

## PRESS RELEASE

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### **St Albans crowned league champions.**

St. Albans Hockey Club Ladies 2s have won Division One of the East of England Hockey League following an emphatic victory against Bromley and Beckenham at Oaklands on Saturday. The Tangerines, captained by Ann-Marie Davenport and coached by Dick Ashby, have held their position at the top of the table for most of the season and made no mistake in confirming league victory despite still having three games left to play. A team-like approach to play and a brutal display of finishing resulted in goals from Sarah Embrey (2) and Fiona Nekeman and a final score of 3-0 which secured the team's promotion to the East of England Premier League.

In the Investec National League, the Ladies 1st team took three points from Sevenoaks in a 2-1 victory at home. An unstoppable reverse stick strike from England International Ellie Watton and a well taken penalty stroke from Amy Knee has put the 1s at joint third in the league.

Success in the women's team continued throughout the weekend with the Ladies 3rd team winning 3-0 against Hertford with goals from Amy Lynn (2) and Sarah Mobbs and the Ladies 5th team beating Letchworth 2-1 with goals from Nikki Davis and Rachel Jones.

In cup news the Ladies Vets booked their ticket to the semi finals of the England Hockey Masters over 35s Cup by winning 3-1 away to Taunton Vale on Sunday with goals from Ladies Club Captain Liz Cleverly (2) and Sarah Embrey.

St. Albans men were also celebrating with wins for several teams including the 5s who beat Winchmore Hill and Enfield 3-0 after Roland Waller, Nathan Murley and Alastair Sykes found the back of the net. The 6th team won 4-1 against Hertford while the 7th team won away to Letchworth 4s 3-1 with a brace from Charlie Beedle and one for Spencer Winter. The Centurions also won 3-1 against Southgate Tankards with Jon Tuck, Graham George and Chris Thornhill all appearing on the scoresheet.



**Photo:** St. Albans Ladies 2s with coach Dick Ashby and mascot Darcy.

**Back row L-R:** Dick Ashby, Hayley Payne, Lou Akers, Annie Barratt, Sarah Fretwell, Fiona Nekeman, Joelle Weston, Emily Panniers.

**Middle row L-R:** Darcy, Julie McConnell, Lexie Hamilton, Jo Herbert, Sarah Embrey, Ann-Marie Davenport (Captain), Amy Flood, Rachel Taylor.

**Front:** GK Kate Brannelly.