

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

BULLETIN 8

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RESULTS	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	6thX1	Vets		1stX1
Maidenhead	0-2	1-1	0-3	1-2	2-4	2-2	1-1	Cambs Univ	0-1

On Saturday the 1stX1 again failed to take their chances, especially with numerous short corners awarded to them. The 2ndX1 (Jerry Stanyard) started in fine style scoring an excellent goal, the build-up of which involved many players. However as the game progressed Maidenhead took control and only fine goalkeeping by Arthur Soares plus a number of goal-line clearances enabled the team to draw. The 3rdX1 gave a very poor performance. The 4thX1, without a goalkeeper soon went two down, but a spirited fightback almost gained a deserved draw, but Graham Smith's goal wasn't quite enough. The 5thX1 (Roger Rookes, John Tarkanyi) paid dearly for silly defensive errors. The 6thX1 preserved their unbeaten record thanks to goals from Andy Galloway and the skipper, Dick Cresswell. The hero was Peter Marshall who bravely volunteered to don the pads. The Vets (Cay Schroeder) match was an epic affair. The two gladiators at the back Peter Laming and Julian Caswood despite various unsteady moments stood firm especially when Maidenhead threatened to run away with the game in the second half.

Many thanks to Peter Boizot and the Vets for the port and stilton after the game. We doubled up at Corams, the second match under floodlights. This will probably be done many times before Christmas. I was disappointed that Maidenhead failed to come back to the clubhouse, but I was exceptionally annoyed that only three of our 4thX1 returned. It almost makes it impossible to justify the extra expense involved.

LONDON LEAGUE

At a meeting of London League clubs on Wednesday it was decided by 14 votes to 9 that the first division would not be split into two. We voted with the majority having decided on this course of action last Monday.

However this almost certainly will not be the last heard of this matter, the H.A. strongly disapproving of the present London League set-up. We can expect some sort of action from that baddy (sorry body).

SHOWERS

Before anyone else tackles me on the position. The Hornsey Club gave me the go ahead in September to get them sorted out. I contacted a well-known plumbing company who did a survey. They found many things wrong and work was done costing the club £400. They sent off through their wholesalers for the spare parts for the showers. This has been where the problem lies, the actual firm for the parts is in Newcastle, I just pray they haven't gone bust (we would need completely new showers costing £1000+. The plumbers will give me a definite answer next week. If anyone can suggest anything more I can do, or would like to take the problem over themselves (instead of continually moaning) I would be grateful.

REMINDER Bar Duty... Monday 10th November... Tim Dixon + Gerry Stanyard

DIRECTIONS TO HAWKS

Whitelty Village Nr Weybridge Surrey 97 44 671
From London take the A3, leaving this road at the Cobham intersection. Take the 3rd exit from the roundabout (signed A245 Byfleet). Turn right in 1/4 mile at traffic lights. In 1 1/2 miles turn right at roundabout. Entrance gates to Whitelty Village are 1/4 mile on right. Ground on left.

RESULTS LAST SEASON

1stX1 3-1 2ndX1 4-1 3rdX1 0-2 4thX1 2-0 5thX1 1-0 6thX1 1-4 Vets 5-2

COMMENTS

We, as a club, are going through a difficult time at present. The problems seem to be mounting up... pitches, finance, showers, poor results, car park and above all selection. The latter, with the pool system, has had both its advantages and disadvantages. We have had numerous cry-offs in the past months but these have been covered quickly and without fuss from the reserves. However the system does require reserves meaning that players who want a game, some weeks do not. The Selection Committee are going to review the situation. To this problem and the others I ask you to show patience and perhaps a little understanding for us amateurs. As I write yet another problem, the grass mower/roller has broken down.