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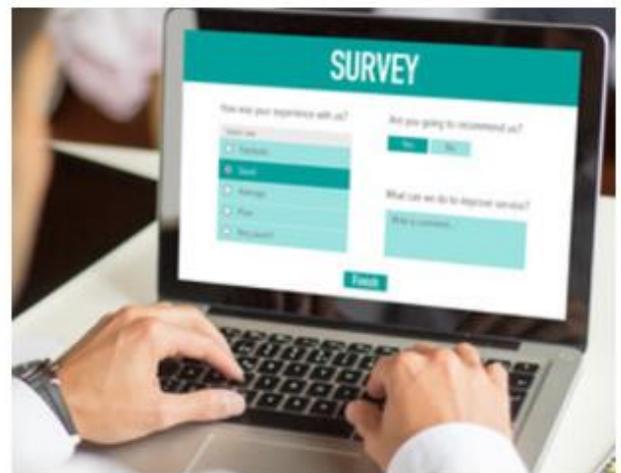
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INTELLECTUAL OUTPUT 1

Activity 1:

Survey to Universities and Hockey Clubs

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I. Introduction

This is a report by Beeston Hockey Club of the survey of 'top' hockey clubs, and universities across the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain.

Beeston was asked to prepare a survey of hockey clubs and universities, as part of 'Intellectual Output 1' of the STICK project.

For the purpose of the survey, and the accompanying report, the term 'top' hockey club refers to a club participating in the national premier league of the participating country.

This report will first explain the methodology, before analysing the club survey, followed by the university survey. A summary of the survey was delivered to the second STICK consortium meeting, hosted by Beeston Hockey Club and Nottingham Trent University, in Nottingham, England. This presentation was delivered by David and Cellan Griffiths, from Beeston Hockey Club. The meeting concluded that the findings of the survey were encouraging, and demonstrated the merit of the project.

II. Methodology

Defining the audience

The consortium recognised that athletic mobility for 'high level' athletes, will not affect every university or hockey club to identically. For clubs – the consortium concluded that in order to properly assess the merits of the project by means of a survey, the 'high level' clubs only should be invited to complete the survey. The consortium modelled the 'high level' club, based upon standings in the English domestic leagues. The clubs in the consortium were therefore asked to provide the contact details for clubs in the 'Premier' league (each member state's highest domestic league). The club survey can be found at **Appendix B1**.

The consortium also recognised that the prevalence of university-organised sport varies greatly across each participating member state. Therefore, each participating university was asked to submit contact details for universities which have an active sport programme. Beeston, in preparing the survey, asked the university institutions to suggest questions which would be applicable to university institutions. The participating universities also suggestion that a 'two-tiered' approach to the university survey should be adopted. Therefore, the university survey (**Appendix B2**) tailored the questions based on whether the person completing the form on behalf of the university was a Dual Career Service Officer, or International Relations Officer.

The list of clubs and universities contacted as part of the survey can be found in **Appendix A1 and A2**, respectively.

Preparation of the survey

For ease of completion, Beeston decided to prepare the survey in a digital format, to be sent online. Beeston developed the form as part of their website (<https://www.beestonhockeyclub.com>).

The forms were hosted on <https://www.beestonhockeyclub.com/stick-clubs> and <https://www.beestonhockeyclub.com/stick-universities>. To ensure the security of the transmission of the survey results, the page was secured with an extended validation https certificate. This meant that, when a participant completed the survey, 'Beeston Hockey Club Ltd' would appear as a green banner in the URL bar.

Beeston also attached a specific 'identifying string' to the email to each club and university. This ensured that the survey was not completed more than once by the same institution.

Each institution was contacted by the email address stick@beestonhockeyclub.com. Spanish institutions were emailed in the Spanish language, whereas all other member states were contacted in the English language.

III. Results

CLUB SURVEY

For the purposes of this report, the summary presentation (**Appendix C1**) is enclosed with this report. This presentation gives a breakdown of the responses received.

Out of 74 clubs eligible to take part in the survey, 19 responded – a response rate of nearly 26%.

