

'Castle News



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- 30th Anniversary
- Noodle's Perfect Team(s!)



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Welcome from the Chair

It's no secret that our men's first team is really up against it this season and is in danger of not qualifying for the newly formed 'Super 8' division that will sit above NVL1 next season. Whilst this is a real challenge for the club we have full faith in the team that they are putting all they can into the survival fight and January sees a few crucial matches where wins would be incredibly valuable. Please come down to Madeley on the 16th January to watch them play against London Lynx.

This month's 'Castle News' is a fascinating read through the 30th Anniversary feature and Neil Masters' reflections in his perfect team – I hope you enjoy it!

Colin Roberts, NSVC Chair

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News Updates from 'Castle!



30th Anniversary – LAST 30 TICKETS!!!

On Friday 7th May members of NSVC past and present will come together to celebrate 30 years of our club in a gala dinner at Keele Hall – just across campus mile from where our teams have played their matches for around 16 seasons, and only a mile or so from one of the schools that was part of the creation of the club: Newcastle Community High School, which was of course Edward Orme School back in 1980).

Please make sure that you do not miss out on this great occasion - book your place asap and get ready for a great party! There are only 30 tickets left so please email Rachel Viggars on rachelviggars@ntlworld.com

'Castle on England Duty

Just before Christmas seven 'Castle lads were in action for the England Cadet and Junior national teams. For the Cadets James Goodwin was the captain of the team that finished in 4th place at the NEVZA (Northern European) Championships in Denmark. Also in the squad were Roo Scott, Sam Shenton, Alex Liebeck and Chris Ashton – all of whom got England caps on the trip!

The Juniors went up to Glasgow with a small squad to take part in a couple of matches against Scotland. Performances were disappointing and England lost both matches with Roman Neveykin and Rashad Ali in the side. Both players have been selected to go to the European Championships 1st round in Denmark in January.

BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW! BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW! BOOK YOUR SEAT NOW!
'Castle 30th Anniversary Dinner Friday 7th May 2010 at Keele Hall

Volleyball web-links

For those of you who like to spend your time checking out volleyball on the internet, why not check out the following:

www.volleyball-movies.pl

Lots of clips of great vb action

www.volleyball.com

Covers pretty much everything – kit, trainers, clips, tips etc

www.laola.tv

Free, HD quality live streaming of vb matches!!

www.youtube.com

Just type in volleyball!... To see someone who can really jump and kit, search for Lionel Marshall!

Sam Shenton - England MVP!

It has been revealed that 'Castle's Sam Shenton, was awarded the title of England's MVP at the NEVZA (Northern European) Championships in Denmark in December.

This is a great achievement for Sam, a member of the National under 16 Champion team in 2009, who has put tremendous work into developing his performances on court over the last 12 months and has excelled since his inclusion in England Cadet squads. Sam now trains 3 x each week and is reaping the benefits

Guest Eyes Return

'Castle's MVP for the 2005-06 and 2006-07 Richard Guest is planning a return to the club for a third spell. Guest was first with 'Castle after graduating through our junior teams, and returned for two seasons in the mid-noughties where he became 'Mr Reliable' for the team.

Richard has been out of Volleyball since suffering a seriously broken finger whilst playing for Manchester in 2008 but his return to action should add further steel to 'Castle's battle to make it into the new 'Super 8' division for the 2010-11 season.



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spike...

2010: 30 years of Newcastle (Staffs) VC

As part of our ongoing feature looking back over 30 years of NSVC, this month we take a look at what our club has probably become best known for – the development of young players. Countless young players have not only been introduced to and fallen in love with the sport of volleyball through Newcastle (Staffs) Volleyball Club, but others have made the sport their profession as a great talent was unearthed. Whilst clubs in other areas of the country have been able to benefit from attracting large numbers of leading domestic players, 'Castle have not had that luxury and so to a certain extent, simply to exist we have had to invest heavily in youth development. Senior club members such as Ant Viggars and Rod Stockwell began their involvement in the sport as youngsters at local schools and that tradition has continued as the parents of players worked to help the club emerge in 1980 from the schools based work led by Barrie Jenkins and Colin Roberts.



