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HELLO!

HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER HOCKEY CLUB

welcomes you to today's seventh match in the 2001-02 English Hockey League Men's Premier League season and, in particular, sends a warm welcome today to our visitors from Canterbury HC

TODAY'S OPPONENTS

Canterbury have a long National League pedigree, with splendid facilities at Polo Farm and excellent Club back up. Since their introduction to the London League premierships, Canterbury have quickly established themselves as leading opponents for our 2nd XI and succeeded in winning that League last year. At 1st XI level the opportunities have been fewer, given our respective different leagues and today's clash will be looked forward to eagerly by the Hampstead contingent. Canterbury had a good year in 1999/2000 when they enjoyed the rich talents of David Mathews and the silky skills of Kwan Browne up front, ripping many defences apart. This took them amongst other things to the EHA Cup Final at Milton Keynes, when to the surprise of several Cannock supporters, managed to defeat them. Last year was not as successful but based on a training game this year before the League season got underway, we are in for a tough match this afternoon, with plenty of speed in attack to be expected

TODAY'S OFFICIALS

We also extend a special welcome to our Umpires today, Clive Foord from Leeds and Geoff Riley. For Clive, this will be his first visit to the Carlton and PRG and he will be taking the precaution of staying down in London overnight before the game. For Geoff, this will be his second visit in under a month and his face will be even more familiar given his standing in last week at Chiswick in the downpour, after Tex's back had given up on him after a flight from New York. Geoff hails latterly from the Newcastle area but has come south relatively recently to take up a post at Eton College. He has kindly submitted to the endurance test of a Hampstead Programme Interview (from which there is no known cure) and for more info read on.

Our Match Delegate today is John Breen, whom we have not seen at PRG for more than two seasons. John is a senior delegate who has participated as an official Judge in events at the National Stadium and is well versed in the details of the game. John is a teacher by profession and clearly enjoying a half term break, as we have had trouble tracking him down this week!

TODAY'S SPECTATORS

are asked to remain behind the fence at all times and on the Pavilion side of the pitch, away from the team benches. Please be vigilant with the possible lifted ball that the fencing may not contain. Please also watch out for athletes on the running track that surrounds the pitch. The water cannons will also operate unless the prevailing weather conditions are such that watering would be nonsense. Please stand behind the outer edge of the running track if you want to avoid being caught in the downpour.

TODAY'S USERS OF THE PRG CAR PARK

are advised to pay the appropriate charges levied by the operators of the Recreation Ground (please see the meters for details: charging applies on Sundays). The Car Park closes at dusk and although we normally get a final warning of closure at the Carlton, please avoid the risk by moving your vehicle out beforehand. Usually at weekend parking in adjoining streets is free but please keep valuable stored away from sight. If you suffer clamping we regret that we are unable to intervene.

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Hampstead & Westminster aims to run 16 teams, 11 in its Men's and 5 in its Women's Sections. The Men's 1st XI is in English Hockey League's Men's Premier Division. The 2nd XI plays in the London League Premier Division and the 3rd XI, Zak Hond, 4th to Thirsts (8th) XIs in Divisions 3A, 3B, 4A, 5A, 5B and 5C respectively of the London League. The Veterans XI are (newly promoted) members of the London Veterans League Division One and also play a few friendlies. The Spaniards XI is a social side.

The Women's 1st XI plays in the South League Division Two and the 2nd XI to 5th XI play in the Middlesex Women's Hockey Association League, Premier Division and Divisions 1,2, and 4 respectively.

Drop in today at the Carlton Tavern, before and, hopefully, after today's game, where Joe and Tess McEvoy will ensure a warm welcome, with beverages of all shapes strengths and sizes and hot food. They need as much support as the team, so do please give them your custom!

THIS SEASON'S FIXTURES

ENGLISH HOCKEY LEAGUE MEN'S PREMIER DIVISION

2001

16 TH SEPTEMBER	CANNOCK	(H)
23 RD SEPTEMBER	GUILDFORD	(A)
30 TH SEPTEMBER	SURBITON	(H)
7 TH OCTOBER	LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS	(A)
14 TH OCTOBER	OLD LOUGHTONIANS	(H)
21 ST OCTOBER	TEDDINGTON	(A)
28 TH OCTOBER	CANTERBURY	(H)
18 TH NOVEMBER	SOUTHGATE	(A)
24 TH NOVEMBER	READING	(H)
2 ND DECEMBER	CANNOCK	(A)
9 TH DECEMBER	GUILDFORD	(H)
16 TH DECEMBER	SURBITON	(A)
22 ND DECEMBER	LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS	(H)

2002

24 TH MARCH	OLD LOUGHTONIANS	(A)
31 ST MARCH	TEDDINGTON	(H)
13 TH APRIL	CANTERBURY	(A)
14 TH APRIL	SOUTHGATE	(H)
21 ST APRIL	READING	(A)

This year's season in the Premier Division is affected by the World Cup to be held in Malaysia in February 2001. This has led to the effective postponement of the second half of the season to the latter part of March and therefore the acceleration of the first "half" of the season into 2001. This, it has to be said, gives a lop-sided feel to the League structure but, in essence, if international players' requirements are to be respected there are few alternatives open to the League Administrators.

There are plans for a League Cup Championship in February and March but these are not finalised as this page of the programme goes to print.

The times and dates for the fixtures for Easter weekend are also susceptible to switching with the clubs' agreement (but only to other days of that weekend)

It will be strange given that two-thirds of matches will be played before the Christmas break. Good Luck to All.



Team physio Sue gets to grips with Mark Sully



Matt Hetherington scores against Southgate in H.A. Cup

LOSING A LITTLE IN THE TRANSLATION

A further message from Bruno

Upon reading a boxed Rioja.....

En Haro capitalidad de los vinos de Rioja y en un ambiente que invita al vino por todas partes, se encuentran las Bodegas Carlos Serres SA. Fueron fundadas en 1896 por Ciprianno Roig y Charles Serres franceses que vinieron a estas tierras cuando la Filoxera ataco sus viñedos y aplicaron las tecnicas bordelesas de crianza a los vinos de Rioja con excelentes resultados. Goza las bodega de justa reputacion artesanal en la crianza de sus vinos, que generacion tras generacion ha mantenido con la misma dedicacion y entusiasmo que sus antecesores. Dispone du un equipamiento muy moderno que le permite una produccion muy avanzada, sin separarse por ello de los metodos de elaboracion mas antiguos y tradicionales.

translated as

Bodegas Carlos Serres SA is placed in Haro, capital of Rioja wines, and in an atmosphere that invites to the wine everywhere. It was founded by M Ciprianno Roif and M Charles Serres in 1896. These French gentlemen took from their country when the Phylloxere attacked their vineyards. Settling here definitely, they applied the bordelais ageing methods to their wines. The Cellar enjoys a just artisan credit on the breeding of its wines which generation after generation have maintained with the same dedication and enthusiasm than their ancestors. The Firm has got a modern equipment which enables and advance production, without coming of the older and traditional elaboration methods.

Oh well, Bruno: you might as well come back. Some of your fellows need your English skills: just think of all those quality English expressions learned with Hampstead & Westminster HC

Hasta la vista mi amigo!

Granada TV on the lookout for hockey horrors

*Reasearchers at Granada Television's **Athletes Behaving Badly** have asked Hockey Online to help them compile their latest series.*

The production team for the ITV network show are on the look out for video footage of hockey incidents - captured by spectators or coaches - that will make viewers wince in horror or laugh uncontrollably at the non-sporting antics of players.

If you have any footage that you think would be of interest for the show, contact rachel.ashdown@granadamedia.com or gary.barr@granadamedia.com and let them know briefly what your footage contains.

Payments will be available for extracts used in the show.

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LONDON BRISTOL CAMBERLEY READING SWINDON

A WEEK IN THE LIFE OF...

We asked Stephen Barlow, EHL Administrator at Milton Keynes, to keep a week's diary for the Programme - to give a flavour of what the job entails.

Saturday

Check weather is OK and hope that no matches will be postponed. Sod's law means that any postponements are either

- i. where a team and umpires have travelled overnight and we will have to pay two lots of accommodation or
- ii. If involves two Premier Division clubs both of whom are still in the cup and one of whom is usually our European Indoor representative meaning that my legendary (gunboat) diplomacy skills come to the fore as we try to find a suitable date for a rearranged game.

Sunday

Sometimes I choose to go and watch an EHL match. Sometimes I have to go as a last minute emergency delegate as, being centrally placed, with some swapping around I can cover plenty of different venues.

As I write the rules I delegate to the letter. This causes consternation in the ranks. "We didn't have to do it last week." is a common riposte. Asking the gentlefolk of Bromley for example to remove blue long sleeved teeshirts under their pink short sleeved tops provoked some mild rebuke.

On the way home I reflect how it is always a nice way to spend a day off to be advised after the game by all and sundry as to how badly things are run and why don't we do X,Y,Z to improve things.

In the evening I receive all the weekend scores from John Chaplin, our results coordinator. This gives me time to compose the text for the EHL Newsletter, usually over a spot of therapeutic ironing.

Monday

Our favourite day - not a day for any strategic planning.

Check newspapers in case I missed any stories. Colleague Anne produces the Newsletter. I annoy her by proofreading it and picking out the most minutiae of errors whilst missing major ones in the text I have typed up myself.

