

Presentation 2 Women Play Sport 2015:

Slide 1 - Title

For those not here yesterday I'm Paul Hildreth, Director of Global VX, Club Coach (Easi-RockIts) and Head Coach of the England VX Squad

Plan for today is

- (a) recap
- (b) look at examples of girls & women in VX

Slide 2- Recap

Quick recap of what VX is for those people who weren't here:
it is all of these things.

the inclusivity is especially important ó

BUT, this is a conference about WOMEN PLAY SPORT - so in this presentation we look at specific examples

I am here to tell you about VX because it is total equality, as I said in the first presentation

this is not a programme to get women involved. it just does - like disability, we don't adapt the sport to be a disability sport. they play the main sport

There are no ratios - a team can be all male, all female or any mix even in singles males play on a totally equal footing with the guys

HellFighters - Div 2 champions (5 girls, 2 guys)

a league match - 4 girls & 1 guy v 4 guys and 1 girl

Meghan Plummer - V2 Youth World Champion

These examples are covered later

VX is also about giving opportunities to people of all ages

N Lincs have even employed someone with the brief to develop this sport in the county and grow a league

Slide 3 - Examples

this is what we are going to look at today

Examples:

Primary Festivals - run at Ripon Grammar School

Ripon VX Club - one of the fastest-improving clubs in the country

Easi-RockIts VX Club - the longest-established club in the world

Sam Raper - a 'rock' at Easi. Sam does no other sport but is one of our most reliable players

Jess Leech - part of Ripon. Also does no other sport but has been with VX since she was introduced to it at Air Cadets

Family VX-ers - this is a family where Mum and three daughters all play

Meghan - 2012 Youth V2 World Champion

Hannah - aged 13 and currently the sport's hottest prospect

Slide 4 - Primary Festivals

Helen Mackenzie, Director of Sport ran Sports Festivals for Primary Schools.

She ran 30 festivals a year in different sports.

She might get 2 teams, 5, 7, 3 teams. With VX gets 21! one school sent 8 teams one year.

Some of these kids have gone on to join the local club and/or play in after-school clubs.

Why is it so popular?

accessible to all

inclusive - gets non-sporty kids involved

and

IT IS MIXED - they can send any mix of team.

NB we don't make them dribble.

This also shows how flexible it is - supposedly 5 a side, Helen divides the sports hall into 2 and plays 7-a-side on each side so that she can get as many kids involved as possible.

Slide 5: Clubs, Ripon VX Club

Let's have a look at some of the young ladies on here:

Top left: Tash - Mum is now going to join

Top Right: Jess Porter - came along to watch kid brother. Joined in and has got better and better - we just needed to work on her confidence. She played her first competitive match last year. We are very proud of her. Mum has now qualified as Level 1 coach and is getting involved with the club. Jess qualified for National Finals but wasn't available. Her place was taken by a lad.

Bottom Left: Greta - started as primary schooler. Now in secondary and still keeps playing. Delightful young lady

Left Middle: Binnie - came along with Jess. Is getting better and better and gaining confidence

Slide 6: Clubs, Easi-Rocklts VX Club

I've deliberately missed some of my players off here because they crop up later

on here we can see Zoe & Faith Top Left.. Faith is following in brother's footsteps

Top right: Claire - Mum of Hannah. We'll talk about Hannah later. Claire plays too and has qualified as a coach

Middle left: Georgia - no other sport. Has been with us for ages

Bottom right: awards - look how many girls. I'll tell you about some of them separately

Bottom left: Caitlin - 16. Been with us a year. Qualified as coach - great coach.

Competed in V2 Youth National Finals and got a ranking of 6th.

Centre: Sara - made captain at 16. My very own captain Marvel - won everything going (lost 1 match) and were Minster FM Local Heroes Team of the Year

Slide 7: Sam Raper

Does no other sport

Followed brother's footsteps (Dan Raper, first Youth V2 World Champion and member of England VX squad). Sam later brought Charlotte along
Member of HellFighters & plays in League (wins a medal);
Has won several club awards;
totally reliable
referee qualification

Slide 8: Jess Leech

does no other sport.
Been involved since 2007/8. Started aged 14 as an Air Cadet
Participated in first league (Jets)
They then put two teams in. Jess was in Raptors - ended up being National Champions
She's been a stalwart of the England team
Northumbria Uni - she got it going there
Now also plays for Ripon - when she was at uni she would come down from Newcastle for League matches. Two pics here - one in League and one in National Knockout. Won the National Knockout
Jess prefers VX but qualified for V2 National Finals. Top 10 ranking

Slide 9: VX Family - Pip

We refer to the VX Community as the 'VX Family' because of the values we espouse and try to nurture however there really is a VX family ...

Pip was the first to play - started with Jess as an Air Cadet but was in a different team (Typhoons).

Unfortunately she moved away ...

BUT NOW SHE'S BACK!

She missed it so much she has started again - she comes back, trains at Stillington (in V2), plays for Phoenix and has gone through England trials again to get back on the squad (she was on the programme before).

Due to go into the RAF she is keen to be one of the growing number of RAF players - we are looking forward to a three-services championship (Sam Raper's brother is a trainee navy pilot)

Slide 10: VX Family - Clarice

With Pip being such an enthusiastic player, kid sister Clarice was the next to start

Clarice now 14 and is about to start playing in the league. This is someone else who does no other sport at all. She used to do gymnastics - but has dropped that
School tries to get her to do extra-curricular with no success. but she plays VX (prefers V2 - compare with Jess) and has a ranking of 6th in the Junior category.

Slide 11: VX Family - Karen

Karen got started when she brought Clarice. She liked what she saw and joined the club. All her girls play
She has won league medals
Has had numerous club awards including players' player of the year;
She played in the V2 National Finals and got a Top 10 ranking which qualified her for the Masters World Cup
She works at a prison and got it included there
Was two time winner of Global VX Executive Award
With HellFighters was Open Knockout runner up
Div 2 winner's medal (same team as Sam Raper) - seen the photos with Sam and Lena qualified coach
set up Stillington VX Club

Slide 12: VX Family - Léna

also plays in HellFighters
also has Div 2 winners medal and Knockout runner up

Slide 13: Meghan

2012 Youth V2 World Cup Winner
Only girl in tournament (I selected 2 girls for England - neither was available). Gave the guys a masterclass
She has 'the look'
Great role model
photo there of Meghan with Hannah Hale at Edinburgh uni playing a demo match sponsored by VX International

Slide 14: Meghan Video

Video on Slide 12 is of Meghan winning the Youth V2 World Cup 2012

Slide 15: Hannah

our hottest prospect - only 13 and a girl.

Clarice brought her to club in December where she had an immediate impact
Second session was V2 and Commissioner of Global VX thought she had been playing for months
March - Accelerated Development
April England trials
She was beating her peers
She was beating peers from another club
beat Karen
beat Jess
won club award as most promising newcomer

was sparring partner for international players - was only 12 and had only been playing 8 months
won local V2 league
now training with some of the top ranked international players
has a National Title
as a junior will be in England Youth Squad to face Scotland

Likes V2 best

Is now sponsored

quote from Mum: 'For as long as I've known Hannah it's been hockey, hockey, hockey. All she's wanted to do was play hockey for England. I never thought I'd come across another sport that got anywhere near hockey never mind totally eclipse it. Now all she talks about is VX!'

Slide 16: Hannah Video

Hannah on TV: <https://youtu.be/fX8CEywkus>

Slide 17: Contact

These are two of my favourite photos

1: this speaks action and fun. Look at her face. She'd never played before

2: This one speaks reaction, determination, grit, blocking, talent ...