

Cup glory for Birmingham hockey

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The University of Birmingham's hockey team claimed victory in the final of the women's England Hockey Cup (hockey's equivalent of the FA Cup) on Sunday, convincingly defeating Surbiton 4-1. In doing so they became the first University team to win the championship.



finally lift the trophy!

Celebrating victory

The team, which is a mix of University of Birmingham students and alumni, had previously reached the semi-finals three times in the last four years, but this year the team claimed the ultimate prize.

Surbiton actually scored first 27 minutes into the match, but 3 minutes later the University equalized through Liz George (alumni), leaving the score at half time at 1-all.

In the second half, senior Welsh international Tina Evans scored for Birmingham from a short corner on 55 minutes, and just 10 minutes later Jenna Woolven (a University of Birmingham Sport scholar) added a third again from a short corner. Tina Evans completed the convincing win with a fourth goal in the dying seconds of the game.

Captain Laura Bainbridge said *'I am so proud of the whole team, winning the cup was a brilliant way to end the season. With a number of the girls leaving us this year it was great for them to go out on such a high.'*

The cup was presented to the team by England Hockey president Simon Mason. *Laura added, 'having reached three semi finals, it was amazing to*