

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

BULLETIN SIX

Monday, 9 November

RESULTS (31st Oct)

	<u>1stX1</u>	<u>2ndX1</u>	<u>3rdX1</u>	<u>4thX1</u>	<u>5thX1</u>	<u>6thX1</u>	<u>Vets</u>
Maidenhead	1-0	1-1	0-3	1-2	0-3	2-1	2-0
Cambridge	Cancelled						

The 1st X1 were expecting a tough match against Maidenhead but it didn't materialise and Hampstead should really have won by more. Plenty of chances were created but the forwards couldn't score; the solitary goal was scored by Guest.

The 2nd X1 were in arrears from an early Maidenhead short-corner but they eventually took control of the midfield and equalised shortly afterwards. An exquisite through pass from Borrett, at a "set piece", put Delaney through for a superbly taken goal. The second half saw Hampstead tire and they were thankful to settle with one point.

The 3rd X1 found it difficult to adjust to the Market Road Astroturf whereas Maidenhead settled down very quickly. Maidenhead played good, short passes and were too strong for Hampstead.

The 4th X1, playing on a Maidenhead cow pasture dominated the first half of the game and took the lead with a Goodwin goal. The opposition equalised soon after half-time when the 4th's defence left the ball to each other! Maidenhead increased their attacks and a slack defence let in the winner when no real danger existed.

The 5th X1 suffered their third successive defeat after being in control of the first half. A lucky goal was scored by Maidenhead early in the second half and after this the 5th's lost their control of the game.

The 6th X1, with goals from Davey and Bamford beat Maidenhead in a hard but fair game. The winning goal was scored 5 minutes from the end.

The Vets, also playing on an appalling pitch, beat a brute force and speed approach with skill. Shaw and Boizot played well with both goals coming from Schroeder.

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<u>British Airways</u>	<u>Harrow</u>	<u>Staines</u>
4-2	4-3	7-4

Hampsteads' problems were mainly internal, with continual bickering between players in all three games. Wilmot harangued the team after the second match and in the nights final everyone was quiet for the first half. Hampstead took a 3-1 lead and looked safe until Dixon was given the yellow card in the second half; for verbal abuse of the umpire. Staines levelled the scoring at 4-4 in this period. For the last few minutes Hampstead again played hockey and the Staines revival was stopped with 3 more goals.

RESULTS (7th Nov)

	<u>1stX1</u>	<u>2ndX1</u>	<u>3rdX1</u>	<u>4thX1</u>	<u>5th X1</u>	<u>6thX1</u>	<u>Vets</u>
Hawks	1-1	1-0	0-1	2-3	2-0	2-3	Hayes 3-3

The 1st X1's match should have been one of the easier games of the season but they found it difficult to settle and panicked in midfield quite often. Hawks opened the scoring in the first half and Nixon had a goal dis-allowed for dangerous play. Hampstead also had a large number of short-corners which they couldn't convert and Smith had two good shots saved. Chapman saved the match by converting a penalty flick with six minutes to go.

The 2nd X1 had the majority of the play but couldn't convert their chances into goals. The short-corner problem still persists and Edyvean was called upon to make 2 or 3 good saves from Hawks breakaways. The game was won for Hampstead when Borrett scored twelve minutes from the end after a good move down the right flank also involving Kok, Flack and Jones. Catley and Banting were both very sound in defence.

The 3rd X1 suffered their fourth defeat although most of the match was spent in the Hawks half. Quite a few chances were created by Hampstead but they were unable to score. Benson and McIlwaine played well.

The 4th X1 had control of the first half, with some fine work by Barnes. Hale scored from a short-corner (could he be promoted?) and Hampstead never looked in trouble. The second half saw Hawks come into the game more and sloppy defence let their forwards breakaway and score two goals. Goodwin dubiously equalised and then another Hawks breakaway lost the match for us.

The 5th X1 were exuberant after their win, both goals coming from Gregory. I don't think there was anyone at Hawks who wasn't talked through the first goal, which was into the roof of the net. Hawks were awarded a penalty flick before Hampstead had scored but Graham stared-out the player who took it and the ball went wide.

The 6th X1 were unlucky to lose, especially after fighting back from 2-0 down. Holman and Bamford scored the goals to bring the score to 2-2. Hawks scored their third goal with only 5 minutes to go.

The Vets also had to fight back from 2-0 down within 20 minutes. At half-time the score was 2-2 and they dominated the second half, eventually taking the lead. Goals came from Schroeder (2) and Henderson (1). Hayes were a hard uncompromising side though and equalised with the last hit of the match. Stan Elgar in goal played well.

Spaniards v Gerrards Cross - cancelled.

<u>TEAM RECORDS</u>	P	W	D	L	F	A	%
1stX1.....	9	7	1	1	18	6	83.3
2ndX1.....	8	3	3	2	6	3	56.3
3rdX1.....	7	2	1	4	6	12	35.7
4thX1.....	7	3	2	2	15	12	57.2
5thX1.....	7	3	-	4	6	8	42.9
6thX1.....	6	2	2	2	14	13	50.0
Vets.....	5	4	1	-	24	6	90.0
ALL (last season in brackets)	49 (48)	24 (19)	10 (10)	15 (19)	89 (93)	60 (78)	59.2 (50.0)
	P	W	D	L	F	A	%