

# Louise Jukes-Sports Blog



## 2012 is here!!!!

Finally the golden year is here! This is the year I've been waiting for, the one I've spent the last 5 years working towards- it's really scary how quickly it has crept up but very exciting.

Preparation plans couldn't be better with matches against some top team's including the best team in the world already fixed. Read on and get the dates down in your diary!



## Great end to 2011

Our 2011 season ended fantastically with a win over the African Champions Angola during our test event. I think the fact that we did this in our home arena at the Olympic Park was the icing on the cake. Undoubtedly this result was part down to the amazing crowd that got behind us and was just a taste of what a difference a home advantage can make.

After our test event, Angola went on to compete at the World Championships and finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place. This makes our result even more outstanding. They have also just qualified for the Olympics



*'Thanks to my incredibly kind sponsors, without their generous support I would not be able to continue on this once in a lifetime journey to London 2012, thank you all.'*





## Fixtures for your diary

We have plenty of matches coming up so make sure you look out for the results:

26-30<sup>th</sup> Jan- 2 top league teams from Norway are coming to London for 5 days to play friendly matches

20-25<sup>th</sup> Feb- Camp in Norway

19<sup>th</sup> March- Match V Norway (World and Olympic Champions)

20<sup>th</sup> March- Match V Brazil

**22<sup>nd</sup> March- HOME LEG V Poland (European Qualification)**

**25<sup>th</sup> March- AWAY LEG V Poland (European Qualification)**



## Get our supporter shirt

Our squad has decided that the chances of a major sponsor coming on board is looking rather slim so we've taken matters into our own hand and produced these great t-shirts.

Every penny from the sale of a shirt goes directly to fund us on the journey to the Games. Most athletes representing GB receive individual funding from UK Sport but unfortunately not us.

As much as my sponsors have helped me out, it is still an endless struggle to pay the bills.

We're hoping that these shirts will be worn at our matches and we can look up into the crowd at the Olympics and see the red, white and blue shirts of all our fans cheering us on.

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