Check post for any new registrations received prior to cut off point at 10.00am that day. Clubs have been known to travel from all points of the compass to deliver these by hand.

If it follows a knockout competition weekend (which it usually does given the positive crockery set of events we run - the Mens and Womens Cups, Trophies and Vases, The Timpson Mixed Cup & Plate, The Girls U15 Cup & Plate, The Mens Veterans - Over 40s - Cup and Vintage - Over 50s - Cup) we have to collate results and do the draws for the relevant events. To dispel any complaints of draw fixing, although we get accused of some of the most bizarre conspiracy theories going, I try to find a passing hockey bigwig to do the draw for the cup competitions using our famous little green bag. For the other events we feel confident of doing it ourselves. Why on earth would we want to fix a draw?

Usually all of this is interrupted by teams who played in a competition the day before, lost 18-0 but blame the umpires and the fact that the changing rooms weren't open on arrival and no hot meal was provided afterwards so think we should declare the game null and void.

So we then get everything copied and distributed to clubs and press contacts. As we move on in the technological world some of this is e-mailed. This is the upside of the information super-highway. The downside is the need to feed the voracious appetite that is www.hockeyonline.co.uk. Having been self taught in the art of HTML code we then have to put up all the news and draws on the website. The same side who have

not submitted anything on time up to now are on the phone by 9.30 am - "Why isn't the draw for Round Two of the Timpson Plate on the website yet?"

Tuesday

A letter arrives with an EHL player registration form. Phone up the club contact to advise that the player can't play this weekend. "But we sent it first class Sunday evening but our regular goalkeeper has to go to a wedding you should be trying to help people play not stop them..." As nicely as possible, which I suppose isn't very nice we explain we are not just firm on this we are rigid. Another popular couple of calls are from the representatives of a club side and a school side who have drawn to play each other in the Girls U15 Cup. The club want to play on a Sunday morning, the school on a weekday afternoon. Patiently we ask them to sort it out between themselves.

Wednesday

A contender in the Harrod UK Rankings for the leading scorer e-mails us. It says on the website that Smith scored the 66th minute corner but it was really him why have we got it wrong? Check the matchsheet and the manager has signed to say that Smith scored...moan about incompetent managers

Wednesday is a popular day for meetings which could be any one from Competitions Committee or its Sub groups - Indoor, Priority List, Youth, Regulations, Finance; EHL Committee, EHL Umpires Panel, Planning meetings for forthcoming events. You hope you'll get some work done before the meeting but people always arrive really early and just want to talk to you about their pet subject for an hour beforehand.

Thursday

With just a couple of days to go until the weekend a team realises that it is booked into Sunderland for an overnight stop but they are going by train and need to switch it to Newcastle. So a call to the long suffering people in the Choice Hotels Group Sales Department - no-one lasts long there, any more clients like us and they would be driven mad - sorts this out.

Then a club phones up to say we've got the Newsletter wrong. "It says that we're playing at 2.00 pm at the University this Saturday but we're actually playing at 12.00 noon at the Leisure Centre." Explain about the mandatory fine for late notification of change. Receive volley of verbal abuse. Contact major press people, CEEFAX and update website with change. We know it only takes one person to arrive at a venue just as a game is finishing to have Mr Angry of Tunbridge Wells incandescent with rage on the phone on a Monday morning "but it said in The Telegraph it was a 2.00 pm start you blithering idiot!"

Friday

Delegate cry off for Harlestan for the following day. You have a reserve who lives in Bristol. Do you

i try and persuade someone local to stand in - "I'd love to do it but Ipswich Town are at home tomorrow". or

ii. move the Bristol delegate to Oxford, the Oxford delegate to St Albans, the St Albans delegate to Harlestan. With numerous messages on ansaphones left we usually get it sorted.

Only one game out of 582 games we only had one delegate-less match in 2000-01 when the Sunderland delegate cried off at 5.45 pm on a Friday evening.

As far as possible prepare things for Monday. Set up the Newsletter with the following week's fixtures, do envelopes etc. We did once have a colleague who thought Mondays were too busy. "Why don't we do the tables on Friday to save all the rush on Monday" she asked she didn't stay long.

SOUTH AFRICAN HOCKEY

INTER-PROVINCIAL TOURNAMENT

(By Our South African Correspondent)

First Tournament Held

THE first Inter-Provincial Tournament ever held in South Africa took place under the auspices of the South African Hockey Union simultaneously in the towns of Johannesburg, Pretoria and Benoni from July 31 to August 2 last, and proved to be an outstanding success. Before dealing with the details of the Tournament I should just like to mention a word or two with regard to the S.A.H.U. This body as formed two years ago to bring the various Provinces in South Africa together, to arrange inter-Provincial meetings, to control the game generally and to foster the spirit of this great game of hockey. All centres were circularised and six Provinces immediately responded, resulting in this tournament becoming an accomplished fact. Last year we applied for affiliation to the Hockey Association (England) and were received with open arms. We have now invited a British team to visit the country next year and we feel that if our invitation is accepted, such a visit will do more to make hockey go ahead in South Africa than anything we could accomplish by ourselves during a period of years.

Travelling Difficulties

To revert to our first tournament, those readers who can remember the first International matches played in Great Britain, and more especially those who took an official part in the arrangement thereof, will have some faint idea of what we had to contend with and what a tremendous amount of hard work is entailed. In a country such as this, of great distances, where two of our centres are 1,700 miles apart, it reflects great credit on all concerned that a tournament was able to be held at all. The following centres took part, and I quote the distances they had to travel:

Transvaal	-	miles
Orange Free State	...	290	miles	
Western Province	...	1,000	miles	
Rhodesia	...	1,024	miles	
Natal	...	510	miles	
Eastern Province	...	692	miles	

Sea Level and Altitude

Five matches had to be played in three days by each centre, and there was never a grumble and, further, two teams arrived only a few hours before they had to play their first match. Then, three sides came from sea level to an altitude of 6,000 feet, so that the

positions at the finish did not accurately represent the relative merits of the centres concerned. It will be appreciated that we had not the faintest idea as to the capabilities of the various centres but the surprise of the Tournament was Rhodesia, who put up a very fine show, and I venture to say that if they had been able to put in a couple of practice matches on the Johannesburg grounds, they would have upset Orange Free State and possibly Transvaal. Apart from the difference in altitude, it must be remembered that some of our centres play on turf whilst other have to be content with the hard ground. The turf grounds are all at the coast, which makes things all the more difficult, at a greater altitude on a much faster ground. Then again, we are dependent upon the courtesy of the Football Association authorities for many of our grounds and naturally they do not like to have to alter the lines of their fields with the result that some centres were all at sea on the necessarily large grounds on which they were expected to play.

The Play

Western Province started off with a swing which looked like taking them to the top, but misfortune dogged their steps and after the first day of the Tournament two of their team went down with "flu", leaving them with only 12 men to carry on, yet they finished fourth. Orange Free State have a very excellent team, so far as their forwards are concerned and this applies to their centre half but their backs lack the necessary dash apart from anticipation. A goalkeeper has yet to be discovered who can adequately represent South Africa. The most sporting side in the Tournament was Eastern Province. With only three clubs from which to pick their team (since then three more have joined them) they brought up the necessary quota, and whilst they never won a match their gameness won them the admiration of everybody. That is the spirit that which has made the game of hockey what it is today. Natal felt the altitude a great deal, but their forwards lacked finish, while the backs were for the most part good. Transvaal had a very fine team and deserved to win, but all things being equal, they would have had to fight hard with the second, third and fourth centres on the log.

The Final Table

The following was the final result :

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Transvaal	5	5	0	0	27	0	10
Orange Free State	5	3	1	1	29	9	7
Rhodesia	5	2	1	1	17	9	6
Western Province	5	2	2	1	15	17	5
Natal	5	1	4	4	9	24	2
Eastern Province	5	0	0	5	0	38	0

More Affiliations

Since the Tournament the South-West African HA has become affiliated, while clubs at Port Elizabeth, Cradock and Uitenhage in the Cape Province are joining the Eastern Province. It is hoped that Kimberley will soon affiliate.



PRESS RELEASE

23 APRIL 2001

EHL PREMIERSHIP FINALS, 22 APRIL 2001 AT MILTON KEYNES

WOMENS FINAL

Ipswich (0) 1 v Slough (0) 3
 Emma Wooding 40 (PC) Sue MacDonald 43 (PC)
 Jane Smith 45 (PS) Julia Robertson 70 (PC)

MENS FINAL

Surbiton (0) 1 v Guildford (0) 0
 Greg Nicol 52 (PC)

Wins for Slough and Surbiton mean that they will take England's places in the European Club Championships in 2002.

In addition to the matches the winners of the EHL awards for 2000-01 were also announced and are shown below. The Player of the Season and Most Hospitable Club awards are selected by the clubs in each Division.