The responses from countries can be broken down as follows:

- UK – 4 clubs responded
- Spain – 10 clubs responded
- The Netherlands – 1 club responded
- Republic of Ireland – 1 club responded
- Belgium – 3 clubs responded

The individual conclusions from the club survey are contained within the notes section of the presentation. The report will now consider the university survey, before presenting the final conclusions from the survey.

UNIVERSITY SURVEY

Similar to the club survey, the summarised and comprehensive results of the survey are attached to this report (**Appendix C2**).

The university survey was split into two sections, recognising that different university departments may have a different perspective on athletic mobility in hockey.

In total, 143 universities were contacted to complete the survey. We received 23 responses, giving a response rate of 16%.

The responses from each country can be broken down as follows:

- UK – 9 universities responded
- Spain – 3 universities responded
- The Netherlands – 2 universities responded
- Republic of Ireland – 1 university responded
- Belgium – 0 universities responded

OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

Generally, it became apparent from the difference between club and university surveys that the clubs have a desire for universities to show a degree of flexibility for 'high level' athletes. The survey, and the meeting in Nottingham, recognised that, while not an easy task, as universities are first and foremost academic institutions, there was some merit in pursuing the project.

The survey concluded that the project must also exist to educate clubs about the ERASMUS programme generally, as this would be the vehicle to facilitate athletic mobility.

I confirm that this report is a true and accurate record.

David Griffiths

Deputy Chairman – Beeston Hockey Club

IV. Appendices

Appendix A

Appendix A1 (list of contacted clubs).

<u>ENGLAND</u>	<u>IRELAND</u>	<u>BELGIUM</u>	<u>SPAIN</u>	<u>NETHERLANDS</u>
Beeston	Ards	ANTW	Real Club de Polo	Amsterdam
Brooklands	Belfast Harlequins	BEER	Club de Campo Villa de Madrid	Rotterdam
Reading	Cork Harlequins	BRAX	Club Egara	Tilburg
East Grinstead	Loreto	BRUG	Atlètic Terrassa Hockey Club	Pinoke
Hampstead & Westminster	Hemes Monkstown	DARI	S.P.V Complutense	Almere
Holcombe	Pegasus	DRAG	Júnior F.C.	Oanje-Rood
Sevenoaks	Railway Union	GANT	U.D. Taburiente	Bloemendaal
Surbiton	Trinity College	HERA	Real Sociedad de Tenis	HGC
University of Exeter	Pembroke Wanderers	LEOP	Atlético San Sebastián	HDM
Wimbledon	UCD	LEUV	R.C. Jolaseta	SCHC
Beeston	Annadale	OREE	Club Hockey Pozuelo	Den Bosch
Bowdon	Cookstown	PING	C.D. Terrassa Hockey	Kampong
Buckingham	Banbridge	RACI	F.C. Barcelona	Huizen
Canterbury	Glenanne	RWSC	Real Sociedad de Fútbol	Laren
Clifton Robinsons	Cork Col	VICT	S.P.V. Club de Hockey	Hurley
East Grinstead	Lisnagarvey	WADU	C.D. Universidad de Sevilla	Groningen
Holcombe	Monkstown	WELL		Nijmegen
Slough	Pembroke Wanderers			
Surbiton	Railway Union			
University of Birmingham	Three Rock Rovers			

Appendix A2 (list of contacted universities).

