incredible few days' for Whitby hotshot striker Beth ENGLAND WINNER – AND FA CUP TREBLE

WHITBY Community College student Beth Mead capped an incredible few days by following up a goal for England with an FA Cup hat-trick for her table-topping ladies' team.

Beth (16) finished her week at an England ladies' training camp by netting the only goal as the Three Lions under 17s beat Norway 1-0 last Thursday.

Delighted Beth broke the good news to the Whitby Gazette via Twitter – and she took her fine form into Sunday's third round cup match, scoring her first treble of the season as her side, Sunderland, trounced Rotherham 8-0.

Sunderland took the lead after just 36 seconds without an opponent touching the ball, with Mead turning and shooting into the far corner.

The Black Cats increased their lead in the 19th minute as the ball was played out of defence and Kelly McDougall released Mead, who confidently beat the advancing keeper.

Sunderland, who are top of the FA Ladies' Premier League National Division, refused to relent and Mead, who lives in Hinderwell, were five up at the interval. She then made it six, scoring from a rebound to complete her hat-trick.

Her side travel to Cardiff in the next round.

Beth Mead struck her first hat-trick of the season as Sunderland ladies beat Rotherham 8-0
picture: Susan Gutteridge



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Beth Mead was in the goals once more for Sunderland Ladies in their FA Cup win at Cardiff City

picture: Susan Gutteridge

Beth strikes again as cup run goes on

WHITBY Community College student Beth Mead was on target for Sunderland Ladies once again as her side overcame Cardiff City 7-0 in the fifth round of the FA Cup.

Following on from her hat-trick in the 8-0 demolition of Rotherham in the previous round of the competition, Mead (16) was involved right from the word go at Cardiff.

After just six minutes she was brought down inside the home penalty area, presenting the Black Cats with a great opportunity to take the lead.

Kelly McDougall stepped up to convert the resulting spot-kick and put the visitors 1-0 ahead.

Another couple of goals followed and the sides looked to be heading into the break with the scoreline at 3-0.

However, Mead had other ideas and put Sunderland four goals in front in first-half stoppage time.

Following a spell of sustained pressure, Rachel Lee split the Cardiff defence, releasing Mead who twisted inside before powering the ball past the helpless Cardiff keeper.

Mead continued to cause the hosts problems in the second period and had a hand in Sunderland's sixth of the game.

Breaking down the left flank, Mead cut into the Cardiff box before being upended for the second time in the game, winning her side a second penalty.

Mead's team-mate McDougall stepped up and did the honours from the spot again.

Sunderland added a seventh goal late on to seal an emphatic victory.

A-level student Mead recently scored the winning goal for an England under 17s side in a friendly against Norway.

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College news

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Don't miss the next news special from Whitby Community College on Friday 30 March



Beth Mead

Year 12 student Lois Ladds talks to best friend Beth Mead about her passion and talent for football and her hopes and ambitions for the future

Whitby Community College Sixth Form student Beth Mead is a young lady with a lot of energy. Beth has been that way for as long as her parents can remember and in a bid to channel some of that energy Beth's mum decided to send her to football practice at the tender age of six. Phil Nedley, Beth's first football coach at Hinderwell, was initially concerned and warned Beth's mum that football practice might prove to be a little bit too rough for a six year old girl. How wrong he was! Beth loved the challenge and the rough and tumble that football training provided and from that point on she was hooked and she hasn't looked back since. Beth continued to train at Hinderwell and was soon encouraged to go to the 'Middlesbrough Girls Football Academy' to play alongside girls with a similar talent and passion for the sport. Beth spent a year there before going on to join the 'California Girls Football Team' based at South Bank, Middlesbrough. But in true Beth style she insisted that she play on the boys team and not the girls team. After playing for three years Beth was scouted by the 'Middlesbrough Girls Centre of Excellence'. This is one of 52 centres in England set up by the English Football Association. Each Centre caters for squads in four age groups: Under 10's, 12's, 14's and 16's. The Centres are an integral part of The FA's female player development pathway and are the pinnacle of the girls' game from which England's Youth International players are selected.

By the age of twelve Beth was selected to represent her country in the England U15 squad playing in a number 9 shirt as a centre forward. Her first game

was against Germany and the team eventually lost by seven goals to nil. This defeat didn't dampen her enthusiasm though and she has continued to play for her country ever since and one day hopes to be selected for the England women's squad. Right now Beth plays for Sunderland WFC as a striker. She is currently the squads top scorer,

helping the team maintain its place at the top of the premier league. Beth is also a member of the England U17 squad and is hoping to be called up again in April to play for England in the UEFA qualifiers in Belgium.

In order to keep her skills and fitness at the highest level Beth trains at the Gateshead Stadium every week with her Sunderland team mates and goes to the gym at Whitby Leisure Centre at least three times a week to improve her strength and stamina.

As far as the future is concerned Beth is very keen to keep on playing football and representing her country. She would love to be a member of the England women's team.

