

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

BULLETIN 7

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 1980

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>1stX1</u>	<u>2ndX1</u>	<u>3rdX1</u>	<u>4thX1</u>	<u>5thX1</u>	<u>6thX1</u>	<u>Vets</u>	<u>Sec</u>
Cheam...	0-0	1-1	3-0	1-0	1-1	3-2	3-1	Rickmansworth 81

(Spaniards drew 1-1 with Wayfarers having beaten Bishops 2-0 last week)

The 1stX1 pitched into Cheam completely outplaying them, but hooked too many shots wide. The 2ndX1 (Tim Kok) seem to have ironed out their defensive problems and gave a good performance being unlucky not to win (too much driving down the middle and not enough wing play). The 3rdX1 (Abe Hillel, Dave Mason, Rod Tippen) sliced through their opposition with Tony Fawley being an inspiration teeing up the chances. The 4thX1 (Nigel Barker), playing in the fair way, overcame Cheam in a close battle. The 5thX1 (Andy Gregory) match was a rough affair with the umpires forced to blow anything out of bounds. The 6thX1 (Andy Galloway 2, James Barnes) having been two down drove back in fine style to gain a spirited win. The Vets (Cay Schroeder 2, Guy Mayers) enjoyed the sand of Highgate Wood gaining ample revenge for last year's heavy defeat by giving a fine all-round display. The Secretary lost on the last hole but enjoyed his afternoon considerably more than the ..... morning.

PITCHES SITUATION

The position is most worrying. The drained scoreboard pitch will be out of action for most of the season to allow the grass to knit together. Creighton North are having tremendous problems as the clay under soil is coming to the surface. Our other grass pitch is waterlogged and will need a long dry spell. That leaves us with Corams and Highgate Wood. As you know I hate cancelling matches and don't intend to do so unless forced. In the meantime I have done the following:-

- (a) Asked Haringey to mark the large Highgate Wood pitch and forget Creighton. I have been told this will be considered sympathetically and I should know in a week.
- (b) Ask Islington Council to consider giving us a much reduced charge for using their Astroturf pitch at Market Rd. The present cost of £22.00 per match is too dear.
- (c) Rearrange some home matches away. At the moment I am negotiating for the following matches to be played away... 2ndX1 v Maidenhead (this Saturday)... 1stX1 and 2ndX1 v Oxford University... 2ndX1 v London University.. The 3rdX1 v Hounslow match has been changed to Sunday 30th November (away). These are temporary measures to try to overcome the immediate problems. Where a match has been changed there will be no match fees.

MAIDENHEAD.....Maidenhead + Bray Sports Club Bray Berks 0628 22669

Exit No 9 off M4 (Maidenhead), on roundabout take 3rd exit (Maidenhead Central), at next roundabout take A308 (Windsor), turn left just before M4 bridge - signposted Bray. Go through village, past Hinds Head and ground is on right next to Church.

CAMBRIDGE (Sunday).....Trying to contact someone at Cambridge is harder than getting into Fort Knox. I'll let captains know of venue as soon as I can.

RESULTS LAST YEAR

v Maidenhead.....	1stX1 4-1	2ndX1 2-1	3rdX1 0-1	4thX1 1-0	5thX1 1-3	Vets 1-0
v Cambridge.....	1stX1 2-2	2ndX1 xxx				

BAR ROTA.....Many thanks to those members who have conscientiously done their duty so far, it means I have no aggro from the Hornsey Club. If you cannot do it (as tonight's twosome please try to get others to replace you and not tell me on a Saturday night, I have enough on my mind as it is.

- Monday 3rd November (next week).....John McCabe + Leon Flack
- Monday 10th November.....Tim Dixon + Gerry Stanyard
- Monday 17th November.....Rod Jones + Andy Hughes
- Monday 24th November.....Rod Tippen + Geoff Hunt
- Monday 1st December.....Bob Hale + George Banting
- Monday 8th December.....Richard Ball + Tim Cross
- Monday 15th December.....Andy Galloway + Graham Cooper
- Monday 22nd December.....two members from the Vets.

SUBSCRIPTIONS NEW MEMBERS.....You will find enclosed with this bulletin details please pay promptly. Many thanks to Messrs Farmer and Burleigh for already sending in their cheques. Thanks also to Brian Graham (found it on Sunday morning).

JOKE OF THE WEEK (told to me in clubhouse ..... (Golfer) I played that round just like the last war, out in 39, back in 45. (it was better when told).

POOLS.....please note the new pools for November for the lower teams.