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James Fair selected for Hockey All Star team 2010

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University of Birmingham Sport (UBSport) alumni James Fair has been named in the International Hockey Federation (FIH) All Star teams 2010.

The 2003 Geography and Geology graduate as been selected after exceptional performances as goalkeeper for men's England Hockey team this year, which included appearing at the XIX Commonwealth Games 2010, Delhi, in October.

The teams, which feature a total of 36 players and four coaches who have lit up the hockey world with their achievements over the past 12 months, have been compiled using the recommendations and opinions of hockey experts from across the globe including players, officials, coaches and journalists.

He was selected alongside five other England players (men's and women's) plus women's coach Danny Kerry.
In just over eighteen months before they hope to represent Great Britain (GB) London 2012, the seven All Stars signify the largest English contingent in a single year since the FIH began its All Star listing five years ago.

James, who captained the UBSport men's hockey club in his final year at University, said: 'I am really pleased to have been selected for the All Star Team and it is something that I have aspired to do for many years.'

He continue: 'The selection of myself and two other England players is a reflection of our improved team performance this year and we hope to keep improving for London 2012.'

Since his senior debut in January 2005 James has been capped 75 times for England and 16 times for GB, which includes winning a European Gold medal in 2009 and the silver Champions Trophy earlier this year.

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