This level of success could all have gone to Beth's head but she has a close circle of loyal friends, especially best friends Steph Knight and Lois Ladds who ensure that Beth does all the usual teenage stuff like going shopping with friends, dressing up and going out to parties. Beth has a very supportive family and Beth's Dad is especially proud of his footballing daughter and said

"We are really proud of what Beth has achieved and hope to see her representing her country even more in the future"

Eventually, Beth would like to go to university to complete a degree in sport science or coaching as she is studying for qualifications in science and sport at WCC which should provide her with a career linked to the sport she loves.



stats

Position	Striker
Present club	Sunderland WFC
Previous clubs	Middlesbrough Centre of Excellence California Boys Football Club
Most embarrassing football moment	Getting red card in a semi-final and missing the final at 11yrs old
Best football moment	Scoring 2 goals against Armenia in the European Championships for England U17s
Best goal	Scoring from the half way line against Liverpool a couple of years ago
Which football club do you support?	Sunderland Manchester United
Favourite football player	Chicharito Hernandez (Manchester Utd)
Favourite food	Sunday dinner
Favourite TV	Buffy The Vampire Slayer
Favourite celebrity	Cheryl Cole
Worst habit	Biting my nails



Beth & best friend Lois on a visit to Manchester Utd's Old Trafford ground



Beth (centre) & friends pose for a picture before the Year 11 Prom in May 2011

Beth nets double in Black Cats' cup win

WHITBY Community College's Beth Mead netted a double as her Sunderland side brushed aside Keynsham Town Ladies to march confidently into the quarter-finals of the FA Cup.

Sunderland started brightly and took the lead in the third minute when 16-year-old Mead was upended inside the area and Kelly McDougall slotted home from the penalty.

The Black Cats doubled their lead before Mead made it 3-0.

Although Keynsham pulled a goal back prior to the interval, Sunderland wrapped up the game when a rebound fell nicely for Mead to score her 23rd goal of the season before the Weasiders killed the game off in the 87th minute.

The Black Cats now play Birmingham away in the last eight.

● IF you can sponsor Beth to help pay for travel and equipment costs, contact her family on (01947) 840051 or 07779 819795.



Beth Mead celebrates her second goal with Keira Ramshaw and Sophie Williams

picture:
Susan Gutteridge

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Hotshot Beth called up for England U17s

WHITBY Community College student Beth Mead has been named in England Women's under 17 squad for the forthcoming UEFA U17 Championship second qualifying round in Belgium.

The 16-year-old from Hinderwell – who has scored 23 goals for Sunderland ladies this season – will be part of the squad meet up on Monday 9 April, when England take on Iceland on Friday 13 April, Belgium on Sunday 15 April and finally Switzerland on Wednesday 18 April.

The group winners will progress to the finals.

The college's head of PE, Dale Corcoran, described Beth as a pleasant, conscientious student and said: "Beth is very focussed in terms of what she wants and sees herself progressing, moving into the Super League and having a career.

"We want to support her as much as possible."

Her manager at Sunderland, Mick Mulhern, said: "Hopefully Beth will be playing for England for years to come."

● Sunderland ladies' FA Cup dreams ended on Sunday when they lost 4-0 at last season's Super League runners-up Birmingham – a team brimming with internationals.

LEFT: Hinderwell's Beth Mead has been called up for England under 17s for the European Championships

picture: Susan Gutteridge



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Beth brace puts Black Cats into quarter-finals

BETH Mead scored twice as Sunderland ladies brushed aside Manchester City to reach the quarter-final stage of the League Cup on Sunday.

Despite losing skipper Steph Bannon to an injury, The Black Cats took the lead after a quick break down the right saw Sophie Williams cross for Mead (16) to turn smartly and strike her shot in off the post.

They had one or two scares at the back but Sunderland doubled their lead before the break and, unlike their male counterparts on Saturday, weren't going to let slip a two-goal lead with their City opponents on the ropes.

Sunderland wrapped up the tie with a third goal before Mead completed the scoring with a clever lob over advancing keeper Brown.

Whitby Community College student Mead – who lives in Hinderwell – nearly grabbed a hat-trick but her shot scraped a post following a great through ball by Ellie Christon.

Sunderland face a trip to Aston Villa in the next round.

Beth Mead scores one of her two goals against Man City

picture: Susan Gutteridge



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Beth Mead

Beth in League Cup semi

HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead is hoping to be wearing her shooting boots on Sunday as her Sunderland ladies' side take on Blackburn Rovers in the semi-final of the League Cup.

Sixteen-year-old Beth grabbed her 26th goal of the campaign in the last round against Aston Villa and has managed to shake off a knee injury which saw her substituted in that match.

Sunday's game is being played at the Hetton Centre, Hetton-le-Hole, 2pm kick-off.

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MEAD HITS WINNER TO CLINCH TITLE

WHITBY Community College student Beth Mead fired the winning goal as her Sunderland ladies' team clinched the Women's National Premier League title.

The 16-year-old from Hinderwell, who finished the league's top scorer, and her team-mates could make it a glorious double this Sunday when they take on Leeds United in the final of the League Cup at Northampton.

The game at Cardiff was played in torrential rain but Sunderland began brightly and their early pressure paid off when Nicola Devine scored.

Cardiff grabbed an unlikely equaliser from a soft corner but Sunderland regained the lead early in the second half when Mead, who had gone close with a header moments earlier, pounced on a loose ball to steer it beyond the despairing dive of

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Rhian Nokes in the home goal.

The Bluebirds were reduced to 10 players when Mead was hauled down on the edge of the box and goalscorer Terri Beddows was shown a red card.