	Player of the Season	Most Hospitable Club	Top Goalcorer (Harrod UK Rankings)
Mens Premier	Nick Taylor (Guildford)	Guildford	Greg Nicol (Surbiton)
Mens Division One	Ben Hawes (Lewes)	Hampstead	Phil Lashford (Stourport)
Mens Division Two	Paul Bolland (St Albans)	Harlestone Magpies	Stuart Boddy (Firebrands)
Womens Premier	Mel Clewlow (Canterbury)	Canterbury	Jane Smith (Slough)
Womens Division One	Claire Ferguson (Doncaster)	Doncaster	Claire Ferguson (Doncaster)
Womens Division Two	Helen Armishaw (Poynton)	Exmouth	Cath Linaker (Poynton)

The Top Goalscorer Awards are sponsored by Harrod UK and Mark Harrod from the company was present at Milton Keynes yesterday to make presentations to the top scorers in the Mens & Womens Premier Divisions. A number of other awards will be made at the EHL Promotion - Relegation Play Offs at Milton Keynes this weekend.

THANK YOUs

Thank you to the following for the following, for the 2000-2001 season

The Doughnut	For coming home eventually from Hollywood after six weeks' fruitless search for a job on the set of Dukes of Hazzard and then to the film version of Scooby Doo
Gerber Schlerber	For missing that 5.30 train in the Alps and setting us up with 70 minutes against Indian Gym with the Fat Controller between the posts
Tim	For those two quality saves and maintaining the winning run in
Vonnie	For reminding me that we all make mistakes and do things that we really don't mean and which we immediately regret, Matt.
Bouchie	For coming to terms with the #3 shirt and stopping blaming me after the two losses in February
Rob	For a man of his supposed depth of word power for failing to recognise "tabernacle" and "polygamous"
Soma	For prodding HWHC into the real time, with some timely reminders and generous words
Jabba	For getting to Paddington at 8.00am
Mikey	For letting me win at Christmas and securing my release late that evening
Landy	For coming home from the slopes and still bandying about, six years after that Hampstead National League debut
Hilts	For turning up in the Arctic conditions at Osterley and elsewhere to stand, freeze, watch and then thaw
Big Man	For the upbraiding of the Umpires, with the "out with the ark" discussion with Julia and the lbw appeal against Doncaster.
Matty	For that practical demonstration of the tensile strength of plasticisers in modern materials
Darbo	For returning from the dark lagoon after that midnight fishing expedition for the mobile phone
Craigy	For the manifestation of demonstrable frustration at losing
Moff	For caring more about a wedding than a team
Scully	For keeping that X Files material close to your chest on matchdays at the Carlton
Jono	For demonstrating the true effects of foot and mouth well before the outbreak in Cumbria
Horse	For those enormous contributions to the Matchday Programme
Sue	For bringing sense and sensibility to the bench

TURNING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

WESTMINSTER and Hampstead captain Rob Turner, thinks surviving in the Premiership is going to be tricky

Not only that, the club's wealthy benefactor, Peter Boizot – founder of the Pizza Express restaurant chain – won't be ploughing wads of cash into the club in the way Mohamed Al Fayed has done at Fulham FC. Not that he needs to, as the side have gone one better than Fulham by bouncing into England Hockey's Premiership on the back of successive promotions.

With Fulham looking like champions elect in the Nationwide Football League Division One, and W and H already promoted, both teams will be up against the best in their respective sports next season.

However, Turner doesn't believe his team are hockey's answer to the Whites. He said: "It's a dangerous comparison. Al Fayed has ploughed millions into Fulham and a team like Southgate are more akin to that ethos than we are."

"Peter will help when he can but our club is against paying for players to come to us. He pays for our player-coach and travelling expenses but we have achieved our success without star internationals because we have trained hard and have a really strong team spirit."

Coach Soma Singh agrees that while Boizot takes an interest in the club, he believes players should not be paid for playing hockey. Peter sticks to his ideals, and has not put as much cash into the club as might commonly be believed."

Turner said: "We are the only centrally-based London team and we get a lot of people moving here who want to play for us. Obviously, the more successful we become, the more people we have wanting to join."

Singh added: "More and more people are seeing us as the London team to play for. Competition for places is certainly a lot fiercer than when I arrived."

The club's financial situation may invite comparisons to the Whites, but Singh would prefer his team's style of play to mirror that of Alex Ferguson's Manchester United, with a rock-solid defence and an ever-present, pacy attack.

Singh added, "I feel I have built something special over the last couple of years. A few things have to be tightened up, but I'm 90 per cent sure I will be Hampstead and Westminster's coach in the Premiership. Singh said there was nothing to stop his team becoming a real threat to Premiership champions Reading, but while he would like to emulate the Berkshire side's success, he wants his lads to make their own mark in the top flight.

It needed some strong words at halftime on Sunday at Paddington Recreation Ground to make sure the celebratory champagne tasted good.

Hampstead went a goal down before turning things around against Beeston from Nottingham to eventually run out 2-1 winners.



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FROM THE ANNALS of HISTORY

(YES WE DID A SPELL-CHECK, FIRST)

Extracts from Colin Greenhalgh's History of the first 75 years

GROWING POWER

1898, too, was the year when H.B. Hayman, one of those illustrious county cricketers, took over Captancy of the 1st XI. He held this office for six years and must have felt well pleased with his tenure because, by the time he handed over, the 1st XI had run into its period of great playing ascendancy. By this time, too, the Club was running four XI's regularly. It wasn't until 60 years later that more XI's than this turned out regularly.

1899/1900 must have provided a hint to opponents of Hampstead's rising power, spear-headed by Shoveller. Amongst the match records for that season appear victories of 7-3 over Hawks, 7-1 over Surbiton, and 7-1 and 6-1 over Blackheath. As many goals as 1st XI's often score in a whole season nowadays! Perhaps these goal feasts are partly explained by the fact that clubs, around this time, seemed to often prefer to play with a fourth half-back rather than a goal-keeper, though there is no evidence of Hampstead ever adopting this line-up.

The following season contained further notable events. Oxford and Cambridge Universities appeared in the fixture list for the first time - though the club's elaborate dark blue, light blue and white shirts are traditionally supposed to hark back to some long-standing link with the two Universities. It is likely that this link derived from the Cricket Club, where the colours seem to have been inherited.

MORE GREAT NEW MEMBERS

October 1900 saw the election of two more new members who achieved distinction for themselves and the game. Again, both were distinguished cricketers. F.W. (Toby) Orr became a power at centre half, and played representative hockey at several levels, including for 'An England XI' touring abroad, although never quite qualifying the full international side. He was also a Hampstead, Authentic and M.C.C. batsman of repute and travelled abroad with M.C.C. touring teams.

F.R. D'O (Freddie) Munro, as a hockey player was not quite in the same class as Orr though he, too, was a cricketer of some repute. His distinction lay more in the administrative field. He helped to found the Occasionals at Oxford and, after the Second World War, became a long-serving President of Hampstead Cricket Club. In that capacity, he set an example to all sports club scribes by researching, compiling and writing a "History of the Hampstead Cricket Club", a model of its kind based on compelling material.

At this time, as at others, not all the fun was on the field of play. At a General Meeting in September 1900 'Mr McMillin argued at considerable length upon the advisability of substituting alcoholic liquors for tea'. It is clear that the entertainment after the game was considered as important as that during it.

Autumn 1902 marked two more notable elections. Mr Brodie Hoare, having served seven years as the Club's first President, resigned and his place was taken by Mr S.S. Pawling, an ex-player and yet another notable Hampstead and Middlesex cricketer. Then Gerald Logan, like Shoveller an old boy of Queen Elizabeth's School at Kingston, was proposed by Shove and elected to membership. Logan went on to become an inside forward of note. He gained six caps for England and became another of the select band of Englishmen to win an Olympic Gold Medal.

Over the years, the minute books cast an interesting light on changing attitudes to the competitive side of club hockey. In 1902, for instance, the Secretary was asked to arrange another game with Oxford University or 'failing that, with Berkshire Gentlemen'. Hardly, one would have thought, a quid pro quo, unless the Gentlemen were not as relaxed a side as they sound.

FIXTURES FOR SATURDAY 27TH OCTOBER

WOMENS PREMIER DIVISION		Time	Umpires
Doncaster	v Cheimsford	1200	Gibbs/Baxter
Fyffes Leicester	v Slough	1200	Henning/Hill
Hightown	v Canterbury	1200 (at Bowdery)	Barker/Hunnahall
Ipswich	v Olton & West Works	1200	Knipe/Bellehewe
Sutton Coldfield	v Clifton	1230	H Smith/Alcorn
WOMENS DIVISION ONE		Time	Umpires
Harleston Magpies	v Loughborough Stds	1230	Walker/Powell
Hounslow & Ealing	v Bradford Newitts	1330	Adams/Hughes
Old Loughtonians	v Liverpool Quiliter	1300	Burton/Robertson
Wimbledon	v Trejans	1200	Telfer/Nickson
Woking	v Sunderland Ashbrooke	1400	Urwin/Pearce
WOMENS DIVISION TWO		Time	Umpires
Bracknell	v St Albans	1400	Pennycook/Joslin
Exmouth	v Bedford	1130	Cox/Sharp
Leyland Motors	v Deeside Ramblers	1400	James/Howard
Poynton	v Aldridge	1230	Rice/Ellis
Rover Oxford	v Reading	1300	Dhanda/Rockey

FIXTURES FOR SUNDAY 28TH OCTOBER

MENS PREMIER DIVISION		Time	Umpires
Cannock	v Loughborough Stds	1400	Hough/Gillett
Guildford	v Teddington	1200	Graham S/Allum
Hampstead	v Canterbury	1230	Foord/Riley G
Reading	v Southgate	1400	Keats/Mair
Surbiton	v Old Loughtonians	1330	Lockhart/Kelleher
MENS DIVISION ONE		Time	Umpires
Doncaster	v Stourport	1400	

There were sad tidings last Tuesday evening with the news of the death of Peter Brown after a short illness. Peter had been a Match Delegate in the Mens League since 1988 and when the two leagues came together also covered Canterbury Womens home matches. Peter was also a Tournament Director and Umpire Manager both at home and abroad and had previously been an international umpire. He worked for the HA/AEWHA from 1989 to 1992 and was instrumental in the launching and success of the Preliminary Umpire Award scheme. A minute's silence was held, as a mark of respect at EHL matches over the weekend and a similar tribute was paid by the large crowd prior to the England - Netherlands game at Milton Keynes last Wednesday evening. Our sympathies extend to Peter's wife, Ellen, and his family.



