

# HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER HOCKEY CLUB

## MENS 1st XI RESULTS 1993/94

Dulwich	W	5-0	Crowley, Saxby 2, Dixon
Oxford Hawks	W	3-1	Thompson 2, Williams
Fareham	D	1-1	Williams
Gore Court	L	1-2	Dixon
Old Kingstonians	W	1-0	Dixon
Anchorians	L	0-1	
Spencer	W	4-0	Crowley 3, Dixon
Staines	W	2-0	Crowley, Thompson (pf)
Mid-Sussex	W	3-1	Mandair 2, Crowley
Tulse Hill	W	3-0	Thompson (pf), Williams, Pierce
Chichester	D	0-0	
High Wycombe	W	2-1	Williams, Pierce
Wimbledon	W	3-1	
Lyons	W	1-0	Saxby
Old Walcountians	W	2-0	Bott, Dixon
Hendon	W	2-0	Pierce, Bott
City of Portsmouth	W	3-0	Saxby, Williams, Dixon
Winchester	W	2-1	Williams, Thompson
Maidenhead	L	1-3	Thompson (pf)

## NASTRO AZZURO SOUTH PREMIER HOCKEY LEAGUE 1993/94

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Hampstead and Westminster	19	14	2	3	39	12	44
Anchorians	19	13	2	4	59	26	41
City of Portsmouth	19	13	2	4	30	19	41
Gore Court	19	11	6	2	37	14	39
Maidenhead	19	10	6	3	36	20	36
High Wycombe	19	11	2	6	32	18	35
Oxford Hawks	19	11	1	7	41	31	34
Old Kingstonians	19	8	6	5	28	21	30
Fareham	19	6	10	3	18	12	28
Staines	19	7	6	6	27	23	27
Winchester	19	7	5	7	32	27	26
Lyons	19	7	3	9	28	26	24
Chichester	19	7	2	10	30	37	23
Spencer	19	6	2	11	24	38	20
Wimbledon	19	4	7	8	18	25	19
Dulwich	19	5	4	10	19	33	19
Old Walcountians	19	5	3	11	24	38	18
Mid Sussex	19	5	1	13	19	41	16
Tulse Hill	19	3	0	16	11	50	9
Hendon	19	2	0	17	13	54	6

**1993/94 Middlesex Cup Winners**

**1993/94 Peroni South League Winners**

**1993/94 Inter League Playoff Winners**

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## MENS PLAY-OFFS 1993/94

It was in March 1991 that the ball rebounded off the post to deny Hampstead & Westminster victory over Surbiton and a place in the National League. This was the last year of direct promotion but now clubs must negotiate two obstacles; winning their Regional league and then qualifying in the play-offs.

Since 1991 Hampstead have maintained high standards but seemed in danger of becoming the Club that never quite made it, finishing third in the London League in 1991/92 and fourth in the newly amalgamated Southern Premier league in 1992/93. After losses to Anchorians and Gore Court early on in the 1993/94 season it seemed that Hampstead were once again heading for the runner up spot.

The precise point at which impending failure became success is hard to pinpoint, but suffice it to say that between mid-November 1993 and March 1994 the side only dropped two points and won the Southern Premier League with a game in hand. Confidence was high and a strong squad had been built up with a fast attack based on a solid defence. Obstacle one completed and off to Olton in Warwickshire for obstacle number two - the play-offs.

These involve the winners of the other Regional leagues and the teams third and fourth from the bottom of the National League's second division. Eight teams in all and with four teams to be promoted the percentages seem good. However everybody knew that it would be a tough challenge, but nobody expected the outcome to be so emphatic - played three, won three, maximum points. The results as follows: Olton and West Warwickshire 2-1; Crostyx 1-0; Harborne 2-1. The key to our success was a professional approach and a strength in depth that the other sides lacked. When legs got tired (as they did) and substitutions had to be made, the side was still effectively at full strength. Another key factor, commented upon by outsiders, was the positive way in which everyone supported and encouraged each other. It was truly a squad performance.

Only five players remain from 1991 and the side now comprises a mix of age and youth (not much beauty) peppered with foreign influences from New Zealand, Australia, USA and Ireland. A maverick squad with a lot of potential and looking forward to the National League next season.



**Back:** Nick Coleman (Manager), Dan Williams, Brighton Tenor, Lord Charlie Brougham, Dave Finkel, The Great Dave Dixon, Mike Hick, Graham Hill, Will Saxby, Richard Crowley  
**Front:** Kid Bott, Kid Crowley, Gulsh Mandair (Capt.), Greg Pierce (Coach), Derek Stone, Swalls  
**Prostrate (as usual):** Andy Thompson (Players player of the year 1993/94)