A delighted Beth told the Whitby Gazette this week: "I have enjoyed my first year so much.

"Just playing for the club has been a dream come true as well as winning the league on top of that.

"I'm really looking forward to the cup - it will be another great experience and a big, big game."

Manager Mick Mulhern said it was tremendous achievement for the ladies to retain their title and added amid the bubbly: "I'm very proud."



Jubilant scenes for Beth Mead (centre), her team-mates and boss Mick Mulhern as Sunderland ladies win the league

pictures: Susan Gutteridge

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Beth's Black Cats complete double



WHITBY'S Beth Mead and her Sunderland ladies' team completed an historic double on Sunday as they won the League Cup against Leeds United, a week after claiming the Premier League title.

Natalie Gutteridge scored a goal in each half to put the Black Cats in control and even though Carey Huegett reduced the arrears from the spot, a Wearside victory never seemed in doubt.

Beth (17) finished the season as top scorer in her maiden campaign.

LEFT: Beth Mead (far left of photo) and her team-mates celebrate winning the League Cup
picture: Susan Gutteridge

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Black Cats boss picks Beth as top player

HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead capped a fantastic debut season with Sunderland ladies when she was picked as manager Mick Mulhern's player of the season.

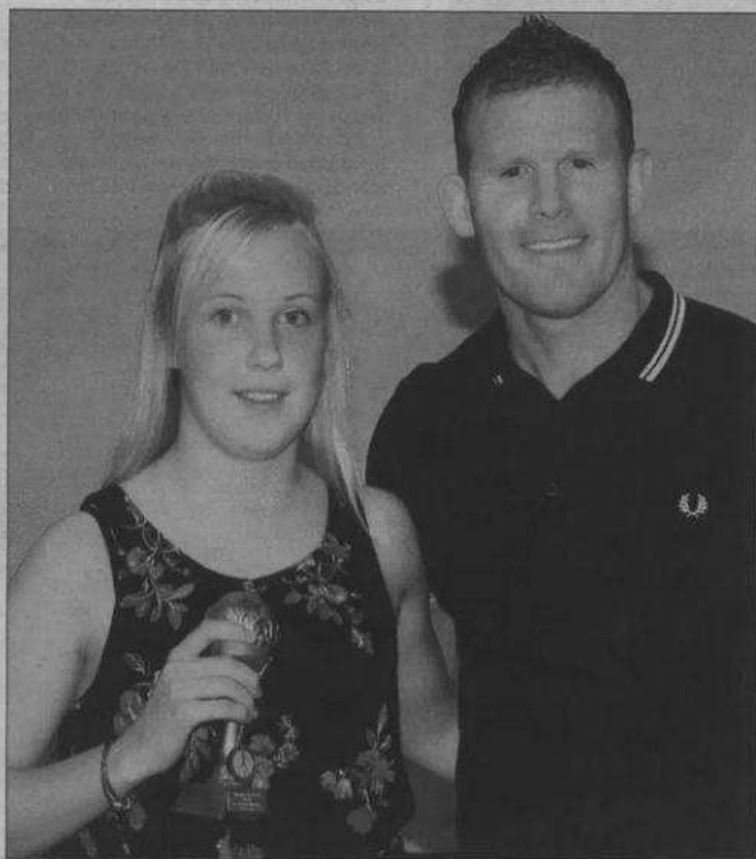
The 17-year-old Whitby Community College student earned the accolade after finishing as the league's top-scorer.

She picked up the honour at the club's annual presentation evening on Saturday night at the Hetton Centre.

Football

Sunderland celebrated a successful season after winning the Keele International Tournament back in July, the Premier League Cup and the FA Women's National Premier League.

The individual player awards presented were: manager's player Beth Mead, players' player Rachael Laws, top goalscorer Beth Mead and most improved player Keira Ramshaw.



Beth Mead with her manager's player of the year award for Sunderland ladies FC, with manager Mick Mulhern
picture: Susan Gutteridge

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ENGLAND ACE MEAD SET FOR EURO TRIP

WHITBY Community College student Beth Mead will be jetting off to Turkey this summer to represent the Three Lions.

Mead (17) has been called up to the England Women's under-19 squad for the UEFA European Championship Finals in July.

A delighted Beth said: "I am so excited to be playing for my country for three weeks in Turkey."

"It will be an amazing opportunity and not a lot of people can say they've done it."

Mead was selected for England's under-17s UEFA Championship second qualifying round clashes with Iceland, Belgium and Switzerland in March but was forced to withdraw from the squad due to injury.

The Sunderland Ladies star

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sees her opportunity in Turkey this summer as a chance to make up for the disappointment of missing out on playing for the under-17s.

Beth added: "I was meant to go to the second qualifying round with the under-17s but I had to pull out with a knee injury. I was devastated."

"I have been given a lifeline and a second chance by the under-19s coach, Mo Marley."

"Last week was only my first training camp with the under-19s so Mo must have been impressed with me to have put me straight in at the deep end."

Mick Mulhern, Beth's coach at Sunderland, added: "I am delighted that Beth is involved."

"She has developed massively during the last season, being involved in some big games and occasions."

"I have no doubt that her mentality will be an asset to England in the Euro Tournament."

England have been drawn alongside Spain, Serbia and Sweden at the finals, having qualified for the tournament courtesy of topping their Elite Qualifying Round group with three wins from three matches.

