

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB BULLETIN 11 OCTOBER, 1976

Results	<u>1st XI</u>	<u>2nd XI</u>	<u>3rd XI</u>	<u>4th XI</u>	<u>5th XI</u>	<u>6th XI</u>
v Purley	1-1	0-1	1-3	2-2	1-3	1-6

I haven't actually spoken to Norman Barrett on the 1st XI results but I gather they came very close to winning a fairly tense struggle. I believe an incident occurred which had similar implications to the "walking" controversy at cricket. Does a hockey player admit that he has unfairly scored a goal? It is very difficult and really a matter of personal integrity - I myself feel that one gets enough goals disallowed incorrectly that one should accept those that go the other way, nevertheless I am pleased to see that the sense of sportmanship rather than gamesmanship is uppermost in some players' minds. Unfortunately these days the honest guy doesn't always win.

The 2nd XI had a magnificent game and did everything except score goals. They must have created 6 open chances and several possible scoring opportunities. However in the long run we forwards let the team down and a series of mishaps allowed Purley to score with 5 minutes to go. David Teale suffered a rather nasty blow to the face and was advised to leave the field by Doc Hughes. Don Nute was called from his afternoon nap and very ably took over, his first task being to defend a 5 yard bully in front of the posts.

KIT

Club shirts may be purchased from Sportscentre in Park Road, Crouch End only 5 minutes walk from the Club.

Socks may also be purchased there and he has a large stock of NAVY BLUE shorts. Anyone who had doubts as to the Club colours please refer to the fixture card.

AVAILABILITY

I don't know what has happened to one or two of our normally reliable members but the 4th and 6th XIs both had players that failed to turn up. We have a large number of new members waiting to join the Club and if you fail to play when selected I am afraid you will take a very secondary position in the eyes of the selection committee.

In the light of recent experience I would recommend that reserves turn up at the ground because they are very likely to get a game.

4th XI

The 4th XI are without a regular captain at the moment. Andy Parsons has agreed to take responsibility for the next 4 or 5 weeks. But a team does need a leader, could we please have some thoughts from interested parties, and please give Andy full support in the coming weeks.

TRAINING

Some members are still not paying their 20p for the session, only 12 paid last week.

Congratulations to Nick Coleman who qualified as a Grade I Hockey Coach so don't forget to call him 'Sir' on Monday evenings.

TEAM SECRETARY

Nick Coleman has some very heavy commitments on behalf of the Club and he would like at least a Deputy Team Secretary to help him with his duties - any volunteers??