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OLTON GET GRANT AID

A hat-trick from Helen Grant helped Olton to a 7-2 win over Midlands rivals Sutton Coldfield and took them to the top of the Womens Premier Division after two wins in two games. Clifton are behind them on goal difference and also had a hat-trick heroine, Imogen Robertson, in their 4-1 win over Hightown. Slough also have two wins after coming from behind to win 3-1 at home to Ipswich with goals for newcomers Kate Walsh and Alex Scott. Two corner strikes from England's Mel Clewlow were instrumental in Canterbury's 3-2 win over Doncaster and Fyffes Leicester overcame Chelmsford 2-0 with goals from internationals Helen Richardson and Kirsty Bowden.

In the Mens Premier Division Reading continue to lead the way but only saw off Canterbury with an early Ken Robinson goal. Surbiton remain second after their 2-1 win at Loughborough. Bill Wough netted two corners for the visitors midway through the first half with his England teammate for last week's games against Netherlands. Jerome Gaudie, pulling one back. Nicky Thompson, one of the few players to have played in the top flight of the league since its formation in 1988, showed there is no substitute for experience scoring a hat-trick in Old Loughtonians 3-1 win over injury hit Guildford. Hampstead enjoyed an excellent 3-0 win at Teddington and the Southgate-Cannock match fell victim to the weather.

Mens Division One sees relegated Bournville and promoted St Albans as the early pace-setters with two wins out of two. Bournville had a fine 2-0 win at Chelmsford holding on to the lead after two goals in the first five minutes. St Albans easily overcame fellow promoted side Firebrands 4-0 in Bristol. Remarkably after two games Doncaster are the only other unbeaten side following a 1-1 draw in the Trans-Pennine derby at Brooklands. Stourport defeated Beeston 2-0 in the all-Midlands battle and Barford came away from Lewes 4-2 down with Simon Owen and Stephen Edmonds both scoring twice for the home team.

Nottingham continue to lead the way in Mens Division Two thanks to a 3-2 win over Bromley player coach Kalbir Takhar popping up with the winner with seven minutes to go. East Grinstead are second after their fine 3-0 win at Blueharts and Belper stay third after a 1-1 draw at Havant, with a similar scoreline in the Oxford Hawks - Hounslow & Ealing match. The weather played its part in the other two games. Peterborough's pitch was flooded causing the postponement of their game with Forby and Indian Gymkhana got stuck on the flooded A12 in their abortive attempt to get to Ipswich.

No matches were scheduled for next weekend in Mens Divisions 1 & 2 to avoid clashes for players in the U15/U17 Regional Tournament.

MENS PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Canterbury	(0)	0	v	Reading	(1)	1
				Ken Robinson 5 (F)		
Loughborough Students	(0)	1	v	Surbiton	(2)	2
Jerome Gaudie 56 (F)				Billy Wough 18,22 (PC,F)		
Old Loughtonians	(1)	3	v	Guildford	(0)	1
Nicky Thompson 10,48,49 (F,F,F)				Danny Hall 63 (PC)		
Southgate				P		P
Teddington	(0)	0	v	Hampstead	(2)	3
				Max Mayer-AuE 3 (F), Mahmood Bhatti 12 (F), Luke Hodges 43 (F)		

MENS DIVISION ONE RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Brooklands	(0)	1	v	Doncaster	(0)	1
Philp Harper 61 (PC)				Baden Sharp 52 (F)		
Chelmsford	(0)	0	v	Bournville	(2)	2
				Marlin Oates 1 (F), David Tyler 5 (PC)		
Firebrands	(0)	0	v	St Albans	(2)	4
				Andy Holiday 31 (F), Ian Hammond 32 (F), James Steadman 57 (F), Alex Jennings 65 (F)		
Lewes	(1)	4	v	Barford Tigers	(2)	2
Simon Owen 10,49 (PS,PS), Stephen Edmonds 41,63 (F,F)				Jimmy Singh 21 (F), Dharminder Singh 31 (F)		
Stourport	(2)	2	v	Beeston	(1)	1
Shilen Tanna 30 (F), Laith El-Khatib 31 (F)				Rob Peregrine 27 (F)		

MENS DIVISION TWO RESULTS FOR SUNDAY 21ST OCTOBER

Blueharts	(0)	0	v	East Grinstead	(1)	3
				Jon Perris 14 (PC), Kevin King 64 (F), Richard Payne 70 (F)		
Havant	(1)	1	v	Belper	(1)	1
Jimmy Fox 8 (F)				Craig Keegan 35 (F)		
Ipswich				P		P
Nottingham	(2)	3	v	Bromley	(2)	2
Sarpreet Mehat 12 (PC), Gary Naseley 27 (PC), Kalbir Takhar 63 (PC)				Jahn Warren 20 (PS), Tim Johnson 24 (PC)		
Oxford Hawks	(0)	1	v	Hounslow & Ealing	(1)	1
Ed Baldock 62 (F)				Tim Young 13 (PC)		
Peterborough Town				P		P

Harrod Rankings

MENS PREMIER DIVISION	PS	PC	F	Total
Ken Robinson (Reading)		1	8	9
Nicky Thompson (Old Loughtonians)	1		5	6



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LEAGUE TABLES

**I AM
TOM
MATTHEWS**

MENS PREMIER DIVISION 2001-02

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Reading	6	6	0	0	19	10	9	18
2	Surbiton	6	4	1	1	14	8	6	13
3	Loughborough Un	6	3	1	2	11	8	3	10
4	Teddington	6	3	1	2	7	9	-2	10
5	Old Loughtonians	6	2	1	3	10	10	0	7
6	Cannock	5	2	1	2	5	6	-1	7
7	Canterbury	6	2	1	3	8	10	-2	7
8	Hampstead	6	2	0	4	11	11	0	6
9	Guildford	6	1	0	5	11	18	-7	3
10	Southgate	5	0	2	3	3	9	-6	2

MENS DIVISION ONE 2001-02

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	St Albans	2	2	0	0	6	1	5	6
2	Bournville	2	2	0	0	5	0	5	6
3	Doncaster	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
4	Beeston	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
5	Lewes	2	1	0	1	5	6	-1	3
6	Stourport	2	1	0	1	2	4	-2	3
7	Firebrands	2	1	0	1	3	6	-3	3
8	Brooklands	2	0	1	1	3	5	-2	1
9	Barford Tigers	2	0	0	2	4	7	-3	0
10	Chelmsford	2	0	0	2	1	4	-3	0

MENS DIVISION TWO 2001-02

		Pl	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1	Nottingham	4	4	0	0	8	3	5	12
2	East Grinstead	4	3	0	1	12	8	4	9
3	Belper	4	2	1	1	15	7	8	7
4	Hounslow & E'ling	4	2	1	1	8	5	3	7
5	Blueharts	4	2	0	2	7	10	-3	6
6	Indian Gym	3	1	2	0	8	7	1	5
7	Oxford Hawks	4	1	1	2	5	5	0	4
8	Havant	4	1	1	2	7	10	-3	4
9	Peterborough T	3	1	1	1	5	11	-6	4
10	Ipswich	3	1	0	2	9	6	3	3
11	Formby	3	0	1	2	6	9	-3	1
12	Bromley	4	0	0	4	4	13	-9	0

MATCH REPORTS

HAMPSTEAD 4 OLD LOUGHTONIANS 2

Sunday 14th October 2001

An old fashioned hat-trick from Craig Carolan (that is all three goals in succession without reply) saw Hampstead storm to a 4-2 victory, their first in this season's campaign and which sees them jump over Southgate and Guildford in the Premier League standings. The team successfully overcame the change to the sand pitch following the severance of the water pipe by the Contractors installing the conduits for the new floodlighting of the water-based pitch and with no compensating rain (despite the forecast in the earlier part of the week), the caged pitch it was.

Hampstead's first salvo came in the second minute when Carolan was released down the Hampstead right after a precision aerial pass from Justin King and earned a short corner, which was well saved after a gloved save from the diving 'keeper.

Carolan was also involved three minutes later when the visitors' keeper let the loose ball hit the goalpost and bounce out, where he was forced to kick it away but Craig intercepted and his fierce cross was just behind the predatory Hetherington.

Old Loughtonians then survived a barrage of four Hampstead corners, which included a goal line clearance after a snap shot. They began to question the umpiring decisions and their skipper was called across in an attempt to restore some order. It was probably the visitors' coach and former Great Britain international Nicky Thompson's yelled question as to whether this was women's hockey that was an early straw for Umpire Neil Smith's back. Or perhaps Nicky was unaware that there were two serving police officers as Umpires today and a recently retired acting as delegate?