Beth and England kick-off their campaign against Sweden on Monday 2 July.

Anyone interested in sponsoring Beth to help pay for travel and equipment costs should contact her family on (01947) 840051 or 07779 819795.



England Women's under-19 star Beth Mead

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Mead hits five in pre-season blitz

Football

HINDERWELL'S England footballer Beth Mead got the new season off to a sensational start when she netted five times in a friendly.

Her Sunderland ladies' side travelled to the BT Local Business Stadium, Dronfield, to take on Sheffield Ladies on Sunday and won 6-0.

Sunderland took the lead on 30 minutes with a Mead goal after a cross from Keira Ramshaw. Four minutes later, the 17-year-old, who is student at Whitby Community College, scored her second, this time from a Kelly McDougall pass.

Vicki Greenwell went close after hitting the bar and just before half-time Mead completed her hat-trick.

Several changes were made in the second half and Mead scored her fourth of the game after Ramshaw's shot was parried by the goalkeeper and the Hinderwell lass slotted home before making it five, with Jordan Atkinson taking the final score to six.

Manager Mick Mulhern said after the game: "The girls have worked very hard during pre-season and it showed."

"Sheffield are a good side who have played several pre-season games so far, whereas this was only our second."

"We dominated the game and I'm delighted with the tempo we maintained and the quality we showed throughout the 90 minutes."

"It's another big forward step in our preparation."



Beth Mead scores her third goal v Doncaster – and went on to score five in a 6-0 win

picture: Susan Gutteridge

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Mead on target at Pompey

WHITBY Community College's Beth Mead got off to a flying start to the new season as she found the net during Sunderland Ladies' 4-1 win at Portsmouth.

Both sides lined up under blistering 32 degree heat and the early exchanges were fairly even with neither side creating a clear cut chance.

The first real chance for either side fell to Mead in the 16th minute.

A free kick swung in from the left, seemed to catch everyone off guard, but the Sunderland forward managed to place the header just

wide of an upright.

Further chances fell to the lively Mead but a combination of bravery and anticipation from the home goalkeeper thwarted the young striker.

Mead and her Black Cats teammates could not force a breakthrough before the interval and the sides went into half-time with the score goalless.

Shortly after the re-start, Mead went clean through on goal but the Pompey keeper smothered the ball as Mead tried to round her.

Sunderland eventually broke through, taking a 2-0 lead before

the hosts pulled a goal back.

However, after 76 minutes Mead finally got the goal her performance deserved when she let fly with a thunderbolt from the corner of the penalty area which left the Portsmouth keeper with no chance.

This took the wind out of Pompey's sails and Sunderland began to play keep ball before adding a fourth goal in the closing stages to seal a 4-1 success.

RIGHT: Beth Mead celebrates scoring Sunderland's third goal against Portsmouth



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It's nomination time for District Sports Awards

Runners-up accolades.

England under-17s and Sunderland Ladies footballer Beth Mead was the Junior Sports Girl under-18 winner, while rising snooker star Jack Orrell claimed the under-18 Junior Sports Boy award.

Football and Yorkshire cricket.



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Mead on target again

HINDERWELL youngster Beth Mead was among the goals again as Sunderland WFC picked up a 7-0 success over Barnet in their first home game of the new season.

Some of the spectators were still to find their seats by the time Whitby Community College pupil Mead had opened the scoring.

Last season's top-scorer cut inside on her right foot before placing the far corner of the Barnet net from eight yards out with just a couple of minutes on the clock.

Sunderland dominated from start to finish, with Mead involved in much of their good work.

Just before half-time a dangerous ball

into the box from Mead was spilled by the Barnet goalkeeper and the rebound tucked away and the Black Cats went into the interval in firm control of the match.

Mead continued to trouble the visitors' defence and notched her second and Sunderland's fifth goal of the game from close range after the ball rebounded to her off the crossbar.

Sunderland added a further two goals to run out 7-0 winners, with Mead taking her tally to three goals in just two games following her strike at Portsmouth last weekend.

RIGHT: Beth Mead (centre) is congratulated after scoring against Barnet



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European 'honour' for England's Beth

Football

LOCAL football ace Beth Mead was playing with three lions on her shirt earlier this summer.

The 17-year-old from Hinderwell was selected for the England Ladies under-19s squad for the European Championship Finals in Turkey.

Despite some disappointing results and a lack of goalscoring opportunities, Mead told the Whitby Gazette that she enjoyed her international experience.

She said: "It was an honour to represent my country at the European Finals in Turkey and hopefully I will be picked to represent my country this coming season."

In their first game at the tournament Mead and her England colleagues took on Sweden.

Despite dominating a first half in which Mead forced two superb saves out of the Swedish goalkeeper, the

Three Lions went down 1-0.

Defeat to Spain their second game and a goalless draw with Serbia saw England eliminated at the group stage.

Richard Mead, Beth's father, added: "As parents it was a proud moment to see our daughter line up for England as they sang the national anthem."

Mead continued her impressive start to the new domestic season this weekend as she scored twice in the opening 10 minutes as Sunderland Ladies began their defence of the League Cup with a 4-1 victory over Sheffield FC.