The photographs on this page show small-sided team junior volleyball going on at 'Castle right through from the early 1980s (the black and white photos!!) to 2006 at Pontins and 2009 at the Madeley Let's Play Volleyball Festival. 'Castle has a strong tradition of using small sided games as a means to develop young players' movement and game understanding skills, along with that stereotypical 'Castle never say die attitude!

Current Club Chairman Colin Roberts reflects, " the under 13 Boys Championships, which we organised and hosted 1980 - 1985, on behalf of the English Volleyball Association and won repeatedly, despite great entries from Plymouth, Portsmouth, London, Manchester, Liverpool, Bradford.etc. In the first winning squad was Dave Knight, also Micky Conlon (Paul's brother). There seems to be very little in the way of records about this outstanding period of achievement."

If you have any NSVC volleyball photos from down the years please share them with Will Roberts (willroberts1981@hotmail.com) who is putting together what should be display for a memorable night at the club's 30th Anniversary dinner on Friday 7th May 2010 at Keele Hall.



30th Anniversary Dinner

Keele Hall

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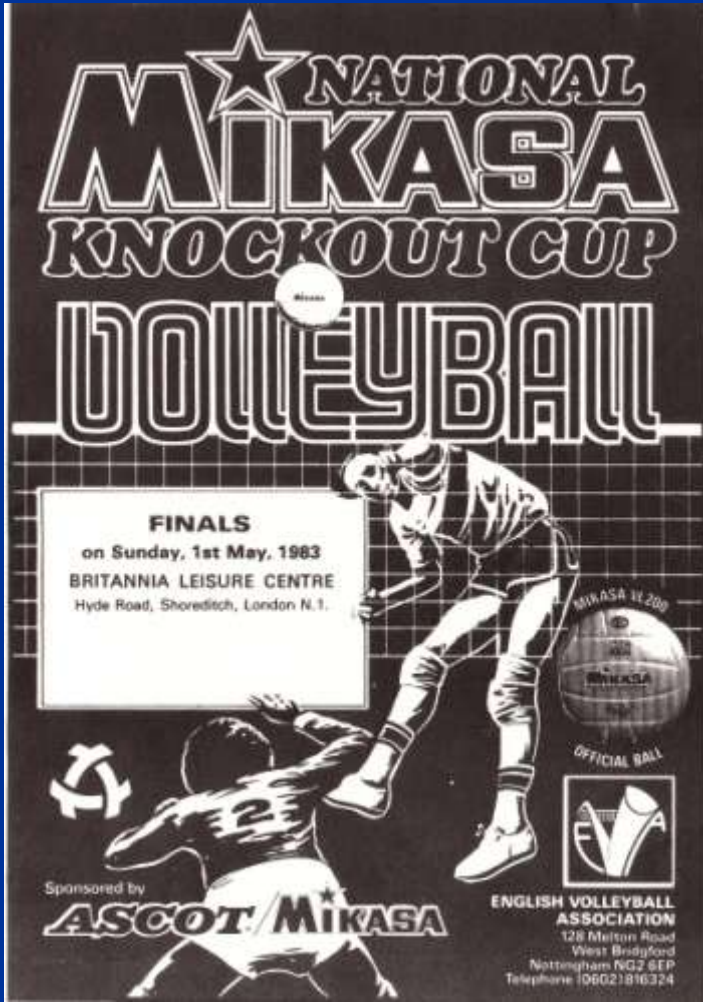
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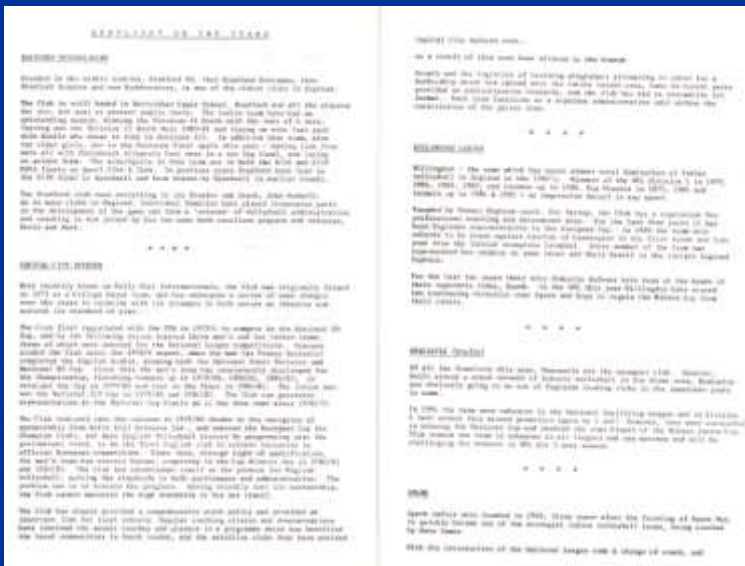
2010: 30 years of NSVC