Then in the 30th minute Carolan collected the ball at the top of the dee, started right and then pulled the ball back and cracked it in on the reverse over the 'keeper's shoulder. Two minutes later he was on hand at Hampstead's eighth short corner to push the ball in for 2-0.

In the second half Soma Singh suffered a heavy blow on the back of his hand and Nicky Thompson let fly with some invective at the umpire and was yellow carded. Hampstead took full advantage with Carolan cracking in his third, again with a powerful reverse-hit shot. Old Louts were awarded a penalty stroke in the 54th minute but the opportunity was squandered with the flick going wide of Steve Dodson's left post. However they did pull one back on 55 minutes from their second corner when the ball was swept back and forth across the dee before being pushed home on the far post.

Mark Darbon came on for Hetherington in the 65th minute and with his first touch of the ball swept in a long through ball for 4-1 as the keeper advanced. Old Louts pushed more men forward with little to lose and Hampstead kept them in check always in control, although they did allow Griffiths-Jones to score with two minutes left to leave the final score 4-2. This was despite Hampstead often catching Old Louts on the break and with more luck would have scored a few more.

Scully was by now feeling tired and reckoned that he was on his own grafting away in midfield and asked the bench to replace Soma: some jobs the team management will handle and a few it will not....

TEAM: Dodson; Von Mayer, Boucher, King, Matthews; Sully, Singh, Williamson; Carolan, Hetherington, Bhatti,
SUBS: Maier, Darbon, Hodges, Land and Sellick

TEDDINGTON 0 HAMPSTEAD 3

Sunday 21st October 2001

Hampstead set off for a tricky away encounter against early season pacesetters Teddington, keen to repeat the previous weeks win against Old Lought's. The starting line-up saw three changes with Gregor and Max adding to the foreign legion, and Dave Sellick replacing Tom 'the Horse' Matthews, whose car is as unreliable as his lung capacity.

Hampstead started the game the brighter, and piled pressure on the home side's goal. After barely three minutes Mike Williamson shuffled his silver dancing shoes into position and fired a centre into the opposition's circle. The Teddington back line appeared to lose sight of the onrushing Max (no mean achievement), who finished clinically at the far post.

Twelve minutes in the lead was doubled. The first goal owed everything to youthful exuberance, but the second was a demonstration that experience is irreplaceable. The two men involved certainly have it in spades. A free hit deep in Teddington territory was fired into the circle by Soma Singh and Immy Bhatti deflected it neatly into the goal.

The remainder of the half saw Hampstead contain their opponents whilst launching frequent raids, mostly through Craig Carolan, who seemed to be enjoying himself so much he forgot to barrack the umpires and his teammates. The half ended with two sharp corner saves by Gregor, who also provided an excellent running commentary on the game, never staying quiet for more than a micro-second.

In the second half Hampstead dropped deeper and absorbed significant pressure. The ability of Justin 'Jabba' King to launch scud like aerials into the opposition half was always a means of clearing the lines. It was from one such bomb that the match clinching goal arose. The Teddington back line, not for the first time, nor the last, helpfully missed the overhead.

This freed Mark Darbon to run at the opposition's defence. With his confidence at an all time high now his scoring duck has been broken, Darbon moved forward menacingly. He was however quickly tackled and the ball broke to Craig Carolan. Never one to pass up any opportunity to run with the ball, Craig drove into the circle, and slipped the ball to substitute Luke Hodges. Only five yards out, with an open net, against his former club, and with one of his best mates in goal, Luke could have been forgiven for thinking he was dreaming. He managed though to keep sufficient composure to fire the ball home before breaking out into a smile almost as wide as the pitch.

The game drew to a conclusion with Hampstead on the defensive, keeping Teddington at bay, thanks to solid tackling by the three South African oaks at the back. The first team would like to thank those who braved the weather to support the side, we hope we give you another reason to be cheerful today.

TEAM: Maier; von Mayer, Boucher, King, Sellick; Sully, Singh, Williamson; Bhatti, Mayer-Aull, Carolan
SUBS: Dodson, Hetherington, Darbon, Matthews, Hodges

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HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER

White and Light & Dark Blue Halves, Navy Shorts and Navy Socks with white hoops

1. STEVE DODSON (gk)
2. ANDREW von MAYER (Captain)
3. LUKE HODGES
4. DAVE SELICK
5. SOMA SINGH
6. JUSTIN KING
7. MIKE WILLIAMSON
8. MAX MAYER-AULL
9. GARY BOUCHER
10. IMMY BHATTI
11. MATT HETHERINGTON
12. PAUL HILTON
14. MARK SULLY
15. MARK DARBON
16. TOM MATTHEWS
22. GREGOR MAIER (gk)

Coach: Soma Singh
Physiotherapy: Siobhan Connolly
Manager: Ian Smith

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IN THE HEART OF SOHO

CANTERBURY

Red Shirts, White Shorts and Red Socks

1. SIMON TRIGGS (gk)
2. SIMON GITTINGS
3. KEIR STEWART
4. SAM BURY
5. DANIEL LASLETT
6. ZAK JONES
7. KWAN BROWNE
9. STUART FINLAYSON
10. DAVID MATHEWS
11. MARK HOLLINGWORTH
13. KULRAJ LIDDAR
14. ANDY RICHARDSON
16. MATT HARPER
19. HUW JONES
20. KEIR STARLEY (gk)
21. JON EVENETT (Captain)
22. TIM PINNOCK

Coach: David Bunyan
Physiotherapy:
Manager: Roger Snelling

Umpires
CLIVE FOORD
GEOFF RILEY

Technical Delegate
JOHN BREEN

Votes from 1999...

THE PETERBOROUGH EFFECT?

A FEW FURTHER VOTING PAPERS STREWN IN THE NENE
(that's the local River...)

DAN: YOU MAY WELL HAVE BEEN A RIGHT WINGER WHEN YOU WERE TEN YEARS OLD BUT HAVE A LITTLE MORE RESPECT FOR YOUR AGEING BODY AND DEFEND SLIGHTLY MORE. THE AIRSHOT IN THE FIRST HALF MAKES MY POINT.
THE DELEGATE ATE ALL THE PIES AND TURNER IS A TOSSER AND DALLAS GOT SENT OFF - FACTS YOU CAN DEPEND UPON. A SIMPLE VOTE THIS WEEK (YES, ROB JUST LIKE MY PLAY)

ENG - LAND

&COT - LAND

There's only one land for MVP today

NICE - LAND

BIG WEEK FOR THE BIG MONK

- MOVING TO ABBOT CLOSE - BUT HE DOESN'T GET MY VOTE....

THEY CALL PHIL PEARSON *PORKY* BUT HAS ANYONE SEEN THE FLAB HANGING OFF STEVE DODSON THESE DAYS? MUST BE FOLLOWING THE TOMMY MATTHEWS FITNESS WORK OUT VIDEOS. TIME TO SHAPE UP DOUGHNUT

AS FOR MATTHEWS, YOU MIGHT BE JETTING OFF TO OZ FOR A MONTH TO CHASE SOME BUSH-PIGS THAT DALLAS COULD NOT CATCH BUT AFTER THAT DREADFUL DISPLAY GOOD RIDDANCE, I SAY. A SOFT GOAL AND 70 MINUTES OF MINCING AROUND - IF ELEPHANTS ARE ABLE TO MINCE - DOES NOT, MY FRIEND, GET YOU THE PRESTIGIOUS MVP VOTE

ONCE AGAIN, MY INSPIRATION HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY THE RANTINGS OF THE BALD NON-PLAYING CAPTAIN. MORE SPLINTERS IN HIS ARSE THAN A MINOR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOY

*DALLAS, DALLAS, WHERE ARE THOU, DALLAS?
WHY, BEHIND THE GOALS AGAIN...*

TO THE BENCHIES - IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU GUYS GOT ON THE PITCH AND DID SOME RUNNING - WELL DONE. CANNOT VOTE FOR YOU, THOUGH, AS ONLY ONE VOTE IS ALLOWED: YOU KNOW, ONE MAN, ONE VOTE AND ALL THAT. SIMILAR TO THE OLD ADAGE: *ONE LIMPIRE, ONE BULLET*

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SEE AN OPPOSITION KEEPER WARM UP FOR AN HOUR AND START THE GAME BY PICKING THE BALL OUT OF THE BACK OF THE NET. I WOULD LIKE TO VOTE FOR MIKE WILLIAMSON BUT WON'T ON PRINCIPLE.

ONE YEAR AGO IN THE EHL

THE EHL NEWSLETTER FOR 30TH OCTOBER 2000

Hampstead & Westminster underlined their title credentials in Men's Division One with a 4-1 win at Doncaster, never the easiest place to obtain a result. Beeston and Chelmsford remain second and third with nine points after each scoring five goals on their travels to East Grinstead and Indian Gymkhana respectively. Brooklands are also on nine points after a win by the odd goal in five against Barford Tigers. Last season's runners up Lewes' poor start continued with a 4-3 loss at Stourport

It was an excellent day for St Albans in Men's Division Two. In the battle of the top two they beat Firebrands 4-0 with Dominic Maguire netting a hat-trick. Their other nearest rivals, Havant, also lost their 100% record when they fell, like so many before them, after the long trip to Harleston Magpies. Harleston's Joe Cowan scored the all-important winner with just three minutes left on the clock to give them a 3-2 win.