Sunderland were already 1-0 up when a diagonal ball picked out Mead who capitalised on the visiting goalkeeper's hesitancy to slot the ball home from inside the six-yard box.

A swift counter attack from Sunderland just a few minutes later ended with Mead going clean through on goal and having outpaced



the Sheffield defenders she produced a cultured finish for 3-0.

Mead's brace takes her tally to five goals in her last three appearances for the Black Cats.

ABOVE: Beth Mead (number 9) lines up on England duty at the under-19 European Championships and in action for Sunderland WFC against Sheffield FC at the weekend (right)



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Pictured at the coffee morning are (from left) Holly Calvert, Millie Saultz (with Beth), Avril Chester, Elaine and Gordon Wren
submitted picture

Village rallies for star Beth

A COFFEE morning was held at the Methodist Chapel in Hinderwell, towards supporting young footballer Beth Mead in her promising international career.

The village turned out in force and the fantastic sum of £1,136.50 was raised.

Beth, a striker with table-topping Premier League side Sunderland, said: "I would like to say a very big thank you to everybody who supported my

coffee morning on Saturday at the Methodist Chapel.

"A massive thank you to the chapel and all those who worked so hard on the day and for all the donations received.

"A total of £1,136.50 was raised which will go a very long way to support my career.

"What a wonderful community I live in and once again thank you, I am very grateful."

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England camp call for Beth

WHITBY Community College footballer Beth Mead (above) and her Sunderland ladies colleague Keira Ramshaw have this week been named in a 22-player squad to attend an England under-19 training camp.

Beth (17), who lives in Hinderwell, will attend the camp from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19 October in Burton-on-Trent. It includes an international match against Sweden on the Friday at St George's Park, kick-off 4pm.

Beth is in fine scoring form again this season, netting twice on Sunday as Sunderland ladies defeated Manchester City 3-2, consolidating her team's position at the top of the Women's National Premier League.

Her close-range header put the Black Cats in front and she swept home the winner after City had twice levelled.

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Beth helps launch Just Play scheme

Football

HINDERWELL'S England football international Beth Mead was at the Whitby and District Astroturf pitch to receive some funding and help launch the new FA Just Play Women's football scheme.

Beth received £100 from the Scarborough and District Sports Council's sports Grants Scheme towards the cost of equipment and travel to training sessions in Sunderland.

Matt Hewison, who presented the cheque on behalf of the SDSC, said: "We have provided financial assistance to Beth before and it is just really pleasing to see her development as a footballer at the highest level."

"Although the amount is relatively small, I think Beth is going to put it towards her new boots, which she certainly put to good use last season and also at the start of this."

Beth also took part in the first session of the FA Just Play Women's scheme, that is held at the facility on a Wednesday evening from 7pm to 8pm.

Matt added: "It is great that Beth is involved in the scheme, which is just a general kickabout session for anyone that fancies having a game of football."

"The ultimate aim of the session is to hopefully develop a women's team in Whitby, but we will see how we get on."

"The session also runs alongside the Ultimate Soccer School's under 16 girls' session, so mothers can bring their daughters to that session and have a kickabout themselves if they wish to."

For further details on the SDSC Sports Grants Scheme and the FA Just Play scheme, contact Matt on 01723 501984.



Matt Hewison of Scarborough and District Sports Council presents Hinderwell's Beth Mead with £100 to help her succeed as a footballer at the highest level

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LEAGUE TOP SCORER AWARD FOR MEAD

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HINDERWELL'S England under-19s footballer Beth Mead was presented with the National Premier League top goalscorer award at the FA Women's annual awards in London.

The 17-year-old striker, who plays for Sunderland ladies, picked up the award for her 18 goals scored in the league last season.

Club officials, players and dignitaries from the world of women's football gathered to honour those who have made the biggest impact in the game in 2012, capping off what has been an incredible year for women's sport in general.

Delighted Mead told the Whitby Gazette: "It was an amazing achievement, just the cherry on the cake for this season for me."

"The experience of going to a top hotel and experiencing all the things I did was something else, I felt like a celebrity."

"Roy Hodgson was lovely, very down to earth and cared a great deal about women's football and showed a great interest as did Trevor Brooking."

Fresh from picking up her award, Mead – a student at Whitby Community College – played a starring role in Sunderland's 2-2 draw at Leeds United on Sunday in a repeat of last season's league cup final.

She gave the Black Cats the lead late on in the half, slotting home after good work from the tireless Natalie Gutteridge.

Leeds levelled the score but then a mistake from the home defence led to Keira Ramshaw picking up the ball inside the area and from her parried effort, the nippy Mead fired into the net from close range.

A second equaliser sent the game into a replay despite Mead going close with a late effort.



Whitby's Beth Mead picked up an award for the National Premier League top goalscorer in London – she is pictured with England boss Roy Hodgson, Sunderland ladies skipper Steph Bannon and Trevor Brooking

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Summit to shout about for Beth

HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead was on the scoresheet again as her Sunderland ladies side opened up a four-point gap at the top of the FA Women's Premier League.

Mead opened the scoring in a 4-1 win over Charlton on Sunday while nearest rivals Leeds lost, giving the Black Cats breathing space at the summit.

Sunderland also have a game in hand, leaving them well placed to retain the title they won last season when Mead (17) finished as the league's top scorer.

