

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB      BULLETIN 6      MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 1980

<u>RESULTS</u>	<u>1stX1</u>	<u>2ndX1</u>	<u>3rdX1</u>	<u>4thX1</u>	<u>5thX1</u>	<u>Vets</u>	<u>6thX1</u>
Teddington	0-1	1-4	0-1	1-2	6-0	0-3	St Albans 6-1
Middx Cup....	1stX1	3	Hayes	2			

In an entertaining match the 1stX1 (Tim Dixon, Brian Guest, Richard Chapman) overcame Hayes to have the pleasure of playing away to Southgate in the next round. On Saturday the side went down to a 'fluke' goal despite having the best of the play.

The 2ndX1 (Hugh Smith) paid heavily for an inept start whilst the 3rdX1 gave a solid defensive display against strong opposition. The 4thX1 (Graham Smith) continue to miss chances including in this match two penalty flicks. The 5thX1 seemed to have no problems in this department, their goals coming from Andy Gregory 2, Dave Adelston 2, Tony Goodwin and Tony Elliott. The Vets found their opposition on average fifteen years younger and fifteen yards quicker. The Cresweell warriors keep marching on this time steamrolling St Albans with goals from Tim Kingham 3, Tony Barry, Harry Charalambou and Vic Holman.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING.....Before selection at 6.45 next Monday 27th October to decide on how we are going to vote regarding the changing of the London League.

DETAILS OF LONDON LEAGUE PROPOSALS (Please give your views to a Committee member, and if you are in the 1stX1 squad you are invited to the Committee Meeting).

1. The proposal is to streamline the present League into two divisions. The reasons for this change is to allow County and International matches to be played, the club championship to be played, A National League Championship to be played, Indoor Hockey Tournaments to be played all on Saturdays without calling on players thus weakening their club \*stX1 for London League matches. There would be priority dates.

- Advantages...1. Everyone plays everyone else in the league.  
 2. No play-offs needed.
- Disadvantages 1. Block fixtures would go (except possibly 2ndX1 downwards).  
 2. Insufficient competitive games for the 1stX1.

I know there is a great difference of opinion in the club over these proposals, I for one being extremely worried that the games at grass root level are being interfered with by so called higher hockey, especially indoor matches which I tend to feel is a totally different sport from the outdoor game. Anyway that is just my view and I'm sure others will be expressed.

TRAINING .....Sorry that training was cancelled for today. They didn't let us know until Friday that the Gym was required for a parent's evening. However they will open the Gym for us next Monday. (I sometimes wonder why I bother to do this bulletin).

DIRECTIONS TO CHEAM.....Cheam Sports Club, Peaches Close, Station Rd Cheam 642 1817  
 R. TEALS WAY.....Hammersmith Bridge.....Roehampton Lane.....Kingston Bypass A3..  
 ....Stay on old A3 at Malden don't go on new Esher bypass...at roundabout 1st left into Malden Rd and carry straight on...Central Rd...Cheam Common Rd ..Cheam Common... Malden Rd again...Malden Rd Broadway ...Cheam Village...Station Rd....1st right past bridge is Peaches Close.....Ground on right.

RESULTS v CHEAM LAST SEASON

1stX1..1-0	2ndX1..2-1	3rdX1..1-1	4thX1..2-2	5thX1..2-3	Vets..1-5
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TIMES Please note....1stX1....2.00 6thX1.....3.30  
 5thX1 (playing away again)....2.45 normal time

REMINDER.....Bar Duty Monday 27th October....Geoff Smith + Tim Dixon

On Saturday I was walking across our ground with water squelching over my shoes. You can imagine my astonishment when through this swamp I suddenly hit a dry piece of land. I walked further, still dry and firm. Was I at another club? I looked around to find myself walking across the scoreboard pitch. The new drainage seems to be successful.