New signings this week see Mark Bartholomew and Ben Blake join Hounslow & Ealing from Oxford Hawks and Reading respectively, Australian Duncan Macleary has re-signed for Doncaster. Irish U21 international Ian Hutchinson has signed for East Grinstead.

TWO YEARS AGO IN THE EHL

THE EHL NEWSLETTER FOR 1ST NOVEMBER 1999

Canterbury have also gone two points clear in the Men's Premier Division after coming from behind to defeat Bournville. The prolific David Mathews netted another hat-trick to take his tally to 19 for the season. Reading are in second place following their 3-1 win at Cannock for whom first choice keeper Jimi Lewis was unavailable due to food poisoning, to give England U18 player James Fair a league baptism of fire. Fortress Cannock is not what it was as they have lost all three home games to date. Reading go above Guildford who were held to a 1-1 draw at struggling Teddington. Their joy at their third point of the campaign was tempered by the fact that they slip to bottom below Beeston who gained their first win of the season with a late Richard Stamp goal seeing them to a 3-2 win over Southgate. In the Division's other game draw specialists Old Loughtonians held Surbiton 1-1

Top spot in Men's Division One changed again with Lewes now in pole position after an 8-2 thrashing of Hounslow, who had drawn level at two all just before half time. Stourport drop from first to third after being held 1-1 at Brooklands whilst Doncaster almost doubled their goals scored column for the season in a 7-0 win at home to Indian Gymkhana. Loughborough Students were also in the goals with a 8-2 win at pointless East Grinstead and Chelmsford's Darryn Gallagher took the individual scoring honours with four in their 5-3 win at Barford.

Hampstead maintained the only 100% record in the Men's EHL with a 3-1 win at Isca whilst St Albans kept up the pressure in second place thanks to a 6-1 win over Havant, Dominic Maguire netting a treble. Harleston are still bottom but picked up their first three points by defeating Oxford University 4-2. Formby jump from 11th to 8th after their 3-1 win at Eastcote.

THE RETURN OF THE HAMPSTEAD INTERVIEW...

This week sees the return to PRG of Umpire, Geoff Riley. It was the sudden realisation that it was half term that led our intrepid roving reporter down to Windsor, only to discover that Geoff had found time in a busy schedule to open a bottle and get going on the word processor himself.

How old were you when you first took up hockey?

I first played hockey as a young schoolboy - 23 years ago!

In your first competitive game, which teams were involved and what was the score?

Harrogate HC 3rds against Adel HC (from Leeds). We won 2-1 (or if we didn't, we should have done but for the umpiring!)

In what position did you play on the pitch?

I have always been a slow right-sided midfield player! Nothing has changed.

Of which clubs have you been a member?

I have played for Harrogate HC, Tulse Hill HC, Cambridge City HC, Cambridge University Wanderers HC, Yorkshire U-18s, Cambridgeshire U-21s and (more recently when I took time off from umpiring) for Tynemouth in the Northern Premier League and Durham Vets.

Who is the best player you have played alongside in your team?

Jason Cooper (a team-mate at Harrogate) who played in the EHL with Neston and Brooklands

Who is the best opponent you have faced?

Steve Brooks (Doncaster HC) and now an FIH Umpire

Who is the best hockey player you have seen in action?

John Shaw (in his prime!)

Which is the best hockey game you have watched?

World Cup Semi-Final: England v Germany at Willesden (18 October 1986) - an unforgettable afternoon

What made you take up umpiring?

I umpired at university and really enjoyed it. When I left Cambridge I took up the whistle and managed to get appointed onto the Northern Premier League list. I did a couple of seasons in the Northern Prem - cutting my teeth with umpiring legends such as Graham Nash, Chris Todd, Richard Wilson, Mike Graham and Keith Roper. Then in 1990 I was appointed on to the National League and stayed there until 1997. Three years on ... I'm back!

Which is the best game you have umpired and why?

This is hard! I would count the Lancashire v Yorkshire County championship games as among my favourite appointments - because of the history behind the fixture. Not many EHL games are that memorable (my umpiring doesn't help!). So I will choose Scotland U21s v Ireland U21s at Grange HC in 1994 - a 4-4 draw in the days before offside was abolished. This was a game that had everything.

Which rule of the game would you change tomorrow if you could?

I'm pretty happy with the rules as they are! And the interpretations are becoming more liberal - we should allow more physical play and we should be too fussed if the ball is moving at free hits. I guess after the Surbiton game a few weeks ago, we should allow teams to take attacking free hits where they like!

What is the most amusing incident you have witnessed on a hockey pitch?

Umpiring a county game with Graham Nash about ten years ago. A player made a rash challenge from the wrong position - clash of stick and body - loud whistle - the tackler simply carried on running off the pitch and sat down by the TD. Nash was only holding aloft a green card - the umpire and player agreed a compromise. The player had to go to the bar and get Nash a beer - he could come back on when he returned!

I was umpiring at Cannock a few years ago and showed a handful of green cards in the first ten minutes. After about the fourth card, I called both captains over and decided to throw the green card off the pitch and over the fence. This was the last I saw of it. A large Black retriever picked it up and ran off with it.

Which other sports take your interest?

Rugby League (Leeds Rhinos) and Rugby Union (Newcastle Falcons) Running and Mountain Biking

Which team's football result do you look for first?

Newcastle United and Harrogate Town (Unibond League)

Thank you, Geoff!

UMPIRING SHOCK HORROR The Latest news from the Umpiring World...

The General Secretary of NAHLU was ashen-faced as he walked into crisis talks this afternoon with the Hockey Association at its headquarters in Milton Keynes. Coke-swigging Paul "Box" Grainger, age not admitted, was tight-lipped as he paused by the glass folding doors of the grey monolith building. His members are urging strike action over the Association's refusal to increase mileage allowance set when cars ran on 4-star costing 33p per gallon and ballot papers under rule 27 (1) (iii) (a) are due to be despatched today from the Union's headquarters in Tulse Hill. Umpires are threatening to down red and yellow cards in matches and a more radical splinter group has even gone so far as to suggest turning up to matches but refusing to blow the starting whistle.

Claret-loving Mr Grainger was swept to power in the summer after the Milton Keynes conference on a slate of immediate reform and improvement in umpiring conditions. Demands have included the immediate deployment of newly heralded kit, not yet released by the Employer and the permanent gagging of Craig Carolan, a feisty forward from the Hampstead and Westminster Club, renowned for his generous and gratuitous advice in all matters of rules' interpretation. "My members are close to taking the lead bravely given by the PFA," said Mr Grainger, "and prepared to show their own red card to the National League". "We demand our fair share of the digestive biscuit," he said. "Our strike fund stands healthily at £5.06 and a packet of dunhill to the credit," he proudly confirmed, before striding into the high level talks. The leaders of both sides were still locked in negotiations 10 minutes later.

PRESS REPORTS FROM YESTERYEAR AND SOME NAMES TO RECALL....

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Hockey

HAMPSTEAD AND DIFFICULT PITCH CHECK HOUNSLOW

Hounslow's scoring machine was checked for the second year in succession by Hampstead who held them to a 1-1 draw at Boston Manor on Saturday. This was the first hockey match Hounslow had failed to win this season.

The pitch gave little help to the Hounslow forwards' approach play and in fact a policy of hit and run would, in the circumstances, probably have proved more profitable. However in the first ten minutes, three or four shots were well saved by Elgar in the Hampstead goal and all in all he was about the only player to emerge with any credit from the game.

Soon after half time a long roll-in from the right brought the ball across the Hampstead goalmouth and Kittrell deflected it passed the goalkeeper. A little later Bell, the Hampstead outside right received a long clearance from Matthews-Lane, stormed his way into the Hounslow circle and equalised. Following this Hounslow laid siege to the Hampstead goal but without success. Eventually this pressure was relieved when Hampstead forced two short corners but by this time the chances of scoring from such a position were small indeed.

HAMPSTEAD AND HIGHGATE EXPRESS
27th January 1989

Hampstead German Boost

Indian Gymkhana 5 Hampstead 2

Hampstead's disappointment at losing this friendly at Feltham on Saturday was more than compensated by the debut showing of West German centre forward Andreas Schulte-Westof. Schulte-Westof, who formerly played for a top German side Flottbeck, has moved to Chalk Farm and should be available for the rest of the season.

Said Hampstead Captain Mike Hick, "He looks a pretty good player and should certainly help us to overcome the loss of players like Don Broughton and Scott Fitzpatrick, who left us at Christmas."

Hick was further encouraged by his side's very respectable showing against a club currently lying fourth in Division One of the National League. Hampstead took the lead as early as the second minute when Hugh Evans crossed from wide on the right and Mick Halaby slotted home first time.

Within five minutes Indian Gymkhana were level after Kulbir Bhaura, the former Great Britain player forged a way through the Hampstead defence.

Hampstead deservedly regained the initiative through a twelfth minute short corner strike by Jeff Gibson - only to be pegged back again ten minutes later.

This time the defence failed to clear after Mike Quirk stopped a penalty corner and an Indian Gymkhana forward followed up to score.

The high quality exchanges continued in the second half until Bhaura struck a superb shot into the far corner from the left-hand side.

