

## **ENGLAND UNDER 23 UK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **PERTH SCOTLAND 600k ENGLAND "C" TEAM**

Firstly we would like to congratulate and thank the Scottish Tug Of War Association for their organisation of the Championships and the hospitality shown to our squad and, also thank the UK Commission for allowing under 23 teams to compete at the UK Championships. It is greatly appreciated and allows our young pullers to gain valuable experience in pulling internationally.

Our team for the Championships this year gave us the opportunity to field seven new squad members to gain the experience of pulling for England - you never know how a team will gel but as always we seem to excel when the shirt goes on with every member giving 110%. We set ourselves small goals to build on success, our aim to take one end off a senior team and we achieved this against Scotland "B", very pleasing for our team. Well done lads one very happy coach - mission accomplished.

I would like to express my thanks to the following clubs Bosley – Tom Knott. Holland sports - George Goodwin, Lee Robinson, York – Josh Scott, Oli Hudson, Joe Aikman, Raunds – Jack Reid. 4 Regiment Royal Artillery [Team Army] – Josh Green, Jack Singleton.

It was a pleasure to lead you on the pulling ground well done to you all you did England and our Association proud.

Our next international competition is the World under 23 Championships in Holland I aim to enter in the open and closed Championships the squad will be chosen from the eleven pullers I have chosen to be part of the squad. I have tough decisions to select teams for the open and closed competitions and there will be disappointment for some. I have to take eleven to cover any eventuality that may occur remember our squad changes every year due to the age restrictions so if you don't make the final eight this time you probably will the next.

From now to the World Championships I hope to try line ups at the remaining club competitions if pullers are available to finalise our selection for Holland, and maybe have a training session like we had at Holland sports I shall liaise with Gavin to see if this would be possible be aware this might be a Saturday so as not to clash with club competitions.

Once again I would like to thank our Association officials and clubs for their continued support for our under 23 squad these young men are the future of Tug of War.

**Dave Knott**

**England Team Manager/Coach**

