

RESULTS	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	6thX1	Vets
Guildford	1-0	Canc	1-4	Canc	0-1	1-3	2-0

REPORTS The 1stX1 (Stewart Waugh 1) added the scalp of European Cup Guildford to their league record. We were ahead after ten minutes through a well struck short corner from Stewart and had a few opportunities to increase the lead. However as the match progressed it became a defensive battle with the Dixon (Dave and Tim) brothers outstanding.

The 3rdX1 (Abe Hillel 1) enjoyed a first half which found the teams level. After the interval we deteriorated badly with poor passing (and the lack of it) and little co-ordination. Only John Tipping came out of the match with any credit.

The 5thX1 put on a brave performance against Guildfords strong Gondoliers team. Excellent defensive displays from Roger Rookes and young David Taverner. A feature of the game was Mike Barrott's running out at short corners.

The Vets (Brian Owles 2) were bolstered by Brian, Paul Masterton and Mike Wainwright who all travelled to Guildford at short notice. The hero was Stan Elgar who not only made numerous fine saves but also took a fierce shot on the nose. I hope its alright now Stan, it looked terrible after the match.

The 6thX1 (Mike Scott 1) goalkeeper failed to arrive and this basically cost them the game. Many thanks to Ram Chitra and Leon Flack for playing at such short notice.

TEAM RECORDS	P	W	D	L	F	A	%	Canc	GOLDEN STICKS
1stX1.....	20	10	3	7	34	29	57.5	7	13..Fawley, Hillel
2ndX1.....	20	8	5	7	39	22	52.5	4	9..Joss, Smith H
3rdX1.....	16	9	4	3	33	18	68.8	5	8..Galloway
4thX1.....	16	8	2	6	28	18	56.3	4	7..Garrett, Tipping.
5thX1.....	15	6	4	5	27	16	53.3	5	6..Barry, Brown, Gregory, Griff-
6thX1.....	14	8	1	5	43	31	60.7	5	iths, Hornsby, Miller, Owles.
Vets.....	13	8	1	4	27	17	65.4	5	5..Ball, Dixon, Guest, Hale,
All.....	114	57	20	37	237	151	58.8	35	Patel, S-Forster, Taylor.

BAR ROTA Monday, March 5th.....Leon Flack and Nigel Fletcher  
 12th.....Pat Flanagan and Tony Fawley (959 5923)  
 19th.....Mike Barp (794 2207) and Tony DaSilva  
 26th.....Peter Dale (348 9338) and Colin Davey (888 2287)

COMMENT In the local press (Ham & High) last week there was an article about our grass hockey pitches, with numerous quotes from Viji and Don Nute. The basic point of the article, the poor drainage, is indisputable, the facts bare this out (3 out of a possible 30 Saturday matches played in the past three months, and 5 out of 28 over the same period last season). I fully understand Viji's frustration (matches being cancelled) and Don's as well (all groundsmen like to be praised for their pitches and see games being played), and I have also had experience of reporters gaining information. However on three counts I feel the article was wrong and harmful to the club.

Firstly why wasn't the subject brought up at the A.G.M. or a Special Emergency Meeting. Out of respect to Graham Newton and the other officials of the Hornsey Club this matter and people's feelings should have been raised officially with them and not in the local press. Secondly, the Ham & High contacted Brian Owles for his views on the statements made. Brian quite rightly told them that he didn't want the article published, yet it was. My third point, surely it is the Secretary who should have dealings with the press over matters relating to the club, other than match reports and general matters regarding players (profiles etc). I feel this point should be cleared up for the new secretary next season, whoever he might be.

Not a good week. We had to cancel a match because we couldn't raise a team, probably too late for the opposition to arrange another fixture. This was because of so many late cry-offs. Having heard the numerous reasons I can only assume players knew in advance of their unavailability, but because all matches were postponed the week before, forgot to inform their captain before selection. It is this kind of thoughtless action that gives the club a bad name.

No tea for the 6thX1, many thanks to those of the side who rushed out after the game to buy sandwiches. I think we will need to apologise to the Guildford players many of whom missed the tea because of the lateness in getting them ready.

Not a good week, at least the 1stX1 result and the sun shining cheered me up somewhat. P.S. Just phoned up Stan and he sounds in great form, if a little nasal. Robin Francis left a pair of gloves and a towel in the changing room at Guildford. Did anyone pick them up before leaving.