<u>ENGLAND</u>		<u>IRELAND</u>	<u>BELGIUM</u>
Nottingham Trent	Cardiff Met	DCU	Leuven
Durham	Oxford brookes	DCU	VUB
Loughborough	Reading	DCU	Hasselt
Nottingham	Oxford	DCU	Gent
Birmingham	Cambridge	University College Cork	Hogesschool Antwerp
Edinburgh	Cardiff	University College Cork	Antwerp Maritime Academy
Loughborough		University College Dublin	KDG
Edinburgh		University College Dublin	
Leeds Beckett		Trinity College Dublin	
Northumbria		Trinity College Dublin	
Leeds		National University of Galway	
Bath		National University of Galway	
Exeter		Queens University, Belfast	
Bristol		Queens University, Belfast	
<u>NETHERLANDS</u>			
Tu Delft		Erasmus University Rotterdam	
Tu Delft		Tilberg	
Tu / Eindhoven		Tilberg	
Tu / Eindhoven		Twente	
Tu / Eindhoven		Twente	
Erasmus University Rotterdam		Utrecht	
University of Groningen		Utrecht	
University of Groningen		Utrecht	
Maastricht		Vrije Amsterdam	
Maastricht		Erasmus University Rotterdam	
Maastricht		Erasmus University Rotterdam	
Maastricht		Erasmus University Rotterdam	
Nuffic		Erasmus University Rotterdam	
Raboud		Universiteit van Amsterdam	
Groningen		Tilberg	
Tilbert			

SPAIN

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona	Universidad de Málaga	Universitat Jaume I
Universidad Autónoma de Madrid	Universidad de Murcia	IE Universidad
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid	Universidá d'Uviéu	Universidad a Distancia de Madrid
Universidad Complutense de Madrid	Universidad de Salamanca	Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio
Universidade Da Coruña	Universidade de Santiago de Compostela	Universidad Antonio de Nebrija
Universidad de Alcalá	Universidad de Sevilla	Universidad Camilo José Cela
Universitat d' Alacant	Universidad de Valladolid	Universidad Cardenal Herrera - CEU
Universidad de Almería	Universidade de Vigo	Universidad Católica de Valencia S. Vicente M.
Universitat de Barcelona	Universidad de Zaragoza	Universidad Católica San Antonio de Murcia
Universidad de Burgos	Euskal Herriko Unibertsitatea	Universidad Católica de Ávila
Universidad de Cádiz	Universidad Miguel Hernández de Elche	Universidad de Deusto
Universidad de Cantabria	Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia	Universidad de Navarra
Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha	Universidad Pablo de Olavide	Universitat de Vic
Universidad de Córdoba	Universidad Politécnica de Cartagena	Universidad Europea de Madrid
Universidad de Extremadura	Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya	Universidad Europea Miguel de Cervantes
Universitat de Girona	Universidad Politécnica de Madrid	Universidad Francisco de Vitoria
Universidad de Granada	Universitat Politècnica de València	Universitat Internacional de Catalunya
Universidad de Huelva	Universitat Pompeu Fabra	Mondragon Unibertsitatea
Universidad de Jaén	Universidad Pública de Navarra	Universidad Pontificia Comillas
Universidad de La Laguna	Universidad Rey Juan Carlos I	Universidad Pontificia de Salamanca
Universidad de La Rioja	Universitat Rovira i Virgili	Universitat Ramon Llull
Universidad de Las Palmas de Gran Canaria	Universitat de las Illes Balears	Universidad San Jorge
Universidad de León	Universitat de València	Universidad San Pablo
Universitat de Lleida	Universitat Oberta de Catalunya	Universitat Abat Oliba

Appendix B

Appendix B1: Club's Survey

Your club – 1

In the last 5 seasons, how many foreign hockey players have played in the top senior teams in your club while studying? If a player has played for more than one season for your club while studying, for example, if a player has played for your club for 2 seasons whilst studying, please enter them as 2 players.

- EU players – Women*
- EU players – Men*
- Non-EU players – Women*
- Non-EU players – Men*
- Please list which countries this has involved*

One country per line, if this has involved no countries, write 'N/A'

Out of these foreign players, how many:

- Were junior international players*
- Were senior international players*
- Did not have an international cap*
- Please list which countries this has involved*

One country per line, if this has involved no countries, write 'N/A'

Out of these foreign players, how many joined your club because they came to study at a local university? If a player has played for more than one season for your club while studying, for example, if a player has played for your club for 2 seasons whilst studying, please enter them as 2 players.

- With Erasmus programme*
- Without Erasmus programme*

In the past 5 seasons, how many players from your own country, playing in your top teams left to play in another country.

