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## NOTTINGHAM SECURE FIRST AWAY WIN OF THE SEASON

### Wirral HC 27 – 34 University of Nottingham HC

The University of Nottingham Handball Club's Men's team returned to winning ways after recording their biggest win of the season so far against Wirral at Liverpool Greenbank sports centre. After being outdone last week by a strong Manchester side, Nottingham kept their cool to outscore their opponents in an ill tempered match which threatened to boil over on a number of occasions.

The teams exchanged goals early in the game before Nottingham began to settle and take control, with goals coming from every position. Nottingham's attack looked faster and more inventive, finding a way through the Wirral defence with almost every venture forward. Wirral's mix of youth and experience on the other hand kept them in the game as their halves looked strong and their wingers tricky. Some strong shooting meant that Wirral found a way through the defence and caused problems for the goalkeeper. Dana Muhammed was making his first appearance in goal after some impressive displays at the other end of the court this season. In an entertaining first half, Nottingham emerged with a lead of 21-13, but were disappointed with the gaps in their defence.

In the second half, Nottingham began strongly, scoring a few goals while restricting their opponents. With several arguments on the court disrupting the flow of the game, however, neither team could find their rhythm. The game became stretched at times, with long balls from the goalkeepers finding both teams out of position. Wirral took control of the play towards the end of the match, with some impressive goals particularly from the right wing, as Nottingham wasted several chances to make their lead more comfortable. In the end, however, the deficit was too great and Nottingham held on for another win.

Nottingham's goals again came mostly from Jon Mardaras (13) and Cedric Biguenet (11) with other scorers from throughout the team. Dana Muhammed impressed in goal and even saved a penalty, while the team made up for missing 4 last week by scoring every penalty awarded in the match. Wirral's goals were spread out, with Roberts (7), Halstead (7), Jameson (6) and Price (5) contributing to the result.

Nottingham continued to keep up with the league leaders after their first away win and third overall. They will look to continue their good start to the season against Liverpool Speke Garston. Having defeated their next opponents in both of last season's league matches, the visitors will be confident, but must defend better to take the points again. The next match will be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at Liverpool Greenbank Sports Centre. For more information, see [www.handballclub.co.uk](http://www.handballclub.co.uk)

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#### Notes to Editors

The University of Nottingham Handball Club was established in February 1992 and is currently the only handball club in the East Midlands. The men's team are taking part in the National Division One North League in 2009/10. The club trains on Tuesdays (9-10:30pm) and Thursdays (8:30-10:30pm) at Nottingham University Park Sports Centre. Training is open to students and guests, male and female, of all levels from beginners up. More information is available from Ahmad Beltagui, University of Nottingham Handball Club communications officer, 07717226565, [nottingham\\_handball@hotmail.com](mailto:nottingham_handball@hotmail.com) or online at [www.handballclub.co.uk](http://www.handballclub.co.uk)