This page shows content from the programme of the 1983 National Cup Finals! 'Castle were playing in the Junior Men's Final of this event which at that time was an u20 competition. Their opponents were Capital City Spikers, who, if you follow through family tree of London Volleyball Club amalgamations pretty much became London Malory as we know them today. Coaching our opponents was John Lowney, still well known in junior Volleyball circles and in the Capital City squad is Dave King who is still playing with Malory.

'Castle were coached by David Joy (who will have many mentions in this feature over the coming months), and their squad featured some famous names in the club's history – Patrick Cawthorn, Dave Knight, Shaun Trueman and Paul Conlon among them.

Although 'Castle lost this match, the programme notes memorably stated: "Of all the finalists this year Newcastle are the youngest club. However, built around a sound network of schools volleyball in the Stoke area, Newcastle are obviously going to be one of England's leading clubs in the immediate years to come."



MIKASA JUNIOR MEN'S FINAL

WILDERN : EDLY CREE INTERNATIONAL
CAPITAL CITY SPIKERS (Edly Cree International)

Coach: John Lowney
 Manager: Simon Davies
 Colours: Green

Team Details - Players

Shirt No	Name	Age	Height	Honours
1	Aladdin Seaforth	19	1.86	England Junior
2	Pat Mullins	20	1.79	
3	Denton McKenzie	17	1.81	England Junior
4	Philip Davies (Capt)	20	1.92	England Junior/Senior
5	Steve Kidd	20	1.79	England Junior
6	Ian George	20	1.85	England Junior
7	Dave King	19	1.95	England Junior
8	Claudio Rey	18	1.80	(Brazil)
9	Nigel Samuel	16	1.89	
10	Jan DeWah	16	1.78	

NEWCASTLE (Suffolk)

Coach: David Joy
 Manager: Will Owen
 Colours: Red shirts/Blue shorts

Team Details - Players

Shirt No	Name	Age	Height	Honours
1	Mark Boulton	19	5'11"	
4	Mark Ashley	19	5'8"	England U16
3	Anthony Carter	16	5'7"	England U16
8	Tony Gullivan	10	5'8"	England U16
7	Chris Rowling	17	5'10"	England U16
8	David Knight	16	6'0"	England U16
9	Deryl Gohlin	18	5'8"	England U16
10	Shaun Trueman	17	6'1"	England U16
11	Patrick Cawthorn	18	6'2"	England U16
12	Paul Conlon	18	6'0"	
13	Coag Roberts	18	5'9"	England U16
15	Rob Lambert	19	5'8"	

1st Referee: Perry Joseph
 2nd Referee: Sam Edwards

Top – programme covers, bottom – programme notes, right – team info

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MIKASA JUNIOR MEN'S CUP FINAL

HOLDERS – CAPITAL CITY SPIKERS

NEWCASTLE (STAFFS) VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Number	Name	Age	Height	Honours
4	Mark Astley	17	1.73	England U.16
1	Anthony Carter	17	1.70	England U.16
11	Patrick Cawthorn	19	1.88	England U.16 and U.20
15	Michael Conlon	16	1.78	
12	Paul Conlon	19	1.83	
7	Philip Coomer	17	1.90	
5	Richard Dobell	16	1.85	England U.16
8	David Knight	17	1.83	England U.16
13	Coag Roberts	16	1.78	England U.16
6	Robert Sothern	17	1.80	England U.16
10	Shaun Trueman	18	1.85	England U.16 and U.20
9	Anthony Viggars	18	1.88	England U.16