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DOUBLE HAT-TRICK AT SPORTS AWARDS

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WHITBY landed a fantastic double hat-trick in Monday night's district sports awards – including the most coveted one of the whole event.

It is the second year running that Whitby and the surrounding area scooped six winners' trophies at the glittering bash at Scarborough Spa.

Whitby Community College student and England international footballer Beth Mead crowned a top night by winning the Mavis Clayton Memorial Trophy, which is awarded to the overall winner from all categories, as well as her category, the junior sports girl under 18.

The 17-year-old, who lives in Hinderwell, had a



John Thompson (left) receives his services to sport award from Dave Watson, of North Yorkshire Sport 124808t



Beth Mead wins the Mavis Clayton Memorial Trophy for overall winner. She is presented with the award by Mavis Clayton's grand-daughter Jay Sansom

Pictures: Neil Silk 124808u

sparkling season for her club side, Sunderland ladies, finishing as top scorer in the FA Women's Premier League last season, hitting the winning goal against Cardiff which secured the league title.

She was picked to play for England under-17s in the European Championship qualifiers and the under-19s in the European Championship finals in Turkey.

In a category made up entirely of Whitby girls, yachtswoman Meghan Fletcher was chosen as runner-up after she finished in the winning crew of the RS500 National Championships in Southampton, with athlete Dani Braithwaite the other nominee.

It was another one-two for Whitby in the junior boys' under-18, which saw cyclist Mike Thompson capture the prize ahead of rugby player Cameran Leadley, of Briggsath.

Mike, of Moorsholm, was selected to ride for Great Britain and also gained a place on an Olympic development programme.

He rode in the World Cup series in Europe and

gained second in the National MTB Championships.

Cameran was the top try-scorer for Whitby under-17s and represented Yorkshire, winning two man of the match awards.

Cricketer Ryan Gibson of Staithes had a great night when he was presented with the winners' prize in the junior boys' under-16 section.

He now plays cricket in the Yorkshire League for Yorkshire Academy where he often opens the batting.

He toured India in the spring with England under 16s and was involved with them throughout the summer too.

John Thompson (76) of Glaisdale was the proud winner of the services to sport category. For many years he has been an umpire, groundsman and committee member at Glaisdale Cricket Club but has played a significant role in developing young players.

He is one of two people also being considered for an outstanding services award which is given out by

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England U19s call for Beth

HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead (17) has been called up to the England under 19s' squad to play Denmark on 22 January. Mead is a striker for Sunderland ladies in the FA Women's Premier League.

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Mead hits treble for prowling Cats

HINDERWELL'S prolific striker Beth Mead scored a hat-trick as Sunderland WFC cruised into the quarter-finals of the FA League Cup with a 7-2 win over previously unbeaten Sheffield ladies.

It capped a memorable weekend for the 17-year-old hotshot who was called up to an England under 19s camp this Sunday in Burton-on-Trent and includes an international friendly against Denmark.

Sunday's cup game at the Hetton Centre exploded in a frantic six-minute spell when Mead latched on to crossfield pass to cut inside and drive a fierce shot into the top corner after 12 minutes.

Four minutes later the visitors levelled before Kelly McDougall's free-kick, awarded after Mead was fouled, restored Sunderland's lead.

The Black Cats extended their lead when Natalie Gutteridge

played the ball through for Mead on the right and she took two steps forward before cheekily chipping it over the keeper.

Mead completed her treble three minutes into the second half when she rifled the ball home from 20 yards.

Sunderland never looked back, adding another four goals to soar into a 7-1 lead before shell-shocked Sheffield netted a late consolation.

Boss Mick Mulhern was delighted after the game: "It was a great result against a good, well-organised side.

"I'm delighted with my players - they were excellent from back to front."

RIGHT: Beth Mead celebrates her hat-trick goal with Kelly McDougall and Vikki Greenwell
picture: Susan Gutteridge



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Mead goal guides Black Cats into cup semi

Football

HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead netted to put her Sunderland ladies side into the semi-finals of the League Cup on Sunday.

In a scrappy game played in freezing conditions, current National Premier League Champions Sunderland made hard work of beating a well-organised Cardiff City side who pushed them all the way.

The deadlock was broken in the 28th minute when Sophie Williams' fine cross from the right was helped on by Natalie Gutteridge for Whitby Community College student Mead (17) to hit a low drive from the left edge of the box and into far corner.

Williams added a second late on to calm the nerves and seal the victory.

Manager Mick Mulhern was realistic at the final whistle.

"It was a tough game against a well organised side," he said.

"Obviously after a few weekends without a competitive game we were a bit rusty. I'm pleased with my players and it's a sign of a good team who can dig in and win ugly."

RIGHT: Sunderland players congratulate Beth Mead after her goal helped them to a 2-0 win over Cardiff
picture: Susan Gutteridge



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Mead saves Black Cats

HINDERWELL'S Beth Mead came to the rescue for Sunderland's ladies at the weekend.

With only a minute left on the clock the Black Cats were trailing rivals Leeds United but Mead struck to level the score at 1-1.

It means Sunderland remain unbeaten at the top of the league – two points clear of Watford.

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Beth's goal fails to save Sunderland

Hinderwell's Beth Mead scored for a Sunderland side much depleted by injury and illness in their Women's FA Cup tie with Liverpool, but the Super League side claimed the 2-1 victory at the Academy of Light on Sunday.

