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TALENT AWARD



Destination of a life time!
Ethan Balban travels to the UK from 24th to 26th October 2022.



ENGLAND HOCKEY

Our talent award winner Ethan Balban has been invited to participate in the England Hockey Assessment Camp.

This camp is one of many within a selection programme running up until July 2023 where the selected candidates will participate in the EuroHockey U18 Championships representing the England Hockey national youth team.

This is an opportunity for our talent to show off the skills and abilities he has gained through his dedication fed by a passion for the sport.

Ethan's short but impressive hockey biography

Ethan started playing hockey at the age of nine where he played in the local youth and development competitions.

Club Competition - Signs of his natural ability to hockey were clear from the first day he attended a session. His first remarkable performance was displayed when playing with his former club at a development trip to Lisbon, Portugal in October 2017. It was impressive to see the youngest and smallest player on the pitch carrying such threatening offensive

play which had the opposing team on their toes for the full 60 minutes.

International Competition (Bulgaria) - In July 2019, Ethan was selected as one of the ten team players participating in the EuroHockey5s U16 Championship II.



A very challenging competition where Gibraltar faced teams from Bulgaria, Russia, Armenia, Georgia and Slovenia. His performance was outstanding and scored a total of 7 goals throughout the competition.



A competition which ended with Gibraltar taking home 3rd place and Ethan's first official EuroHockey medal.

International Competition (Scotland)
Opportunities have continued to come Ethan's way where he got selected to participate with the men's senior team at the EuroHockey Qualifier Championships in August 2022 in Glasgow, Scotland.

At the young age of just 17, having made the senior men's team and being a key threatening player against teams like Wales, Scotland and Switzerland is simply outstanding.

Credit to the Sponsor

Basewell Limited very generously supports the club's development programme by way of the Talent Award. It is through their support that we are able to offer our players the opportunity to be sent to suitable camps where they can build their skills and gain experiences of a life time.



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THANK YOU for supporting our club and make possibilities possible!



We would like to wish Ethan the best of luck in his upcoming UK trials and may this be a steppingstone to success and many more future opportunities!