



# News Release

## **MONDIAL SPONSORSHIP TAKES NETBALL TEAM TO SEMI-FINALS**

Thanks to sponsorship from Mondial UK and talent on the court, the Essex Metropolitan netball team reached the semi-finals of the UK Intercounties Competition in Gateshead. As previous winners and six times National County League Champions, the Essex Mets are a force to be reckoned with.

The team is managed by ex-England Captain, Fiona Murtagh MBE and includes a number of current and ex-England players. Mondial offered its support as part of its commitment to the local community.

A Mondial spokesperson commented: "Netball is under funded at grassroots level and needs all the help it can get, so we are glad to be able to offer our support through sponsorship. There are a total of 60,000 registered players in England and Wales, compared to 750,000 in Australia and it's great to be able to help promote the sport. The Essex Mets put up a great fight in Gateshead and although they didn't win this time, I'm sure our ongoing support will help them rule the netball court next time."

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### ***Note to Editors***

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