Liverpool made the breakthrough in the seventh minute as Louise Fors and Fara Williams worked the ball into space for Lillie Billson to hit a great strike from 20 yards out which beat the despairing dive of Rachael Laws.

In the second half there was great work by Megan Beer

to break up a visiting attack before she brought the ball out to Abbie Joice who played in Sarah McFadden to switch the ball to Sophie Williams to strike a great effort which Quantrill could not hold and as the ball bobbled towards goal Mead bundled home the equaliser after 57 minutes.

In the 86th minute, the ball was played into the danger area and it appeared to strike the hand of Dowie and it fell kindly for Icelandic substitute Katrin Omarsdottir to poke the ball into the bottom corner.



Beth Mead celebrates levelling for Sunderland against Liverpool

Mead scores winner for Black Cats



Beth Mead (left) netted the game's only goal against Man City

Hinderwell's Beth Mead scored the winning goal for Sunderland ladies to get their campaign back on track on Sunday, following a first defeat in 18 months the previous week.

Seventeen-year-old Mead had given the Black Cats a first half advantage in their FA Women's Premier League match against Manchester City and despite having opportunities to seal the victory, they faced a nervy end as City piled forward late on in search of an equaliser.

After going close with a first half header, the deadlock was broken after 38 minutes with a super strike from top-scorer Mead.

A patient build up saw the ball played in to the edge of

the City box and the Whitby Community College student cleverly made space before thumping home a superb half volley.

That was enough to win the game, although a late City free-kick caused a moment of panic in the home defence as Megan Beer cleared off the line.

Manager Mick Mulhern was happier after the game: "I was looking for a response from my players after last week's performance and I certainly got one.

"We really dug in today against a very good City side. The girls should take a lot of heart from their performance and build onto it moving into the last four games of the season."

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Awards night brace for Beth



Beth Mead collects her award from Harry Collinson of Collinson's jewellers

Hinderwell footballer Beth Mead landed an awards double at Sunderland ladies' end of season presentation.

Around 100 players, staff, family, friends and sponsors, gathered at Quinn's Sports Bar at the Stadium of Light on Saturday for the ceremony.

The Black Cats won the FA National Premier League title for the third consecutive year and now look forward to joining the FA Women's Super League, beginning in March 2014.

Eighteen-year-old Beth jointly won the manager's

player of the season award with skipper Stephanie Bannon, as well as the award for top scorer, having finished on an impressive 31 goals for the campaign.

Beth is now waiting to hear if she is being called up into the England U19s squad for the European Championships, which take place next month in Wales.

She attended a three-day training camp at the start of this month.

Individual Sunderland player awards and league title medals were handed out by sponsors.

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Beth called up for next England camp

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Hinderwell's Beth Mead has been selected for a one-day England under-19 training camp which takes place at the end of the month.

England coach Mo Mar-

ley, has named a 24-player squad and this will be the final camp before she makes her selection of 18 for the UEFA European Women's U19 Championship next month in Wales.

Eighteen-year old Beth, who plays for FA Women's Premier League champions Sunderland, finished the past

campaign as top scorer for the second season in succession and has been capped six times at England U19 level.

She will join the rest of the squad at St George's Park on Tuesday and Wednesday.

It follows her earlier call-up for a three-day development training camp at St George's Park at the start of July.

Fellow Sunderland forward Keira Ramshaw is on standby. Next season, Beth and the rest of the Black Cats will compete in the FA Women's Super League.

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Club prevail, despite the Mead show

Attitudes make teams and if the latest game at home against Whitby Rugby Club's Cricket team is anything to go by, Hinderwell are in good hands for the future.

Although Hinderwell lost this low-scoring contest, the character shown by all taking part was a pleasure to see. Hinderwell captain Patrick Nedley won the toss and chose to bat first, with James Barwick and George Garbutt-Jones opening.

Tight bowling from Finn Morris and Will Richardson kept the opening pair quiet and with the wickets of Garbutt-Jones and Patrick Nedley, in came another first for Hinderwell this season - their very own England international footballer Beth Mead, showing what cricket missed when she picked the other game.

Beth and Barwick slowly started to put some runs on the board, before the former was caught going for a big shot after a gallant score.



Beth Mead - her and brother Ben kept Rugby Club on their toes

wicket boundary again by Beth.

Jamie Cole replaced the accuracy of Jay Allison and his bowling continued in the same manner, starting with a maiden. In Ben Mead's next over, P Stentiford was brilliantly caught by the stand-in wicket keeper.

More excellent bowling and fielding from the Rugby Club kept Hinderwell's score to a very low 60/6.

With a low score to defend, the Hinderwell team set out to contain the visitors as much as possible and excellent, accurate bowling from Reece Cole and Jay Allison was making things difficult for the Rugby Club.

It then turned into the Mead family show.

Bowler Ben Mead replaced Cole and instantly had an impact with Kai Morris caught on the deep mid-wicket boundary by Beth.

Three balls later, Rugby Club's other opener J Lyth was caught on the deep mid-

Hinderwell's next young bowler Sam Cole was also making it difficult to score.

The low Hinderwell score was proving elusive, due to precise bowling and tight fielding, particularly from another member of the Mead clan, cousin Connall Gibson, who was unlucky going for a high catch.

