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NETHERLANDS WOMEN & AUSTRALIA MEN TOP END OF YEAR FIH WORLD RANKINGS

FIH INDOOR HOCKEY WORLD CUP



Belgium's Elodie Picard targets top eight on home soil in Liège

With the end of 2021 very much in sight, the International Hockey Federation (FIH) can reveal that the Netherlands women and Australia men will finish the year at the top of the FIH World Rankings.

Alyson Annan's Netherlands team enjoyed another sensational year, powering to the FIH Hockey Pro League and European championship titles before landing their fourth Olympic gold medal in Tokyo, defeating Argentina in the competition final.

The Oranje end 2021 with 3015.35 points, over 600 ranking points ahead of second placed England with 2375.78.

There has been a change at the top of the men's FIH World Rankings since our last update, with Belgium's two recent FIH Hockey Pro League defeats at the hands of the Netherlands being enough to see them lose top spot to Australia, the team they beat to Olympic gold at Tokyo 2020. Australia close the year with 2642.25 points, just ten points ahead of FIH Hockey Pro League and Olympic champions Belgium, who have 2632.12.

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Kazakhstan teams excited about upcoming Indoor World Cup in Liège



Quarter-finals minimum target for Indoor World Cup says Czech star Hanus

REFLECTION ON 2021: PLENTY OF HIGHLIGHTS DESPITE YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY

FIH 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

Will it won't it? Will it won't it? Whether sports events were going ahead or not during 2021 was the most common question among athletes, coaching staff, volunteers and fans. Despite the uncertainty that gripped the world, teams continued to prepare, volunteers continued to offer their services and fans continued to hope that they would get the chance to watch, support, cheer and celebrate.

And by a combination of determination, incredible attention to detail, superb organisation and a collective willingness, the greatest sports show on earth did get its day in the sun.

The Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 finally burst into life 12 months later than originally scheduled but with the same verve, energy and excellence of any previous Games. It was also a common observation that this Games was more emotional than any previous one, simply because everyone was so relieved that they could finally get to compete.

And it was glorious. [Belgium men](#) and [Netherlands women](#) came away with gold medals after displays of sheer excellence. The final between Australia and Belgium men will long be remembered as one of the most dramatic endings to a competition, while the Netherlands women swept to victory against Argentina at the end of a campaign that sealed their position as one of the best teams – in any sport – in the world.

Read our full summary of 2021 by clicking the link below.

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Czech Republic ace Katerina Lacina sets sights high for 2022 Indoor World Cup in Liège



Namibia stalwart DJ Strauss relishes 'amazing opportunity' at Indoor World Cup in Liège

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message on 2021-2022 from FIH President Dr Narinder Dhruv Batra

HOCKEYPOD EPISODE 14 - ELODIE PICARD, LUCAS REY & TIMOTHEE CLEMENT



FIH appoints Sportradar as exclusive betting data rights partner through to 2022

In the final HockeyPod podcast of the year, hosts Richard Stainthorpe and Sarah Juggins chat to Elodie Picard of Belgium, Lucas Rey of Argentina as well as up-and-coming French star Timothee Clement.

We get insight from the FIH Odisha Hockey Men's Junior World Cup Bhubaneswar 2021 from title-winning coach Lucas Rey, with Timothee Clement - who was named Player of the Tournament in Bhubaneswar - giving his thoughts on a fantastic competition in the Kalinga Stadium.

Elodie Picard explains why the upcoming Indoor Hockey World Cup will be extra special for host nation Belgium.

In addition to the usual round up of news, the guests also talk about their favourite hockey moments of 2021.

You can find the podcast on the [Watch.Hockey](#) app.

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South Africa and Canada to join Men's FIH Hockey Pro League

SILVER SCREEN RECOGNITION FOR SILVINA AND LAS LEONAS



Silvina Forrester is a force of nature. She would shake her head and deny it, but she has been the main driver behind the growth of Hockey ID in Argentina and her influence is extending across the Pan American region. She is also a firm advocate of the belief that life is what you make it.

As someone with a daughter with an intellectual disability (ID), Silvina was determined that her daughter would have an opportunity to enjoy the sport synonymous with Argentina.

Silvina started the Hockey ID movement at Belgrano Hockey Club in 2017 and the group has gone from strength to strength over the past four years, even despite the difficulties presented by Covid-19 in the past two years.

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FIH JUNIOR MEN'S WORLD CUP



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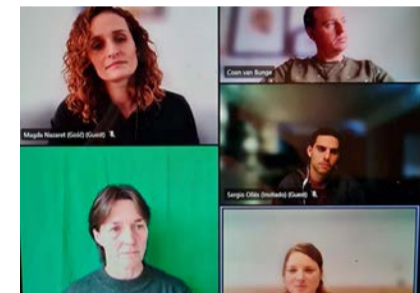


MJWC: Clinical Domene fires Argentina to men's Junior World Cup title

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Warmerdam strike gives Netherlands men shock victory over Olympic champions Belgium

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Diary dates - FIH Hockey Pro League

Matches	Dates	Location
China v India (W)	31 Jan / 1 Feb 2022	TBC (CHN)
Netherlands v Spain (W)	4-5 Feb 2022	TBC (NED)
Spain v England (M)	4-5 Feb 2022	Valencia (ESP)

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