

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB
(Affiliated to the Middlesex County Hockey Assn.)

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Dear

I am delighted to tell you that the season 1955/56 was the most successful in the past twenty years. The 1st XI was beaten only by Hounslow (0-4), London University (1-2) and RMA Sandhurst (1-3). Victories were recorded against Purley (3-1), Hawks (2-1), Wimbledon (3-1), Beckenham (2-1) and Bromley (3-2), amongst others. The 2nd XI had a mixed season but defeated Purley, Blackheath, Hounslow and Hawks second elevens. Altogether the Club won many more matches than it lost. A complete record appears with the enclosed A.G.M. minutes.

I am sure you will join with the Committee in sending best wishes to Luther Vye, who has been selected for the Great Britain Olympic side to travel to Melbourne. R.A. Downard played in all the Welsh international matches last year, and is the first player since the war to rise to international honours whilst playing for the club.

My sad news is that we shall be leaving Brondesbury on 1st April 1957 as the Cricket Club have accepted an offer from a school for football and cricket to be played during the week, bringing them in more revenue than we could possibly provide. I hope that by the time I write you the mid-season newsletter I can advise you where we shall be for the future. If, however, you know of any grounds in your area that might be suitable and available, I should be pleased to make further enquiries.

For the coming season all old members will be warmly welcomed at Brondesbury whenever they are able to visit us. I am sending you a fixture card in case you live near to any of the away fixtures. I am also enclosing a copy of the minutes of the last A.G.M. which will show you the progress of the club in the past year.

During the season a number of old members were placed on the register of non-playing members for a subscription of £1. 1. Od. per annum.

Five elevens will be in the field each week, and the Spaniards have a full fixture list on Sundays. With the new fixtures of Cheam, Dulwich and Tulse Hill, the club will be tested to the full.

The committee join with me in sending you our best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Secretary.