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New St. Albans captains line up for 2015/16 hockey season

St. Albans Hockey Club is making preparations for the coming season with the selection of new captains for the ladies section and the appointment of a new Club Head Coach.

England internationals Ellie Watton and Sarah Embrey have taken on the roles Ladies 1st team captain and Ladies Club Captain respectively while Martin Scanlon will be the new Club Head Coach for the 2015/16 season. Watton, who is also a GB international, is a Commonwealth Games silver medallist and Embrey has represented the England Masters since 2011.

Scanlon represented England at all junior levels and played for Great Britain Under 21s during the 2009 Youth Olympics in Australia. He won the English Premier League twice with Beeston Hockey Club. His brother Ian, who is a former England Under 21s goalkeeper, will also be joining the club this year as an outfield player.

Hannah Macleod Ladies 1st X1 Head Coach said:

"We are currently going through an exciting period of change at the club and we have worked hard in the off-season to ensure this momentum continues. Current GB and England international, Ellie Watton, has been appointed 1st team captain with Amy Kee and Emma O'Nien appointed vice-captains. With this strong leadership group driving the team forward, we are once again looking forward to challenging for the top spot in the league this season."

Andy Halliday, Mens 1st X1 Head Coach added:

"We expect another tough year ahead, many of the teams around us have strengthened. However, the addition of the Scanlon brothers and the development of a positive culture and structure around the top of the club should see us challenging for promotion once again for that coveted National League place."

Club training for men and ladies starts 7.30pm on Wednesday 19 August at Oaklands College and new members are welcome.

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Photo caption: Ellie Watton in action

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