

Cricket star Kirstie is on good innings

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Local sportswoman ready to be bowled over at global games

THE world stage beckons for a sportswoman who learned her craft in Huntly.

Kirstie Gordon (18) was a member of the Scotland Wildcats cricket squad which defeated the Netherlands to clinch a place in next year's ICC Global qualifier in Sri Lanka.

Scotland will be outsiders at the event, however, Kirstie will relish the experience.

"It will be massive to play against the best players and teams in the world," she said.

The Gordon Schools' former pupil earned her 50th senior cap for Scotland in the final game of the 3-0 win over the Dutch side.

"It was pretty exciting to achieve that at a young age and hopefully I can win a lot more.

"I took a few wickets and scored 38 runs from 26 balls in one of the games which helped us amass a big total."

Kirstie, from Huntly, has just finished the first year of a sports science and management degree at Loughborough University.

She has been playing county cricket this summer with Notts Cricket Club, which has seen her train with the Loughborough Lightning squad and two of the world's top players in Australian, Ellyse Perry and New Zealander Sophie Devine.

Kirstie wants to keep playing cricket at the highest level and



The Scotland players celebrate their win over the Netherlands.



Kirstie Gordon (right) accepts an award to mark her 50th senior cap from Scottish coach Kari Carswell.

credits her success to the solid coaching she received in Huntly.

"I played with Huntly Cricket Club from the age of 10 and I owe a lot to Neil Nicol and Calum Howard, two coaches I had at Huntly. I started playing with Scotland when I was 14."

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