

RESULTS	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	VetsX1	6thX1	Spaniards
Indian Gym (Middx Cup) 2-0					Polytechnic 2-2	3-0
Surbiton	6-2	2-0	3-0	H.A.C.		
(4th, 5th & 1stX1 Saturday matches cancelled)				Indoor... Old Wills 4-3	London Univ 7-1	

REPORTS
The 1stX1 (Norman Borrett 1, Bill Taylor 1) won a superb cup match on Sunday. It was tremendously exciting with end to end hockey, highly competitive and the result being in doubt until Bill's last minute clincher. It was very much a team performance but I hope the other nine will not mind me singling out two players who had the most to prove, firstly Steve Pennington in goal on his recall to the first team, he made numerous fine saves including a penalty flick, but his edge of the circle save in the closing minutes when we were only one up was crucial. Secondly I would mention Harvinder Kular. No-one doubts his tremendous skill but he proved in this match that he can also put in the right amount of work-rate and have the correct temperament to play at the top level. His superb dribble through the defence only to see his shot hit the post was a highlight of the match. NOW FOR SOUTHGATE ON SUNDAY (We can do it)

The 2ndX1 (Tony Fawley 2, Hugh Smith 2, Mike Baker 1, Johnny Miller 1) were set on the winning path by a superbly taken goal from Johnny latching on to Harvinder's overhead into the circle. We were four up at half-time but slack play, especially late on in the match almost allowed Surbiton, who missed numerous chances, back into the match. Hugh took his goals well and I'm bold not to mention Paul Masterton, who was our best defender, because I've mentioned him to often, so I will not. Many thanks to Andy Hughes and Johnny for painting the circles beforehand. There are no truths in the rumours that they had to do it because they are the only ones short enough to reach the handleless paintbrush, or that Don almost had a heart attack when he thought he saw two moles approaching the cricket square.

The 3rdX1 (Dorian Khoo 1, Abe Hillel 1) playing away to Surbiton (Surrey) at Pickett's Lock (virtually in Essex)... (sounds crazy, but the intentions were honourable)... found the pitch a quagmire and the match became a farce. Geoff Wilmott won the award for building the best sandcastle (Abe would have won but forgot his bucket... anyway Geoff's had plenty of practice) and John McDougall broke two sticks which he will sell for £5 each.

The 6thX1 (John Tipping 1, Richard Cresswell 1) enjoyed a competitive but friendly match at the Poly. We were two up just after the interval but the opposition had the slight edge in skill and the draw was on reflection a very fair result. Outstanding for Hampstead were Roger Rookes and that well-known 'Centurion Tank' of a player, the one and only Richard Cresswell.

The Vets (Stuart Brown 2, Robin Henderson (fantastic) 1) and the opposition (a good set of blokes... quote) thoroughly enjoyed their match at John O'Groats. Leon Flack, guesting for the opposition almost deprived the cricket section of next season's captain, and also at one point did a good impression of Chief Sitting Bull in the goalmouth. Mr. Brown who stated that he objected to the word placed after his name on last week's team list, gave a bubbling performance and took his goals sweetly, but neither of these matched Superman's (Robin) effort.

I will not go into details of exactly what happened on Saturday regarding the change in Answerings, and that many people went to Surbiton to find their game cancelled. The Surbiton Match Secretary apologises and admits it was their fault. The ridiculous thing was that after changing their minds over the fitness of their pitches, many of their 2ndX1 players said on leaving Surbiton the pitches were probably better than the Hornsey pitch, which considering the weather of late played exceptionally well. I would point out that Robin Francis, our Team Secretary, has been doing a superb job and is completely blameless for anything that went wrong, he had enough problems on Saturday morning within the club without having Surbiton mess us about. On a happier note some of the 1stX1 went to Twickenham hoping to get tickets. A policeman recognised Dave Dixon as a moral, law-abiding citizen on the up and up (creep) and gave him five free tickets.

THE THEATRE EVENING This Friday evening (9th February) Theatre show 'Bubbling Brown Sugar' at the Royalty Theatre Portugal St. (£5 tickets but will cost you only £4). Meal afterwards in the restaurant at the theatre (you pay your own bill) and for those who still feel energetic off to the Disco next to the restaurant. MEET at 7.30 in the GEORGE (The public house not....) in Portugal St ..corner of Sheffield St or MEET in the Royalty Theatre Bar at 8.30.

If you want to go, either on your own or with someone (loved one) please phone Peter Boizo preferably at work (if not in leave your message (name, number going) 437 7215. You could try Pete at 3100.... Reservations will be taken up to Friday lunchtime.

WANTED An average, normal, large, nonstrows, double-size, patterned, plain, floral, Edwardian, modern, ancient, new (be lucky) SOFA.....in other words just any sofa....Squeaking ones most acceptable as long as not inhabited by mice....by JOHN BUTCHER who will pick it up (and probably throw it down again)....seriously (which is difficult after this weekend) if you have a second-hand sofa please contact John 722 5686.
Thanks to all those people who turned up for painting on Sunday...they were Dave Dixon, Dave