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HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER HOCKEY CLUB

A NEW WATER-BASED PITCH

CLUB PRESIDENT PETER BOIZOT INTERVENES

National Division 1 team, Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club, who finished 5th last year under the guidance of coach Rob Thompson, the former GB player, and captain Dan Williams, are to play on a new water-based pitch at their home ground at Paddington Recreation Ground, Maida Vale, Central London. The President of the Club, Peter Boizot M.B.E. intervened to persuade Westminster that, instead of laying 2 new sand-filled pitches, it was to the advantage of all sports within Westminster and hockey in particular, that one of the new pitches should be a water-based surface. The contract for the redevelopment of Paddington pitches and running track had been awarded to Balsm (UK) Limited who are responsible for laying the pitches for the Sydney Olympics. The result is that Hampstead & Westminster Hockey will be playing on the very latest surface, the only one of its kind in the UK, built to specifications which are even more stringent than those presently required by the FIH. - an HVT z MOL polypropylene surface.

Chairman, Nick Coleman, told us that the Club is thrilled with the development. "The whole project has been made possible by the extraordinary assistance of the President to whom we owe an enormous debt of gratitude. This will help to continue the development of the Club to make it a genuine challenger in English hockey".

The new water-based pitch will be ready by early November 1998.