

RESULTS

Maidenhead
Harpenden

1stXI	2ndXI	3rdXI	4thXI	5thXI	6thXI	Vet XI
2-1	0-0	1-1	2-0	7-0		5-2
					9-0	

REPORTS

The 1stXI (Tim Dixon 1, Norman Borrett 1) won mainly due to a scintillating first-half display. Tim was playing in the unaccustomed position of full back but still managed to trot upfield to convert a short corner. Harvinder Kular had an excellent first game for the team and had a hand in both goals, and Brian Owles (four of the regular pool were unable to play) gave his usual 100% for the team, and showed his unique style of tackling (Kami-K).

The 2ndXI had the better of their match but couldn't take advantage of the numerous long and short corners they were awarded. Excellent performance in defence given by Raj Toor.

The 3rdXI (John McCabe 1) only had nine men, and in the last ten minutes only eight as Andy Benson was injured. Added to this the team only found on the Saturday that they were not playing on grass. Therefore it is a great credit to the nine that in the circumstances they played well, moving the ball around sweetly, and were only denied a win in the closing minutes. John's goal was a solo effort when he took advantage of a poor defensive pass.

The 4thXI (John Tipping 1, Gay Schroider 1) had a convincing win giving their best performance of the season. Gay's goal was a classic passing movement. Pat Flanagan gave a superb debut performance for the team at full back.

The 5thXI (Andy Joss 3, Richard Ball 2, Andy Gregory 1, Mike Barrott 1) completely destroyed the much weaker opposition. It was a good team performance, but I would single out Andy Gregory for his high work-rate and constant pressure he put the opposition defence under. I'm also pleased to see the double captain system working well (I was rather sceptical at the start of the season) this being borne out by the spirit and determination of the team.

(I don't wish to spoil the euphoria surrounding the 4th and 5thXI's wins, but they were playing Maidenhead's 5th and 7th teams (they run nine teams). I am assured by the opposition that this will be rectified next year. The manner of the wins will give Robin Henderson ammunition to make sure this is carried out).

The 6thXI (Andy Galloway 3, Peter Hornsby 2, Colin Davey 2, Tony Barry 1, Steve Bloomfield 1) were so quick and skilful for their much weaker opposition. Although not on the scoresheet Martin Garrett had a fine game on the wing sending over numerous dangerous centres. Many thanks to Graham Cooper, who despite being injured, travelled with the team and umpired.

The Veterans (Stuart Brown 2, Guy Mayers 1, Ron Hart 1, Mike Sadler-Forster 1) gave a fine all-round display and I'm sure celebrated afterwards in typical fashion. Many thanks to Richard Shaw for umpiring at short notice.

WORK PARTY.....The second work party will take place this coming Sunday (10.00-12.30)

UB FULLOVERS...Contact Nick Coleman (485 8762)....£10 each

WANTED.....By Don Nute, a diving rod, a witchdoctor's chant and an umbrella. Watering the pitches didn't work, it still hasn't rained.

CONGRATULATIONS.....to Ronin Francis on winning the £25 draw in the 200 club.....to Nigel Barker on being top scorer in the Quiz Cricket.....to the player who didn't know his Dumbo's from his Jumbo's.....to the 1stXI on such a quiet half-time chat (who was missing?)

CLUB HISTORY (PART TWO)

For 44 years, up until the Second World War, the home ground for Hampstead was amazingly enough at the Richmond Athletic Ground (changing at the 'Tulip Tree') nearly ten miles from the natural home in Hampstead.

Before the first World War Hampstead became the leading club in London, taking over from the famous Staines side. From 1902 until 1914 our record was played 260, won 181, drawn 36, lost 43, goals for 1035 against 445.

Probably the greatest player who ever wore Hampstead colours (he did so for 19 years) was J.E. Shoveller, known as 'Shove'. His record is worth presenting here. He was 'the prince of Centre Forwards', scoring over one third of the 1stXI goals, something well over 500. He played 29 times for England scoring 79 goals (a world-record). He is the only Englishman to win two Gold medals at the Olympics for hockey (1908 White City and 1920 Antwerp).

In the 1920 Olympics there were four Hampstead players in the English team, Shove, Jack Bennett, C.T.A. Wilkinson and C.S.W. Marcon. As Gerald Logan won a gold medal in the 1908 Games with Shove, the club has a record of six gold medals.