Coach: David Joy
Team Manager: Jon Woolf
Colours: Red/Blue



Newcastle's team is built around a sound network of School's volleyball. Newcastle hope to be one of England's leading clubs in the immediate years to come. The club was formed in 1980. Promotion was gained to Division 4 in September 1981 after an unbeaten season. Another unbeaten season brought promotion to Division III in September 1983. Again unbeaten in Division III promotion to Division II is secured for 1984/85. Newcastle II are fifth in Division IV North. The Junior Squad has been knocked out twice in the semi-final of the Mikasa Cup and only narrowly lost the final last year. It would complete a good season to remain unbeaten in this final.



MIKASA JUNIOR MEN'S CUP FINAL

HOLDERS – CAPITAL CITY SPIKERS

MALORY VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Number	Name	Age	Height	Honours
11	Peter Baker	19	1.80	England Junior men
10	David Packard	18	1.78	England Junior men
4	David Douglas	19	1.79	England Junior men
5	David Linton	18	1.72	England Junior men
1	Paul Gayle	16	1.86	
12	Greg Gwynnett	17	1.84	England Schoolboys
8	Robert English	16	1.84	
9	Nigel Foley	19	1.72	
7	Steven Norris	15	1.75	
2	Dennis Dean	19	1.84	England Junior men
3	Roger Stapleton	19	1.93	England Junior men
6	Damen Hemple or Patrick Steadman	17	1.85	England Junior men

Coach: John Nash
Team Manager: Adrian Page
Colours: Blue



Malory Volleyball Club (formerly Forest Hill) have had the most successful season in the club's history. They finished the league season as National League Division III (South) champions with the only 100% league record in the entire National League. They are in the final of the Students Cup and Mikasa Junior Cup and had a successful run in the Senior Mikasa Cup, beating 2nd Division winners OBC Poole 3-1 before narrowly going down to Division I champions Capital City Spikers 2-3. Much of the teams success is as a result of the youth policy fostered by John Nash – 6 or 7 of today's squad have been selected for the England Junior side and a new generation of youngsters is waiting in the wings at Malory School for their first taste of senior volleyball.



Above are the teams from the 1984 National u20 Cup Final with 'Castle taking on Malory this time! What a fixture this became over the following 25 years of the history of both clubs, and perhaps uniquely this team list shows Richard Dobell lining up for 'Castle against Malory! Ant Viggars is added to the 'Castle squad and interestingly is not the owner of the number 3 shirt... But then nobody on the team-sheet is so maybe there was no number 3 at that time!



Newcastle Volleyball Club team, current national champions, who play against Portsmouth Allsports at Crystal Palace on Sunday in the National Royal Bank of Scotland finals (under-20 men).

To the right is the team photo of the squad prior to the 1986 u20 cup final. Notably this was of Richard Dobell's (back row second in from right) last matches in a 'Castle shirt as he took to the court to win yet another Junior National Title with the club. Also on this photo are Colin Roberts (back row far left), Dave Knight (front row second from left) and David Joy (front row far right).

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EVENING SENTINEL, Friday, May 9, 1986 25

Volleyball title defenders

NEWCASTLE Volleyball Club will be at full strength when they defend the Royal Bank national junior championship at Crystal Palace on Sunday.

England junior vice-captain and setter Richard Dobell, just back from the European championships in Germany, will lead the squad against Portsmouth Allsports in the under-20 final.

Also back in the squad is flu victim Darryl Godwin, who lines up alongside twin brother Tony, skipper of the side.

Newcastle's squad have spent the last two weeks of intensive training preparing for the final and aim to retain the trophy to set up the chance of a hat-trick next year.

With Dobell and Darryl Godwin missing, Michael Conlon and Paul Knowles took the opportunity to step up to the first six and helped Newcastle juniors produce an excellent performance in a senior tournament at Chester.

With the exception of Conlon and Andrew Ball, all of the Newcastle squad have played for England Schoolboys. Dobell and middle hitter David Knight have both appeared in Newcastle's Division I. National Volleyball League side, while the rest have played in Division II. or with Newcastle Colts.

Favourites

The holders will start Sunday's final at the National Sports Centre, Crystal Palace, as favourites and will unveil their new kit given them by Just Juice of Adams Food, Leek, who will be supporting the club.