That took the stuffing out of Hampstead and they lost their way in the last twenty minutes.

Even so the home side took time to press home their advantage and the fifth goal did not come until the last second of the game.

Hampstead: Quirk; Gibson, Burnley, Blandford, Hick; Wilkinson, Carr, Mellor; Evans, Schulte-Westof, Halaby

LAST SEASON'S LEAGUE STANDINGS

MENS PREMIER

Club	Pt	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Reading	18	14	2	2	50	23	27	44
2 Surbiton	18	12	3	3	62	36	26	39
3 Cannock	18	12	1	5	65	36	29	37
4 Guildford	18	7	3	8	35	41	-6	24
5 Old Loughtonians	18	7	2	9	29	41	-12	23
6 Southgate	18	6	4	8	47	50	-3	22
7 Loughborough St	18	5	4	9	41	44	-3	19
8 Canterbury	18	5	4	9	34	46	-12	19
9 Teddington	18	3	6	9	30	47	-17	15
10 Bournville	18	4	1	13	34	63	-29	13

MENS DIVISION ONE

Club	Pt	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Hampstead	18	15	0	3	47	20	27	45
2 Chelmsford	18	12	1	5	53	35	18	37
3 Doncaster	18	11	1	6	45	32	13	34
4 Lewes	18	10	2	6	52	37	15	32
5 Brooklands	18	9	0	9	36	38	-2	27
6 Beeston	18	6	2	10	41	37	4	20
7 Stourport	18	5	5	8	36	50	-14	20
8 Barford Tigers	18	5	4	9	39	53	-14	19
9 Indian Gym	18	5	3	10	33	42	-9	18
10 E. Grinstead	18	2	2	14	31	69	-38	8

Teddington successfully held off the challenge of Chelmsford in the Play Off matches for the place in this season's Premier League. Indian Gymkhana however could not match their feat and are replaced this season in Division One by Firebrands from Bristol, the runners-up to St Albans in Division Two

MENS DIVISION TWO

Club	Pt	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 St Albans	22	17	4	1	78	22	56	55
2 Firebrands	22	15	2	5	73	34	39	47
3 Bromley	22	11	3	8	46	38	8	36
4 Nottingham	22	11	3	8	53	57	-4	36
5 Havant	22	9	5	8	52	50	2	32
6 Formby	22	10	1	11	38	45	-7	31
7 Hounslow & E'ling	22	8	6	8	43	43	0	30
8 Peterborough T	22	8	3	11	33	51	-18	27
9 Ipswich	22	8	2	12	52	56	-4	26
10 Oxford Hawks	22	7	1	14	30	53	-23	22
11 Harleston Magps	22	6	2	14	33	63	-30	20
12 Oxford Uni	22	3	6	13	31	50	-19	15

HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL of PHILOSOPHY

A philosophy lecturer stood before his class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly he picked up a catering sized empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with stones, stones about 2" in diameter. He then asked the students if the jar was full?

They agreed that it was.

So the lecturer then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles, of course, rolled into the open areas between the stones. He then asked the students again if the jar was full.

They agreed it was. The students laughed.

The lecturer picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar.

Of course, the sand filled up everything else.

"Now," said the lecturer, "I want you to recognise that this is your life. The stones are the important things - your family, your partner, your health, your children - things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house, your car. The sand is everything else, the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first, there is no room for the pebbles or the stones. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your partner out dancing.

There will always be time to go to work, redecorate the house, give a dinner party and mend the flymo. Take care of the stones first - the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

But then...

A student then took the jar, which the other students and the lecturer had agreed was full, and proceeded to pour in a glass of beer. Of course, the beer filled the remaining spaces within the jar making the jar truly full.

The moral of this tale is:-

No matter how full your life is, there is always room for beer.

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RED TAPE BEGINS TO TIE UP HOCKEY

RICHARD LYNTON

The tyranny of red tape which smothers initiative and enterprise in so many directions is intruding now upon hockey. There was time when as a player paid his subscription to the club of his choice and the club its dues to the Hockey Association etc one and all could get on with the game without hindrance. No any longer as Mike Doughty, former Surrey and England outside left has been finding out.

He agreed to raise a representative Hockey Association XI to play the Hampstead Club tomorrow (3.15) in celebration of their 73rd anniversary. Doughty found distinguished players who at first accepted this invitation to the Hampstead match, crying off one after another. The inevitable excuse: my club want me for a league match or to practice for a league match.

The grip of clubs on their players is going to tighten, make no mistake. There is already talk of players having to be registered to prevent poaching by one club or county on the preserves of a rival in their league or cup.

But Doughty, by reason of his long connection with the game and personal popularity was able to raise a team adequate for the purpose.

D D Archer (Enfield) J N Busk (Cheam) P J Svehlik (Cambridge University Wanderers) C J Atkinson (Alderley Edge) I L Clarke (Bromley) T W Price (Surliton) G J Wilkinson (Guildford) R K Lynn (Polytechnic) S R Chiel (United Banks) C A Akers (Broxbourne) M O Doughty (Old Kingstonians)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD

(for the 2000/01 SEASON)

LEWES	2 : 4	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	2 : 0	BROOKLANDS
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	3 : 1	CHELMSFORD
DONCASTER	1 : 4	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	2 : 0	INDIAN GYMKHANA
BARFORD TIGERS	0 : 5	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	2 : 0	STOURPORT
BEESTON	1 : 2	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	4 : 0	EAST GRINSTEAD
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	2 : 3	LEWES
BROOKLANDS	1 : 0	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
CHELMSFORD	0 : 2	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	2 : 1	DONCASTER
INDIAN GYMKHANA	1 : 2	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	3 : 1	BARFORD TIGERS
STOURPORT	3 : 4	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER	2 : 1	BEESTON
EAST GRINSTEAD	4 : 2	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER

The season began with what were expected to be the four toughest fixtures right at the start. At Lewes, two early short corner conversions by Justin King perplexed the home side's defence and led to formation changes and Jabba's hat trick saw us home more comfortably than imagined. Brooklands proved fast, effective and tough opponents and introduced the Hampstead supporters to true Div 1 hockey. Craig's two goals ensured maximum points. There was a big build up to the visit by Chelmsford and possibly the most exciting game of the season, with Hampstead being stretched in a fast and attacking game, Matt's third goal putting the result away, and to some, a result that did not reflect the game. The win at Doncaster after a home miss from the penalty stroke at a crucial time drew attention to our success, as few teams win on their ground. A short tempered win against Indian Gym led to the visit to Edgbaston against Barford, where the teams were matched to the half but Hampstead pulled away after a sweeping move down the right out of defence from Craig that led to the goal that opened up the home defence. Stourport defended sternly and conceded only two, which appeared to be the objective from the off. The next game witnessed some of the worst weather

encountered, with a trip to the Lincolnshire borders owing to Boots' flooded pitch in Nottingham. Mike Williamson scored against his old club and Steve Dodson pulled off a memorable early save and Hampstead were home in what had always been thought would be a tough game. Umpire Julia Gill seemed to be suffering from the cold and close to exposure, so bitter was the wind and rain. Craig then ensured a 100% record with four of differing styles against East Grinstead.

In the second half of the season, with the reverse fixtures, Lewes once again got the better of us at home in a niggling atmosphere and the single goal loss to Brooklands in the wet on the Saturday morning began to generate doubts with the outside world, which had commented that the proverbial wheels were coming off. This was the first time that Hampstead had failed to score for over a year and witnessed a cameo from Martyn Grimley and a series of astonishing saves from the home 'keeper. The visit to Chelmsford was eagerly awaited with plenty of pre-match tension. Before a large home crowd Justin King scored from a corner before half time and Rob Thompson notched the winner from close in just at the right time to put the season back on course. Two games with close score lines followed but entirely different in style. Doncaster arrived with snow covering the pitch (clearing just in time with the help of the water) and we came from behind to win in the last five minutes in a tough, fast game. At Indian Gym, we had a shirt colour clash and the sight of four temporary suspensions at the one time. Tim Forte deputised in goal and kept us in the game after a wicked deflection had seen them take the lead against the run of play. Against Barford a controversial short corner award saw Justin King score for the lead and that appeared to deflate the opposition so much that a late third probably led to a distorted scoreline (on a true reflection of the game). Amarjit played a blinder for the visitors. Snow greeted the players at Stourport but in a purple patch we carved them open early on and went four goals up, two from Mark Sully. Concentration wavered and we seemed unable to score more as once we had threatened. The win was enough to gain the Championship. We also came from behind to beat Beeston by the odd goal in three in another tense game that meant considerably more for our visitors at the other end of the table. In our final game, Soma took to the bench and a few players seemed off the boil. Despite taking the lead at the half, two short corner goals gave the already relegated home team only its second win in the League.

AND AT THE END OF THE SEASON

We salute the man who....