M Jackson came in next and his final flurry finished the game off but not before Ben Mead's fourth wicket, K Purvis, another skyer caught on the deep mid-wicket boundary by Beth Mead.

Whitby Rugby Club were deserved victors by six wickets. **Most valued Hinderwell player:** Beth Mead.

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World Cup next for Beth



Beth Mead scores against Finland (above) and celebrates (below)



Hinderwell's Beth Mead could be pulling on an England shirt again next year in the under-20s World Cup in Canada.

Beth (18) was in the England under-19s team which reached the final of the U19s European Championships, held in Wales, but lost 2-0 after extra-time to France.

England had finished group winners which meant they qualified for the semis. All four semi-finalists will represent Europe in the U20

World Cup.

The Hinderwell hotshot scored twice in the semi-final against Finland, chipping the keeper and netting with a header. She finished as second highest goalscorer in the tournament with three goals.

Her dad Richard said: "Beth thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience, she couldn't be more proud being picked to play for her country, and she came home with a silver medal."

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The locals at the Fox and Hounds, Dalehouse, turn up for a pint in fancy dress. The photo was sent in by England footballer Beth Mead, of Hinderwell, who waitresses at the pub. You can email your reader photos to editorial@whitbygazette.co.uk

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Glittering night at sports awards



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Whitby once again proved its sporting mettle with another four major awards at Monday night's Scarborough and District Sports Council awards.

The glittering event at Scarborough Spa saw first prizes go to:

- top female achiever: Beth Mead
- sports volunteer of the year: John Hall
- primary sports girl under 11: Jasmine Kent
- junior sports girl under 14: Samantha Verrill

Beth Mead landed one of the most coveted awards of the night when she was announced as the winner of the top female achiever award.

The 18-year-old England footballer helped Sunderland ladies retain the FA Women's Premier League title and finished as the highest scorer with 30 goals in 28 games – an accolade she received a sepa-



John Hall, volunteer of the year

rate award for at the weekend.

She was chosen as manager Mick Mulhern's player of the year for the second year in succession.

Mead played for England in the European Championship finals in Wales, scoring three goals as the Three Lions finished as runners-up.

John Hall was delighted to discover he had won the sports volunteer of the year award.

Chairman of Whitby Cricket Club for the past 21 years, he has overseen the club's move from a run down wooden pavilion to today's modern facility, with its own bar.

He has worked tirelessly to ensure the club is run smoothly and has enjoyed success both on



Samantha Verrill, junior sports girl under 14

and off the field.

Jasmine Kent's all-round ability won her the primary sports girl U11 gong after representing her previous school, Airy Hill, at hockey and netball in the North Yorkshire Youth Games. She was the first U11 girl

in the North Yorkshire South Durham League cross country meetings, making her overall champion for the season.

Jasmine beat the year seven cross country record at Caedmon in her first PE lesson and came first in the year seven girls' district trials.

Whitby secured a fantastic first and second in this category as Goathland School pupil **Maia Hall** was runner-up after win-

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Beth Mead landed one of the most coveted awards of the night.

Four winners for Whitby at sports awards

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ning a 50m and 100m breast-stroke and north east level.

A committed swimmer, Maia trains six nights a week and is described as an excellent ambassador and role model in her school.

Cyclist **Samantha Verrill** (13) of Fylingthorpe was the winner of the junior sports girl U14 award after competing in the British Cycling events throughout the season.

She has since been adopted as a youth rider for a professional velodrome team in this weekend's meeting at Glasgow.

She has also been nominated by a development coach to attend an Olympic Talent Programme.

There were three other runners-up for the Whitby area on the night.

Airy Hill School's years five and six sports teams were second in the top primary team under 11 section, while **Caedmon School's** year nine football team gained a similar honour in the under 18s top playing team.

And cricketer **Ryan Gibson** of Staithes, who made his Yorkshire debut in the summer and toured South Africa with the England under 19s, was runner-up to England bowler Jack Bird in the junior sports boy under 18 category.

Other local nominations were:

● U14 junior sports boys: Sonni Fergus; U16 junior sports girl: Victoria and Amelia Hide (modern pentathlon); U11 top primary team: Lealholm School years five and six sports team; school sport teacher of the year: Ruth Stansfield, Eskdale School.

The event was hosted at



Jasmine Kent with the junior sports girl awards



Beth Mead, with the FA Women's Premier League top scorer award

Scarborough Spa.

Look out for a video of the

awards on our website www.whitbygazette.co.uk/sport

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Meado wins new England call-up

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Hinderwell's Beth Mead has been named in the England squad for the FIFA Women's Under 20s World Cup which will be staged in Canada next month.

The 19-year-old Sunderland striker said she was "over the moon" with the England call-up.

"It's a dream come true – it's stuff you dream about since being a little girl and knowing that all this hard work is paying off makes it feel worthwhile," she told the Gazette this week.

"Bring on Canada."

England have been drawn in Group C alongside South Korea, who they will face on August 6, Mexico on August 9) and Nigeria on August 13.

Mead and her Sunderland team-mates have made a cracking start to their new FA Women's Super League season, winning all six games so far and topping the table.

"We have shown so much character and how much passion the team has coming from behind in games," she said. "I'm happy with how we have started."

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