- In the EU, women*
- In the EU, men*
- Outside EU, women*
- Outside EU, men*
- Please list which countries this has involved*

One country per line, if this has involved no countries, write 'N/A'

Out of these players, how many left to study at a foreign university?

- Men with Erasmus programme (EU)*
- Men without Erasmus programme (EU)*
- Women with Erasmus programme (EU)*
- Women without Erasmus programme (EU)*
- Men at non-EU university*
- Women at non-EU university*

Please indicate the extent to which you agree with the following statements

- My local university/universities shows flexibility in relation to admission criteria for both academic, talented athletes.*

Strongly agree; Agree; Neither agree nor disagree; Disagree; Strongly disagree



- Universities should show a preference during the admissions process to an academic, talented athlete. *

Strongly agree; Agree; Neither agree nor disagree; Disagree; Strongly disagree

- My local university/universities is supportive of academic, talented athletes during the course of their study. *

Strongly agree; Agree; Neither agree nor disagree; Disagree; Strongly disagree

What level of hockey performance do you consider to be a 'top hockey player' for the purpose of sporting academic exchange? *

Olympic athlete; Senior international; U21 international; U18 international; Domestic premier league player; Domestic regional player

Appendix B2: Universities' Survey

In what professional capacity are you answering this survey?

IF 'Sport Service / Dual Career Service Director'

In your country, is there a classification of "high-level athlete" (or equivalent) for certain athletes?*

Yes; No; Don't know

In the last 5 years, how many "high-level" hockey players have been students at your university?*

0-5; 6-10; 11+

Do athletes at your university receive scholarships to continue practising sports?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Do athletes at your university receive scholarships to study?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Does your university have a Dual Career Service?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Does it have a figure responsible for the hosting process?*

Yes; No; Don't know



Is there any specific / different support for this group of students?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Are these athletes given facilities to be able to combine lessons, exams, trainee programmes and sport events?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Is there any help with the enrolment procedure, or, in case they need to re-schedule any subject?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Is any support given to re-schedule exams for these athletes?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Do you feel it would be necessary to have a specific programme to deal with this STICK project?*

Yes; No; Don't know

In the last 5 academic years, how many athlete students have participated in the ERASMUS programme?*

Does your country have a specific regulations for the admission of high-level athletes to the university?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Are facilities given to high-level athletes to assist them in making a career/degree choice?*

Yes; No; Don't know

Do you have any further comments?

IF 'International Relations Officer'

In the last 5 academic years, did the university have any application from a "high-level" hockey playing student for an Erasmus mobility? (IR)*

Yes; No; Don't know

How many of these were incoming applications? (IR)*

How many of these were outgoing applications? (IR)*

How many of these applicants were accepted into your university? (IR)*

Would your university be able to treat these exchange student applications in the same way that regular student applications are treated? (IR)*

Yes; No; Don't know

Do you have any further comments? (IR)



Appendix C

Appendix C1: Summary of Clubs' Survey results

In the last 5 seasons, how many foreign hockey players have played in the top senior teams in your club while studying? If a player has played for more than one season for your club while studying, for example, if a player has played for your club for 2 seasons whilst studying, please enter them as 2 players.

EU Players: Women

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 28 | Mean: 2.73

EU Players: Men

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 20 | Mean: 2.76

Non EU: Women

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 9 | Mean: 1.35

Non EU: Men

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 5 | Mean: 0.70

In the last 5 seasons, how many foreign hockey players have played in the top senior teams in your club while studying? If a player has played for more than one season for your club while studying, for example, if a player has played for your club for 2 seasons whilst studying, please enter them as 2 players.

Junior internationals

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 5 | Mean: 1

Senior internationals

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 15 | Mean: 1.82

No international cap

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 11 | Mean: 1.47

In the last 5 seasons, how many foreign hockey players have played in the top senior teams in your club while studying? If a player has played for more than one season for your club while studying, for example, if a player has played for your club for 2 seasons whilst studying, please enter them as 2 players.

