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## FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE: GLORIOUS HOMECOMINGS FOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONS



Season 3 of the FIH Hockey Pro League is officially under way, with five matches having taken place in recent weeks.

Reigning women's Olympic, World and European champions the Netherlands got their FIH Hockey Pro League title defence off to a solid start, defeating neighbouring Belgium 2-0 in the competition curtain raiser in front of 4000 fans at Amsterdam's magnificent Wagener Stadium.

The Oranje – who were presented with their trophy for winning the 2020-21 FIH Hockey Pro League season ahead of the contest – made a sensational start to the new season when star attacker Lidewij Welten crashed home a fierce open play strike after just 17 seconds of the contest, thrilling the home fans who had flocked to see their national team for the first time since winning gold at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 in August.

Belgium's men also had a glorious homecoming in their first match since winning Olympic gold in Tokyo, with the fans flocking in their thousands to watch the Red Lions - the reigning World and Pro League champions - record two thrilling victories over Germany in Brussels. The Red Panthers were also in action, bouncing back from their opening day defeat against the Oranje to record back-to-back victories over Germany's women on a weekend to remember for Belgium's passionate fan-base.

Three more matches will take place ahead of the Christmas break, with the Netherlands and Belgium women playing their second match in Amstelveen on 10 November before the Netherlands men welcome the Red Lions to Rotterdam on 26 & 28 November.

More information about the 2021-2022 edition of the FIH Hockey Pro League can be found at the link below.

[FIH Hockey Pro League website](#)

## FIH HOCKEY WORLD CUPS: JOY AND HISTORY IS MADE BY WALES MEN



It was utter joy for the Ireland women's squad and the men's national team of France but the biggest plaudits will go to the history-making Wales' men's team who defied the rankings to qualify for the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup for the first time and won the event in front of their hugely supportive home fans.

Ireland women (FIH World Ranking: 8) put a halt to the dreams of Wales women's national team (WR:26) joining the men's team in achieving world cup qualification after the Irish team took top spot at the FIH Hockey Women's World Cup 2022 – European Qualifier 2021.

Where the women's competition all led to just one coveted world cup qualification place, two spots were available from the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 - European Qualifier 2021 in Cardiff, Wales.

This meant Wales (WR:18) and France (WR:12) went into the finals of the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2023 – European Qualifier 2021, knowing they had both qualified for the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's World Cup in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela in 2023. For Wales this is a historic moment as the Welsh side has never qualified for a FIH World Cup before. France will be making their fourth appearance at the event.

To earn their place in the final, Wales beat Ireland (WR:13) via a shoot-out as their semi-final match ended 1-1. France had earlier beaten Austria (WR:20) 4-1.

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## HOCKEY POD EPISODE 12: MARIA RUIZ, LAURA BARRIOS, ALI CAMPBELL, ELVIS BWALYA & FLOYD CHOMBA

## POLIGRAS MAGIC SKILL AWARD



'Amazing Argentina' take inaugural prize!

## FIH JUNIOR WORLD CUPS



FIH Hockey Junior World Cups: Pools and Match Schedules revealed



Nations lining up to take FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup title in Bhubaneswar

## FIH INDOOR HOCKEY WORLD CUP



European influences in the USA men's squad



USA indoor women's captain Ali Campbell eager to face 'best of the best' in Liège

## NEWS FROM FIH



Next FIH Congress to be held on 4-5 November 2022



FIH and Sport Group announce partnership extension with renewed commitment to sustainability



FIH Quality Programme: Lighting the way to quality



In the 12th episode of FIH Hockey Pod, hosts Sarah Juggins and Richard Stainthorpe are joined by two stars of the Spanish team, goalkeeper Maria Ruiz and rising star Laura Barrios; Ali Campbell of Team USA; and Elvis Bwalya and Floyd Chomba of the Zambia Hockey Association.

Listeners will hear about Maria and Laura's experiences at the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020, their hopes for the forthcoming FIH Hockey Pro League season as well as Laura's hopes and dreams for the FIH Hockey Women's Junior World Cup.

Ali Campbell will be attending her second FIH Indoor Hockey World Cup in February 2022 and she explains just how important indoor hockey has been to her own personal development as a team member for both the outdoor and indoor versions of the game.

The work of Elvis and Floyd to develop Hockey ID in Zambia has been a shining example of how an inclusive approach to coaching allows both participants and coaches to learn new skills and personal qualities.

As always, there is a round up of the news and the whole conversation is a lively look at hockey across the globe.

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### FIH HOCKEY PRO LEAGUE



India and Spain to join Women's Pro League for Season 3

### FIH HOCKEY STARS AWARDS



FIH CEO Thierry Weil: "We will work on the future Stars Awards with the global hockey community"



Stars Awards: Olympic success wave continues for India

### AROUND THE WORLD



New Zealand: Black Sticks legend Stacey Michelsen announces retirement



Zambia: Patience is key to success in Hockey ID

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## Diary dates - FIH Hockey Pro League

Matches	Dates	Location
Netherlands v Belgium (W)	10 Nov 2021	Amstelveen (NED)
Netherlands v Belgium (M)	26 & 28 Nov 2021	Rotterdam (NED)

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