Newcastle's first six are: Richard Dobell, Darryl and Tony Godwin, Robert Sethna, David Knight and Simon Ward, with the squad completed by Paul Knowles, Alex Irvine, Antony Carter, Michael Conlon, Steven Read and Andrew Hall.

The team travels down for an overnight stay in London, but a coachload of supporters will leave Newcastle early on Sunday.



The article to the left is written in conjunction with the team photo on the previous page and gives more detail on the team's preparations for the Cup Final in May 1986.

The other photographs on this page show three of the National Junior Championship winning teams from the noughties – from top to bottom the 2008 under 15 Champions, the 2008 under 14 girls Champions and the 2009 under 16 boys Champions. With the likes of Meg Viggars, Jenny Bellamy, Ruth Gurgul, Roo Scott, James Goodwin, Will Roberts, Sam Shenton etc emerging from these teams the future of the club looks bright and the tradition of players progressing from junior team success to senior success looks like it should continue!

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My perfect Team...

The Teams of... '97-'05, 2nd team '97-'05, Team Gios, 'Castle post- City of Stoke, and 'Castle Legends!!!



Noodle with Olympic 1996 Gold Medallist and former Holland captain Reinder Nummerdoor whilst at the 2004 Athens Olympics

Last month 'Castle's 2004-05 Men's first team Most Valuable Player Jon Pennock revealed his 'Team of the Noughties' as part of the 'Castle News feature on club dream teams. This month it is former first team captain **Neil Masters** who steps up to the challenge. Neil, or '**Noodle**' as he is better known to us all joined 'Castle in 1997 when he moved to Stoke to go to Staffs Uni and stayed with the club until 2005 when he took up a teaching post at famous volleyball school Tendring in Essex. Noodle still turns out for 'Castle at summer tournaments when he pulls on the Team Gios kit with great pride and if he still lived in the area he would by now have reached

'legend' status at the club! Noodle was clearly inspired by the opportunity to take part in this feature and developed not one, not two, but **FIVE** best of teams! This will be a great read for everyone, covering past and present players with some fantastic squads!

Best 'Castle Team 1997-2005

Starting 6 in italics

Outside

Tim Hollis

Phil Smith

Andre Rodacki

Neil Masters (Libero if needed)

Opposite

Ant Viggars

Simon Ibbotson

Coach

Ant Viggars (for keeping the faith with me)

Setters

Jon Pennock (would have been Conlon, but Pennock set me more!!)

Tom Stevens

Middle

Mark Arme

Dave Knight

Alex Burt

Will Roberts



Starting 6:

Top (L-R): Phil Smith, Tim Hollis, Tom Stevens,
Bottom (L-R): Mark Arme, Alex Burt, Ant Viggars



Left – Andre Rodacki – Brazilian powerhouse from the late 90s

Right – Dave Knight – club stalwart who came through as a junior to be a top NVL player



2nd team '97-'05

Starting 6 in italics

Outside

Dave Lovell

Keith Barker

James Mousley (Kenyan)

The Czech guy who ran off with the kit – name began with a J I think, maybe Jurgen?!

Middle

Ben Beardsmore

Mark Brown (Sherman)

Julian Kobylarz (Koby)

Jason Washington

Coach

Nick Smith

Setters

Paul Conlon (he didn't set me as much as Pennock!!)

Sam Bragg

Opposite

Phil Leach

Falko Drijfhout

(L-R): *Phil Leach, Keith Barker, Paul Conlon, Mark Brown, Ben Beardsmore and Sam Bragg blocking in 2003 v Aquila at Keele, James Mousley, Falko Drijfhout*



Best Outdoor (Team Gios)... basically Team GB outdoor!

