

Footballer from Kilburn called up for England

Leigh Holbrook (pictured) has just won his first cap for England in the KL World 5's Futsal Championships held in Malaysia between 29 January and 3 February. England Futsal Head Coach, Graeme Dell selected Leigh to be a part of his 12 man squad travelling to Kuala Lumpur. The England Squad has been drawn in Pool A which includes a tough first game against the South American expertise of Argentina.

Leigh, originally from Kilburn and now living at Openwoodgate comments: "This is an important tournament for England ahead of the Futsal World Cup qualifiers in Hungary in February and I'm delighted to be given my first cap at this level!"

Futsal is the FIFA and UEFA recognised version of small-sided football. Its popularity throughout the world is evident and nations like Brazil, Spain and Italy all have full time national teams. It is said that Ronaldo, Roberto Carlos, Figo and Ronaldinho all developed their initial skills as a result of playing Futsal.



Taken by Andy Conkleton - Manager of Leigh's local 5-a-side team, Belper Oberon

To discover more about Futsal and to see how Leigh and the England squad fared in Malaysia go to www.thefa.com/england/futsal/

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