



BUCS Volleyball Finals 2010

The 42nd British Universities Volleyball Championships were held in Sheffield on 12-14 March 2010, as part of the BUCS Championships which saw 26 sports contest their finals in the city, over five days, and saw over 6,200 competitors give their all.

Volleyball is one of the larger Championships, with a Final 8 Tournament for Men's and Women's Championships, and a Final 4 for the Men's and Women's Trophy all in the same venue over the weekend. Twenty four teams, two hundred and seventy players and coaches, twenty three nationalities – a great mix, excellent environment and atmosphere and some great volleyball.

After the recent Volleyball England Student Cup Finals expectations were high, teams had seen each other and new plans had been made for improvement.

Teams arrived Friday evening and were welcomed by Kenny Barton, British Volleyball Programme Manager, and Bob Hope, Chairman of Molten UK who were supplying match balls to many of the BUCS Championships.

Games started in the Pools and teams eyed each other up. Some very competitive matches, very keenly contested and a good level of play.

As ever, the more consistent prevail and Sheffield Hallam men won their pool to face Cardiff in the semi final, and Leeds Met Carnegie topped their pool to tackle Bath. Leeds Met Carnegie women were comfortable winners of their group to take on Edinburgh, whilst Bath came out on top to await Southampton.

As per the form book, Leeds Met were winners in both and took on Sheffield Hallam men, and Bath women, after a real push by Southampton, in the Championship Finals.

A crowd of over 200 watched the Championship Finals on a central show court. Good local support for Sheffield Hallam certainly added to the occasion. Other teams simply enjoyed the spectacle and recognised and rewarded good play from all.

Leeds Met Carnegie women, with their Hungarian junior internationals to the fore, looked in control taking the first set 25-19, and at 10-5 in the second it looked all over. But Bath persisted, served well, picked up lots of ball in defence and made the transition offence count. Bath clawed back, applied pressure and went 19-17 in front. Time out, a serve here, an error there, and momentum swung as Leeds Met took the set, and the Championship for the first time, 25-22.

In the men's final Leeds Met started all guns blazing, as defending champions would. Great passing, distribution and execution and Hallam were put to the sword 25-20. Hallam re-grouped, Callum Green and Simon Mintoft blocked, scored points and the tide turned. Leeds Met errors, Hallam pressure, marvellous defence by Matt Howe and the second set to Sheffield Hallam 25-19. Game on in the decider! Full on hitting, met by spectacular back court defence, massive blocking and great excitement for the crowd as Sheffield Hallam wrested back the Crown 15-10.

Jim Miller (Sheffield Hallam) and Dori Kun (Leeds Met Carnegie) were awarded the Lucozade Sport Player of the Final Awards.



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In the Trophy there were several matches keenly contested, requiring additional sets. Glasgow had a presence in both finals. The men held off Nottingham, but Dundee women edged a thriller 3-2 to take the Trophy.

Men Pool A

Sheffield Hallam	2 v 0	Bath	25-21, 25-23
Sheffield Hallam	2 v 1	Manchester	25-21, 18-25, 15-10
Sheffield Hallam	2 v 0	Oxford	25-20, 25-11
Manchester	1 v 2	Bath	25-17, 17-25, 12-15
Manchester	2 v 0	Oxford	25-10, 25-11
Oxford	0 v 2	Bath	14-25, 12-25

Men Pool B

Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	Cardiff	25-19, 25-11
Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	Loughborough	25-19, 25-20
Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	Dundee	25-15, 25-18
Loughborough	0 v 2	Cardiff	20-25, 14-25
Loughborough	2 v 1	Dundee	16-25, 25-22, 16-24
Dundee	0 v 2	Cardiff	15-25, 20-25

Women Pool A

Bath	2 v 0	Imperial	25-17, 25-23
Bath	2 v 0	Edinburgh	25-23, 25-19
Bath	2 v 0	Bristol	25-16, 25-23
Imperial	1 v 2	Edinburgh	25-21, 16-25, 13-25
Imperial	1 v 2	Bristol	25-11, 15-25, 13-15
Edinburgh	2 v 1	Bristol	25-15, 17-25, 15-10

Women Pool B

Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	UCL	25-14, 25-14
Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	Oxford	25-22, 25-8



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Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	Southampton	25-7, 25-14
UCL	1 v 2	Oxford	17-25, 25-21, 12-15
UCL	0 v 2	Southampton	15-25, 22-25
Southampton	2 v 1	Oxford	18-25, 25-23, 15-3

Group Tables

Men Pool A

Sheffield Hallam	3	3	0	6	1	6	1
Bath	3	2	1	4	3	4	2
Manchester	3	1	2	4	4	2	3
Oxford	3	0	3	0	6	0	4

Men Pool A

Leeds Met Carnegie	3	3	0	6	0	6	1
Cardiff	3	2	1	4	2	4	2
Loughborough	3	1	2	2	5	2	3
Dundee	3	0	3	1	6	0	4

Women Pool A

Bath	3	3	0	6	0	6	1
Edinburgh	3	2	1	4	4	4	2
Bristol	3	1	2	3	5	2	3
Imperial	3	0	3	2	6	0	4

Women Pool B

Leeds Met Carnegie	3	3	0	6	0	6	1
Southampton	3	2	1	4	3	4	2



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Oxford	3	1	2	3	5	2	3
UCL	3	0	3	1	6	0	4

Semi Finals

Men

Sheffield Hallam	2 v 0	Cardiff	25-22, 25-16
Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	Bath	25-19, 25-21

Women

Bath	2 v 1	Southampton	25-16, 20-25, 15-13
Leeds Met Carnegie	2 v 0	Edinburgh	25-10, 25-19

Play offs

Men

7th / 8th

Oxford	2 v 0	Dundee	25-17, 25-21
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5th / 6th

Manchester	0 v 2	Loughborough	25-21, 25-23
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3rd / 4th

Cardiff	0 v 2	Bath	16-25, 19-25
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Women

7th / 8th

Imperial	2 v 1	UCL	18-25, 25-23, 15-9
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5th / 6th



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Bristol 0 v 2 Oxford 9-25, 11-25

3rd / 4th

Southampton 2 v 0 Edinburgh 30-28, 25-8

Finals

Men

Sheffield Hallam 2 v 1 Leeds Met Carnegie 20-25, 25-19, 15-10

Women

Bath 0 v 2 Leeds Met Carnegie 25-19, 25-22

Final Placings

Men's Championship

- 1 Sheffield Hallam
- 2 Leeds Met Carnegie
- 3 Bath
- 4 Cardiff
- 5 Loughborough
- 6 Manchester
- 7 Oxford
- 8 Dundee

Women's Championship

- 1 Leeds Met Carnegie
- 2 Bath
- 3 Southampton
- 4 Edinburgh
- 5 Oxford



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- 6 Bristol
- 7 Imperial College, London
- 8 University College, London

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Semi Finals

Men

Nottingham	3 v 1	Essex	25-18, 25-20, 21-25, 25-16
Glasgow	3 v 0	Southampton	25-11, 25-23, 25-17

Women

Birmingham	1 v 3	Glasgow	14-25, 16-25, 25-21, 16-25
Dundee	3 v 0	Essex	25-19, 25-21, 25-22

3rd / 4th

Men

Essex	0 v 3	Southampton	12-25, 23-25, 22-25
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Women

Birmingham	1 v 3	Essex	25-17, 16-25, 25-22, 25-19
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Finals

Men



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Nottingham 1 v 3 Glasgow 25-22, 17-25, 21-25, 19-25

Women

Glasgow 2 v 3 Dundee 22-25, 25-19, 28-30, 25-19, 11-15