



## **Press Release**

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### **FIH to Launch New Website with Live Internet Coverage**

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) is to launch its new website with live internet text commentary from the Men's World Cup Qualifier taking place in Scotland from 17-29 July 2001.

The live coverage will feature a "game ticker" screen with play by play commentary by former Canadian internationals Andrew Griffiths and Hari Kant and an adjoining chat room where viewers can talk with others about the game or ask questions to one of the host commentators at the stadium. The broadcast will be produced in partnership with PlanetFieldHockey, a leading hockey news and information source on the internet.

Of the 16 teams at the qualifier, seven will earn the right to participate in the 2002 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Els van Brieda Vriesman, FIH president, commented, "This exciting initiative breaks new ground for the FIH, at a time when the global hockey community is thirsty for more international coverage of global events and are looking to the internet for information."

If successful the FIH may expand the service to cover future international events.

More details will be available soon at the FIH website [www.FIHockey.org](http://www.FIHockey.org) and at [www.PlanetFieldHockey.com](http://www.PlanetFieldHockey.com)

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