

TWIRL *talk*



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Welcome to Twirl Talk, your quarterly insight into all things baton in England under United Twirl England. We hope you have been enjoying the recent warm weather, long may it continue! The first half of this year has been jam packed with both domestic and international competitions as well as seminars. We have been booked and busy and we're not slowing down yet.

INTERNATIONAL *recap*

The IBTF European Technical Championships and EuroNations Cup in Eindhoven was an incredible four days of twirling for English athletes taking on the best of Europe. Competition was fierce but so were our athletes with so many semi-finals and finals made across the weekend. The hard work we know they all put in was evident in the results. A huge congrats to the team and a big thank you to Michelle for organising such a great trip:

European Championships:

3 European Champions! ★

Chantelle Halford - Adult Women Artistic Twirl 

Chantelle Halford - Adult Women X-Strut 

Georgia Langston - Adult Women Solo 

6 podium places! ★

Georgia Langston - Adult Women 2-Baton 

Georgia Langston - Adult Women 3-Baton 

Innovation - Dance Twirl Team 

EuroNations Cup:

4 EuroNations Gold Medalists

Leanne Bailey - Senior Women Solo Level B 

Leanne Bailey - Senior Women 2-Baton Level A 

Taleah Niven - Junior Women 2-Baton Level B 

Charlie Sullivan - Junior Men 2-Baton Level B 

10 podium places

Scarlett Mouncey - Youth Women 2-Baton Level B 

Ruby Huckle - Senior Women 2-Baton Level B 

Matlida Utting - Junior Women Artistic Level B 

Keira Goldsmith - Junior Women Solo Level B 

Millie Clarke - Youth Women 2-Baton - Level A 

Charlie Sullivan Junior Men Solo - Level B 



TWIRLING ROUND UP

Just four short weeks after this amazing competition UTE National Championships took place at K2 Crawley. We saw some new teams and some old faces return. This year we saw bigger sections and the expansion of our para-twirl sections, as well as selections for the upcoming Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl World Championship and Nations Cup. After three long days of competition, we crowned our 2026 overall champions and both the Solo and Artistic Twirl Champion of Champions.

Para - Aurora Sutcliffe, Tiny Tot - Quinn Taylor, Juvenile - Chelsea White, Preteen - Hattie Letch, Youth - Scarlett Mouncey, Junior - Akemi Huynh, Senior - Grace Endersby, Adult - Georgia Langston



The European Championships is not the end of the international season for twirling, August 5th-9th will be the IBTF World Freestyle, Rhythmic Twirl Championship and Nations Cup. In Paris, France. Please join us in congratulating our athletes who were selected to represent England.

Jessica Edwards – Junior Women Rhythmic Twirl - World Championships
Chantelle Halford – Senior Women Rhythmic Twirl - World Championships
Georgia Langston – Senior Women Rhythmic Twirl - World Championships
Bethany Flynn – Senior Women Rhythmic Twirl - World Championships
Grace Endersby – Senior Women Freestyle - World Championships
Grace Endersby and Eliza Letch – Senior Pair - World Championships

Squad for Nations Cup Team – Rheanna Bowles, Millie Clark, Grace Endersby, Chloe Gifford, Pheobe Guy, Jayda Hibbert, Akemi Huynh, Eliza Letch, Keira Goldsmith and Matilda Utting.

MAJORETTE ROUND UP

UTE Majorettes held a very successful selection competition with teams competing from all over the country. Soloists, Duets and Teams have been selected to represent England at the IBTF Majorette European Championships in October.



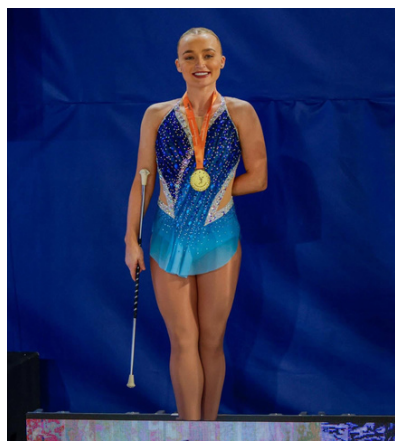
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This quarter we are shining a light onto two extremely hardworking, successful athletes. Chantelle and Georgia are a dedicated pair both achieving both European and National titles this year. We are extremely proud of them.

Twirling SPOTLIGHT

CHANTELLE HALFORD



I balance a full-time career with my passion for twirling, working from 8-4 while also training six days a week for around 25-30 hours. Alongside this, I am pursuing a Doctorate in Clinical Psychology.

My favourite events are X-Strut and Freestyle, as well as enjoying the Rhythmic and artistic aspects of the sport. One of the things I love most about baton twirling is the opportunity to combine athleticism with dance, creating performances that are both expressive and technical.

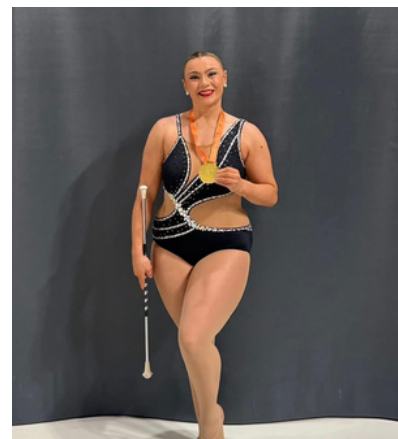
When it comes to setbacks and disappointments, I try to focus on the bigger picture. I value the journey just as much as the competitions themselves, the hours of training, the lessons learned, and the growth that comes from every experience. Not every performance will go to plan, and I've learned that's okay. A difficult competition does not define me as a person or as an athlete. Mistakes are part of sport, and every athlete experiences them, even the ones we admire most. Rather than dwelling on what went wrong, I reflect, learn, and look ahead to the next opportunity. Above all, I strive to enjoy every performance and appreciate the privilege of doing the sport I love.

GEORGIA LANGSTON

During weekdays I aim to train at least two hours a day in conjunction with strength and conditioning training. I normally spend my weekends training with Oasis and train between 9-15 hours over Saturday and Sunday!

I love our sport because of the opportunities it provides and the life long friendships it has brought me. I'm extremely grateful to have had the chance to represent England many times and travel across the world! I'm very lucky to have a large support network of Coaches who are always there to help me through disappointments. The best advice I've received is to be disappointed until the end of the day and then refocus on the next goal!

I currently work as a Social Media Manager for an international Football management company. It's highlighted to me how much I value my time competing and training. I've had to be very creative with my training schedule to ensure I can still train at the level required!



DATES FOR YOUR *diary*



JUNE

27th-28th June – UTE Open – K2 Crawley

JULY

5th July – Majorette Competition – Barnsley
19th July – Majorette Competition – Witham

AUGUST

5th – 9th August – IBTF World Freestyle Championships – France

SEPTEMBER

20th September – Majorette Competition – Barnsley

OCTOBER

6th October – IBTF European Majorettes Cup
8th October – Majorette Competition – Barnsley
11th – UTE AGM
24th – 25th October – UTE Team National Championships – Norwich
24th – 25th October – WFNBT selections – Norwich
27th, 28th, 29th – TwirlFest 2026 – Norwich

NOVEMBER

20th-23rd November – Majorette National Championships – Norbreck