Bronze for Gilbert at the Commonwealth Games

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Susie Gilbert

Susie Gilbert, third year geography, has secured her third bronze medal of the summer following a 1-0 win over South Africa with England women's hockey at the Commonwealth Games, Delhi on Wednesday, October, 13.

This follows excellent campaigns in the Champions Trophy and World Cup, which have seen the European bronze medalists climb to fifth in the world rankings.

That fact that England kept a clean sheet with the pitch-side thermometer reading of 46 degrees centigrade owed much to the preparation undertaken following their semi final heartbreak at the hands of Australia on Monday.

After an exciting summer the 21-year old will now be heading back to Birmingham to concentrate on her studies and playing for the University of Birmingham Sport (UBSport) women's hockey team.

UBSports women's hockey Head coach, Phil Gooderham says, 'Once again we are very proud of Susie and her performance at the Commonwealth Games and for winning the Bronze medal with England, it's a fantastic addition to her collection.'

He continues, 'We look forward to welcoming her back at the beginning of November to strengthen the position of the league position of the UBSport team.'

Unfortunately, it was heartbreak for Commerce graduate Simon Mantell and men's England hockey team today (Thursday, October 14), as the side came from 3-1 down to draw level at 3-3 with New Zealand, with Simon scoring all three goals.
When golden goal extra time failed to produce a winner and when the match eventually reached penalty strokes, England's third effort was saved by the goalkeeper.

The dejected hat-trick scorer said afterwards, 'There's not many words to describe it; I'm absolutely gutted right now. Four years ago a similar thing happened against Malaysia that we should have won. But today was tough. We didn't start particularly well but we put in an awesome fight and just played our hockey. We had chances but their goalie had a great game.'

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