With ERASMUS

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 14 | Mean: 1.76

Without ERASMUS

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 23 | Mean: 2.76

In the EU: Women

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 5 | Mean: 0.79

In the EU: Men

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 6 | Mean: 1.26

Outside EU: Women

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 7 | Mean: 1.21

Outside EU: Men



- Min value: 0 | Max value: 7 | Mean: 1.21

In the last 5 seasons, how many foreign hockey players have played in the top senior teams in your club while studying? If a player has played for more than one season for your club while studying, for example, if a player has played for your club for 2 seasons whilst studying, please enter them as 2 players.

Men with ERASMUS

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 12 | Mean: 1.17

Men without ERASMUS

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 3 | Mean: 0.53

Women with ERASMUS

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 10 | Mean: 0.88

Women without ERASMUS

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 5 | Mean: 0.59

In the last 5 seasons, how many foreign hockey players have played in the top senior teams in your club while studying? If a player has played for more than one season for your club while studying, for example, if a player has played for your club for 2 seasons whilst studying, please enter them as 2 players.

Men at non-EU university

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 2 | Mean: 0.18

Women at non-EU university

- Min value: 0 | Max value: 7 | Mean: 0.82

My local university/universities shows flexibility in relation to admission criteria for both academic, talented athletes.

- Strongly agree: 5
- Agree: 8
- Neither agree nor disagree: 4
- Disagree: 1
- Strongly disagree: 1

Universities should show a preference during the admissions process to an academic, talented athlete.

- Strongly agree: 8
- Agree: 3
- Neither agree nor disagree: 6
- Disagree: 1
- Strongly disagree: 1

My local university/universities is supportive of academic, talented athletes during the course of their study.

- Strongly agree: 10
- Agree: 4
- Neither agree nor disagree: 3



- Disagree: 2
- Strongly disagree: 0

What level of hockey performance do you consider to be a 'top hockey player' for the purpose of sporting academic exchange?

- Olympic athlete: 3
- Domestic premier league player: 5
- U21 international: 3
- U18 international: 4
- Domestic regional player: 4

Appendix C2: summarised and comprehensive results of the Universities' Survey.

In your country, is there a classification of "high-level athlete" (or equivalent) for certain athletes?

Yes: 87%

No: 13%

In the last 5 years, how many "high-level" hockey players have been students at your university?

0-5: 53%

6-10: 27%

11+: 20%

Do athletes at your university receive scholarships to continue practising sports?

Yes: 60%

No: 33%

Don't know: 7%

Does your university have a Dual Career Service?

Yes: 47%

No: 40%

Don't know: 13%

Does it have a figure responsible for the hosting process?

Yes: 53%

No: 27%

Don't know: 20%

Is there any specific / different support for this group of students?

Yes: 67%

No: 20%

Don't know: 13%



Are these athletes given facilities to be able to combine lessons, exams, trainee programmes and sport events?

Yes: 93%

No: 0%

Don't know: 7%

Is there any help with the enrolment procedure, or, in case they need to re-schedule any subject?

Yes: 80%

No: 13%

Don't know: 7%

Is any support given to re-schedule exams for these athletes?

Yes: 73%

No: 7%

Don't know: 20%

Is any support given to Do you feel it would be necessary to have a specific programme to deal with this STICK project? exams for these athletes?

Yes: 53%

No: 27%

Don't know: 20%

In the last 5 academic years, how many athlete students have participated in the ERASMUS programme?

Min number: 0

Max number: 48

Mean: 6.4

Does your country have a specific regulations for the admission of high-level athletes to the university?

Yes: 27%

No: 60%

Don't know: 13%

Are facilities given to high-level athletes to assist them in making a career/degree choice?

Yes: 67%

No: 27%

Don't know: 6%

Outputs from the Survey

- **No university gives preferential access for incoming exchange athlete students**
- **25% of universities received an application from a "high level" hockey player on ERASMUS**
- **All of these were outgoing applications**
- **Only one university accepted these applicants into their university**
- **87.5% of these universities are able to treat exchange athlete students identically to regular students**