1. arrived on the scene in pre-season training as a "stopper in the true Derek Stone mould"
2. soon established himself in the 1st XI starting line up
3. only lasted 63 minutes of his inaugural National League game at Formby when a scything tackle saw a yellow card, soon doubled to ten minutes suspension after a discussion with the Umpire
4. whose no-nonsense approach to defending won several admirers
5. still attended every National League game, home and away, even when a back injury prevented him playing
6. was prepared to coach the 2nd XI when a Yarpie influx saw the 1st XI's National League's limit of two foreign-based players exceeded
7. successfully played for and coached the 2nd XI to its highest position in the London League Premiership
8. became Hampstead's first ever National League Umpire with a belated appointment at Oxford Hawks in February (and was well received by the players)
9. coached and supported the Women's 1st XI to an away win against top of the table opposition
10. has often rescued other club games by offering to umpire
11. has been found far too frequently propping up the Carlton of a Saturday night
12. will be sadly missed by us all as he returns to Australia after two memorable seasons with the Club

DALLAS WATT'S

YET MORE MALIGNANT VOTING PAPERS....following the Chelmsford game

Matty: I didn't realise you were ill. Sorry Matey; hope the Chemo works.

Paul: stop crying, go to Spain and show Vinny what you're made of.

Big Fella: welcome back; hope this means you're available every match, now.

Rob: still a Gay Boy

Soma: that blow to the head has altered your personality; you're bloody schizo.

Bouchie: I could have sworn it was you who got the lift with Draper today....did you get cash or gifts for that pass?

You're getting a bit mouthy on the sideline Matty - try saying something intelligent next time (if you can). As for the hairstyle - seeing you've copied your hero, are you trying to tell us that you've changed sides? MVP Tommy

Where do I start? What is Mono Skill Matt without his Mono Skill? Correct; a waste of space. What was he doing on the pitch with that much talent on the bench. That's NOT you Turner: why you and Smithy turn up I have no idea - he's clearly superfluous when you are team manager. Anyway who let the Horse out? Who? Who? The Nag is Back. I don't care what the foaming mad Indian Dog says about our beloved Dobbie at half-time - it's jealousy. He has lost his fastest hands to Dobbie. Long Live the Horse and all those who don't train (Darbo, for example). Well played Mikey; shame about the pants: you're beginning to look like the fat birds you love so much. Bouchy, stay in Paris with the phone sex bird. You were rubbish. Soma: you mad dog, not bad but your display in the post match meet was Hetherington-esque.
MVP: Horse

Soma: try not stepping up to the Chip plate too often. The King has arrived. MVP Mr Williamson, to all of you Muppets

Sully: how come you are so ugly when you Mum is actually quite tidy. Garbe: you may have the sense of humour of Goebells on a good day but today you were stronger than the Maginot Line and reluctantly you are my MVP. Here's to training three times a week....

I'm seriously having doubts about my sexuality. Gay Pate really confused me and Matt's new haircut caused me sensations of arousal in the warm-up. I need help. MVP: Alex the handsome Hun.

Darbo: your best game for us yet.

Darbo: you had better listen long and hard to Soma, as no-one else does.
MVP: MW

Darbo: Why don't you just go back to Oxford and take Oxbridge idiot Jono with you?
Bouchy: you can get back to Chelmsford: you passed more to them than us. My MVP is My Hero

Mark Darbo: aka Loser: you make leukaemia boy look like he's some kind of intelligent charismatic and all round great guy....but we all know that's not true. I won't give you too much stick though, cos' Singh will be having a stern talking to you after your behaviour this week. MVP: The Monk

Chemotherapy will not help your game and you're still a ginger idiot even if you cut all your hair off.



'I can't believe it' says Tom Matthews



Soma congratulates team after beating Stourport to win league

LONDON HOCKEY LEAGUE FINAL LEAGUE TABLES 2000-2001

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Canterbury 2	22	15	3	4	89	37	48
Reading 2	22	13	4	5	81	42	43
Hampstead & W 2	22	14	1	7	70	42	43
Southgate 2	22	13	1	8	59	37	40
Old Loughtonians 2	22	10	7	5	46	35	37
Surbiton 2	22	11	2	9	70	52	35
Teddington 2	22	11	2	9	63	60	35
Bromley 2	22	8	2	12	51	75	26
Beckenham 2	22	5	6	11	36	61	21
Wimbledon 2	22	5	6	11	35	65	21
Hounslow & Ealing 2	22	5	1	16	35	64	16
Guildford 2	22	4	1	17	31	96	13

DIVISION 3A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Surbiton 3	22	18	1	3	109	29	55
Reading 2A	22	15	3	4	77	32	48
Southgate 3	22	15	2	5	95	52	47
Richmond 2A	22	12	4	6	65	46	40
Wimbledon 3	22	10	5	7	55	49	35
Hampstead & W 3	22	10	0	12	54	56	30
St Albans 3	22	10	0	12	58	65	30
Purley Walc 3	22	9	2	11	53	54	29
Beckenham 3	22	8	2	12	51	65	26
Spencer W 3	22	6	2	14	40	70	20
Guildford 3	22	6	2	14	42	83	20
Teddington 3	22	1	1	20	11	109	4

DIVISION 4A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Southgate 4	22	16	5	1	63	22	53
Surbiton 4	22	14	4	4	65	29	46
St Alb Senators	22	13	2	7	92	54	41
Old Loughtonians 4	22	12	2	8	71	60	38
Spencer W 4	22	9	3	10	46	62	30
Reading 3	22	8	6	9	50	47	29
Hampstead & W 4	22	9	2	11	51	50	29
Wimbledon 4	22	8	4	10	45	51	28
Richmond Griffins	22	8	2	12	44	53	26
St Albans 4	22	5	5	12	45	66	20
Richmond Stags	22	5	4	13	39	74	19
Beckenham 4	22	3	6	13	25	68	15

DIVISION 5A

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Hampstead & W 5	20	12	3	5	43	26	39
Wimbledon 5	20	11	4	5	55	31	37
Reading 4	20	12	1	7	55	33	37
Hampstead & W 6	20	11	0	9	49	37	33
Maidenhead Magnets	20	8	4	8	34	43	28
St Albans 6	20	8	2	10	32	43	26
Tulse Hill 5	20	7	4	9	33	35	25
Old Loughtonians 5	20	7	3	10	38	44	24
St Albans 5	20	7	3	10	26	49	24
Surbiton 5	20	5	6	9	27	34	21
Beckenham 5	20	6	2	12	37	54	20

DIVISION 5B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
O L Foresters	20	13	5	2	55	25	44
Teddington Saplings	20	13	2	5	68	36	41
Spencer W 5	20	10	4	6	63	32	34
Southgate 5	20	8	8	4	37	23	32
Wimbledon 6	20	9	5	6	49	49	32
Richmond Deerstalkers	20	8	3	9	34	41	27
London Wayfarers 5	20	6	5	9	34	43	23
Hampstead & W 7	20	7	2	11	37	55	23
Maidenhead 3A	20	4	6	10	36	67	18
St Alb Citizens	20	3	7	10	28	42	16
Hounslow & E 5	20	3	5	12	29	57	14

DIVISION 5C

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
O L Gunners	16	14	1	1	94	13	43
Southgate Goblit	16	10	2	4	61	38	32
Hampstead & W 8	16	9	1	6	40	41	28
Reading Rovers	16	7	2	7	40	29	23
Spencer W Harl	16	7	2	7	39	42	23
Southgate Tumbli	16	7	2	7	33	37	23
Beckenham 6	16	7	1	8	25	34	22
London Wayfrs 6	16	3	1	12	16	65	10
St Alb Tribunes	16	1	2	13	16	65	5

VETERANS DIVISION B

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
Hampstead & W	14	11	2	1	48	24	35
O Cranleighans	14	9	1	4	42	35	28
Cheram Clarets	14	7	3	4	43	31	24
Indian Gym Vets	14	7	1	6	46	40	22
Richmond Rogues	14	5	3	6	52	46	18
Old Loughts	14	5	1	8	32	32	16



credit: Max Flego

Justin King v Chelmsford



credit: Max Flego

Mike Williamson v Chelmsford

WHITHER THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP?

With Nigel Land buzzing about in taxis to get to Durham's matches there must be something in it!

Men's County Championships 2001

Success for Bedfordshire in B Division and Warwickshire on penalty strokes in A Division.

Saturday 26 May

Men's County Championship B Division

BEDFORDSHIRE	3 - 3 KENT
Glen Prebble 13 (F)	David Matthews 28 (PC)
Stewart Robson 24 (F)	Stuart Keir 38 (F)
Martin McLeod 70 (F)	Paul Wicken 57 (F)
Bedfordshire won 4-1 on penalty strokes	
STAFFORDSHIRE	1 - 2 WORCESTERSHIRE
Ben Darlington 22 (F)	John Wood 20 (F)
	Shilen Tanna 47 (PC)

Final

BEDFORDSHIRE	10 - 1 WORCESTERSHIRE
Martin McLeod 8.13 (F.F)	David Tuckey-Good 38 (PC)
Glen Prebble 15.53.60 (F.F.F)	
Chris Seward 31.47 (F.F)	
Alan Hasson 42 (F)	
James Stedman 56 (F)	
Sean Robinson 69 (PC)	

Sunday 27 May

Men's County Championship A Division

SURREY	0 - 1 CHESHIRE
	Ben Edwards 13 (F)
WARWICKSHIRE	4 - 1 MIDDLESEX
Rick McCollum 35 (PC)	Jody Smith 15 (PS)
Lee De Souza 47 (F)	
Adam Burrows 53 (PC)	
Tom Hancock 70 (F)	
Final	
CHESHIRE	1 - 1 WARWICKSHIRE
James Mumme-Young 28 (F)	Daffyd Bowles 17 (F)
	Warwickshire won 5-3 on penalty strokes



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