

RESULTS	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	6thX1	Vets	other match
Richmond.....	3-2	4-6	0-0	canc	0-1	0-3	4-0	vEdgbaston 4-3

REPORTS

The 1stX1 (Richard Chapman 2, Brian Guest 1) gave a slightly scrappy performance but showed tremendous spirit to win the match despite twice being behind. Our last two goals coming in the final five minutes, the winner being the last hit of the match. Brian's clincher came when he followed up a fierce short corner from Stewart Waugh.

The 2ndX1 (John Tipping 2, Rod Wippen 1, Tony Fawley 1) missing five regulars put up a brave performance against a side in the top four. In a see-saw game defensive errors cost us the match. However many thanks to those who played at such short notice (late Friday night) Sean, Gerry and Rod.

As with the 2ndX1, our 3rdX1 team were short of regulars (only five), and both the result and performance says volumes for the effort put in by those playing. Excellent debut performances from Guy Stobart and Leon Flack, but I'm sure even these two will readily agree that Peter Dale was man of the match. Many thanks to Robin Francis, who as a result of the poor availability and with so many late cry-offs, volunteered and kept goal for the side, and made a vital save in the last minute.

The 5thX1 lost a close and open tussle playing with only ten men. We had our chances, but failed to convert any. Good performances from John Butcher, David Taverner and Richard Ball. The match started over an hour late because of the opposition having difficulty in getting to World's End Lane (I've heard this before).

The 6thX1 found their opposition too strong and fast for them, finally going down by a three goal margin.

The Vets (Rameesh Seedher 2, Stuart Brown 1, Guy Mayers 1) played exceptionally well fully deserving their convincing victory.

AVAILABILITY/CRY OFFS

It seems ridiculous at this stage of the season to once again emphasising this point. If you know you are unavailable for the Saturday, make sure you notify your captain before selection on the Monday. Last week we already had to cancel a match because of poor availability, yet we still had six cry-offs. Next season the club will have a more definite policy at selection.

HOME ARRANGEMENTS THIS SATURDAY (v Mid Surrey + Farnham Common)

This is assuming that we can raise seven teams (see overleaf)

1stX1 (Highgate Wood or Home grass), 3rdX1 (Worlds End Lane), 6thX1 (Highgate Wood 3.30)
5thX1 (Highgate Wood 2.00 (not 2.30 as on fixture card). If the 1stX1 grass pitch is available the 3rdX1 will play at Highgate Wood. To all PHONE ANSWERINGS.

LOWESTOFT FESTIVAL at EASTER

The following are playing...Earp, Gregory, Stobart, Grierson, Butcher, Ball, Joss and Elliott. Another five players are required from any team. Will the following phone Andy Gregory this week (249 0589) as to whether they wish to go..Griffiths, Wickert, DaSilva Hornsby, Morgan, Taverner, Coonan. SEE ALSO THANET FESTIVAL BELOW

ODDSHOTS

A new form of central heating, ask Don if you could arrange a football match on the pitches at the end of the season, Tim Dixon did.....Hope the finger is better Rory,.....Norman please buy a muzzle, and wear it when I'm umpiring your match.....Waffy, keep studying hard and don't be put off by too many guests.....Have you a Red under your bed Don?.....Tony, you really have Abe worried, he's even phoning me at midnight.....Jilly is at present worth £1.50 a minute, so if she sits for the full ten minutes will make £15 for the Guide Dogs (higher Mathematics).....Don't forget the A.G.M. on the 30th April.....3rdX1 63.2, Vets 63.3.....overall 55.7.....Congratulations Nigel Barker on your forthcoming marriage, with falling rolls I'm sure you know where your duty lies.....

THANET HOCKEY FESTIVAL April 28/29

Three or four players still needed to complete the squad. Contact Ron Hart if interested....584 5020 x 422 (daytime)

HOCKEY SHIRT Brian Guest left his hockey shirt at Richmond. Could the player who kindly brought it back with them (3rdX1 player???) contact Brian 444 7523