Starting 6 in italics

Outside

Neil Masters

Phil Smith

Dave Lovell

Nick Hardy

Middle

Mark Arme

Alex Burt

Julian Kobylarz

Setters

Paul Conlon

Jon Pennock

Opposite

Si Ibbotson

Universal

Ant Viggars

Will Roberts

Coach

Rod Stockwell



(L-R): *Will Roberts, Neil Masters, Jon Pennock, Rod Stockwell, Si Ibbotson, Dave Lovell*

'Castle post- City of Stoke (2002 to 2005)

Starting 6 in italics

Outside

Dave Lovell
Neil Masters
Nick Hardy
Phil Smith

Setters

Sam Bragg
Jon Pennock

Middle

Ben Beardsmore
Falko Drijfhout
Will Roberts
Alex Burt

Opposite

Ant Viggars
Si Ibbotson

Coach

Ant Viggars



(L-R): Neil Masters, Si Ibbotson, Nick Hardy, Will Roberts, Dave Lovell, Jon Pennock, Ant Viggars

'Castle Legends (that Noodle didn't have the honour of playing on the same 'Castle team as)

Starting 6 in italics

Outside

Steve Fee
Richard Guest
Frank Wellings

Setters

Richard Dobell
Sam Allen
Rod Stockwell

Coach

Keith Trenam

Libero

Andy Riding

Middle

Simon Guest
Patrick Cawthorn

Universal

Mark Speake

Opposite

James Cooper

James Rousell (early/mid-90s... Will has mentioned him a lot but I never saw him play!!)



(L-R): Mark Speake, Sam Allen, Frank Wellings, James Cooper, Andy Riding, Richard Guest, Steve Fee, Richard Dobell

Junior Teams in Action in January

Throughout January 'Castle's under 16 and under 18 girls and boys teams will be in action in the National Junior Championships. All teams are involved in very challenging groups, and we wish all five teams the very best of luck as they try to qualify for the Top 8s at the end of February!

Under 16 girls

Saturday 16th January
Madeley High School

Newcastle (Staffs)
Tettenhall Tigers
Nunthorpe
Eggescliffe

Under 16 boys

Saturday 9th January
Madeley High School

Newcastle (Staffs) A
Redhill A
Nottingham Rockets
Newcastle (Staffs) B

Under 18 girls

Sunday 10th January
Redhill School Stourbridge

Newcastle (Staffs)
Redhill
Wessex
Marske Phoenix

Under 18 boys

Sunday 17th January
Redhill School Stourbridge

Newcastle (Staffs) A
Redhill A
Middlesbrough
Worksop



NVL fixtures 2009-2010

Men 1: NVL 1

16/1/10 – London Lynx (h)
23/1/10 – London Malory (a)
30/1/10 – City of Bristol (a)
31/1/10 – Leicester (h) (Cup r3 @ Madeley)
20/2/10 – Cambridge (h) (7pm)
6/3/10 – London Docklands (a)
20/3/10 – London Polonia (h)
27/3/10 – Warwick Riga (a)
10/4/10 – Sheffield (h)

Ladies: NVL 3 North

10/1/10 – Canterbury (a) Nat Shield
17/1/10 – Leeds 2 (h)
17/1/10 - Univ. Birmingham 2 (h)
31/1/10 – Leicester (a)
21/2/10 – Leeds 2 (a)
21/2/10 – Sheffield (a)
7/3/10 – Telford (a)
7/3/10 - Warwick Riga 2 (a)
20/3/10 – Chester 2 (h)
20/3/10 – Leeds Carnegie (h)

Men 2: NVL 3 North

9/1/10 – Team Bath (h) Nat. Shield
24/1/10 – East Midlands Lions (a)
24/1/10 Nottingham Rockets (a)
7/2/10 – York(a)
7/2/10 – Middlesbrough 2 (a)
27/2/10 – Nottingham Rockets (h)
27/2/10 – Chester (h)
28/3/10 – City of Preston (a)
28/3/10 – East Midlands Lions (a)

NVL Match Reports

All our NVL teams are responsible for writing their own match reports and submitting them for publication on www.nsvc.co.uk - go to the 'Statistics links on the home page to read the reports



'Castle in time-out action v Sheffield in December 2009

BIG MATCH – PLEASE GIVE YOUR SUPPORT!!!

16/1/10
NSVC V LONDON LYNX
6PM AT MADELEY

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NSVC club t-shirt, Navy Blue



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£10.00



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£20



'Castle Polo Shirt

£10



'Castle Drawstring Bag

£5

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dig...



set...



spike...

Play 'Castle Volleyball

