

Welcome

This is the twenty first Newsletter in this format and designed as an interim measure to review club matters up the mid-season break. The highlight has been the exciting performance of the Women's 1st XI that has been exceptional and leads to much expectation for the rest of the season. The Men's 1st XI has suffered two unfathomable losses in the Premier Division, having had all the possession and territory and yet ending both games on the losing side. This has dented their standing in the League, whilst their two opponents scratch their collective heads and try to work out just how they won!

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Robin Francis

In the last Newsletter we were probably unable to do justice to Robin's contributions to the Club particularly in the 1980's, when he was willing to lead fund raising initiatives in less sophisticated times so far as these matters go. Robin successfully ran a 200 Club for several years and elder readers may well recollect receiving an annual report from Robin.

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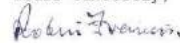
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Dear Member, past and present,

May, 1982, sees the start of the third year since our club revived the monthly 'Hornsey 200 Club' draws. With a potential pool of some 500 active members, I feel we could and should widen our subscription list, so I am appealing to you to seriously consider the merits of a subscription, still only £12 a year. Subscribers have the opportunity of winning cash prizes (a £10 and a £25 prize drawn each month, with an additional £50 prize every third month), and although three-quarters of all draw revenue is ploughed back in prize money, the club still makes a modest profit. Thus, last year some 70-odd subscribers achieved a profit of about £200 for Hornsey, which went towards much-needed club renovation. Wives, friends, relatives, all and sundry are eligible to subscribe, with an honorary membership automatically extended to all who join.

So, once more, I would ask every person who enjoys their club sport and social amenities to reach for a chequebook and post a £12 cheque, made payable to 'Hornsey 200 Club', sent to the above address, and I will send notification of ongoing draw number immediately. Although I would prefer new subscriptions in by 15th April, interested latecomers can join at any time of the year, being eligible for a full 12 months of draws.

Yours sincerely,



Organiser, 'Hornsey 200 Club'

Prize Winners For May-81/April-82 (Subscription renewals mandatory!)

May - John Hebditch no 13 - £25	Nov - L. Trethewey no 10 £25
May - J.R.Linney no 21 - £10	Nov - Shirley Owles no 15 £10
June - John Hebditch no 13 - £25	Dec - M. Pigden no 50 £25
June - Martin Garrett " 52 - £10	Dec - Elaine Newton no 45 £10
July - B.H. Wright no 9 - £50	Jan - Gay Shroder no 35 £50
July - W.W. Teggins no 18 - £25	Jan - John Marshall no 26 £25
July - Mrs.V.Somerville 55 - £10	Jan - Ram Chitra no 46 £10
Aug - Don Kute no 20 - £25	Feb - G. Bakker no 12 £25
Aug - Julie Noble no 2 - £10	Feb - Tony Elliot no 19 £10
Sept - Mrs. M.Pigden no 17 - £25	March - Mrs. C. Nash no 1 £25
Sept - M.S.Brown no 11 - £10	March - Robin Francis no 30 £10
Oct - M.S.Brown no 11 - £50	April - Mrs. M.Pigden no 17 £10
Oct - Peter Boizot no 33 - £25	April - Mrs. A.Dalman no 58 £25
Oct - Nick Coleman no 29 - £10	April - W.W. Teggins no 18 £50

Yesterday's Papers...

There was no real room in the last Newsletter for details of the various Cup winners from last season so better later than never, here is a summary.

2nd XI Cup Final

Surbiton 3 Southgate 1

Plate

Banbury 1 Belper 1 (3-1 ap)

Women's 2nd XI Cup

Surbiton 5 Clifton Robinsons 0

Plate

Sevenoaks 3 Beeston 1

Girls U18

Beeston 6 Reading 1 (Third consecutive final win for Beeston)

Plate

Sevenoaks 0 Cheltenham 3

Boys U18

Surbiton 4 Beeston 2

Plate

Cannock 0 Canterbury 2

Women's Cup

Surbiton 5 Clifton Robinsons 0

Trophy

University of Nottingham 4 Alderley Edge 4 (3-1 ap)

Vase

Amersham & Chalfont 1 Chichester 1 (3-4 ap)

Over 35

Olton & West Warwick 3 Canterbury 3 (3-4 ap)

Over 35 Trophy

Harleston 8 Timperley 0

Over 35 Shield

Barnes 2 Wisbech 0

Over 45 Cup

Sevenoaks 4 Redland UWE Wereys 1

Over 45 Plate

Taunton Vale 1 Driffield 1 (2-1 ap)

Men's Cup

Reading 6 Canterbury 1

Reading took the Men's Cup in fine style, seeing off Canterbury 6-1 to secure the biggest margin of victory in this final for some 15 years.

With player/coach Andy Watts and stalwarts Jonty Clarke and Richard Mantell¹ all set to move on from the club, it was a fitting way for them to sign off with medals around their necks. They sealed their five-goal win as James Carson scored with the final touch of the match, with his brother Tom having scored for Great Britain earlier in the day.

With seven goals it was a fitting finale to this, "the most prestigious knockout tournament in English hockey".

¹ Not so, it turned out to be!

The game started at a lively pace, Scottish international Tommy Alexander making a super save from an early penalty corner. His Reading teammate Monty Jefferson then went on a superb individual run from deep in his own half and was close to creating a wonderful goal.

Reading began to up the ante, and Canterbury's Bill Cain was shown a green card as his side performed a rearguard action. However, they were powerless to prevent Reading's opening goal on 17 minutes, when Imre Gerrits fired across a super pass that Nick Park turned home from close range.

Canterbury went in search of an immediate reply. Will Heywood was inches away from an equaliser after a trademark charge forward.

With the half drawing to a close, Reading made a penalty corner pay dividends, the ball being worked to Andy Watts, who made no mistake. His side then went in search of another but James Carson was denied by a good save from Diccon Stubbings.

Into the second half, Reading further imposed their dominance on the game. Ben Boon charged down the right, firing in a cross that Stubbings did well to parry. However, he was powerless to stop Tim Atkins' magnificent finish into the top corner.

As so often happens, the game took another twist as Canterbury skipper Craig Boyne scored what one journalist described as a contender for goal of the season, volleying home a wonderful aerial to reduce the deficit.

Reading's Park then had a great chance but shot wide at the near post after a slip from a Canterbury defender. With ten minutes to go, the lively Gerrits did make it 4-1 with a neat shot, practically ending Canterbury's resistance.

With confidence at a high, Watts then added a stylish fifth, before Carson made it 6-1 with the final touch of the game at a penalty corner.

Trophy

Didsbury 1 Blackheath and Old Edwardians 1 (3-4 ap)

Vase

Brigg 1 Southampton 3

O40 Cup

Isca 2 Canterbury 1

O40 Trophy

Epsom 3 Khalsa 1

O40 Shield

Norwich City 0 Old Cranleighans 4

O50 Cup

Ben Rhydding 0 Reading 2 (with former Hampstead player coach Rob Thompson playing)

O50 Trophy

Timperley 2 Formby 4

O50 Shield

Bournemouth 0 Bowdon 4

O60 Cup

Indian Gymkhana 3 Surrey 3 ((Surrey ap)

O60 Plate

Hampshire 0 Kent 2

Club News

The club's achievements were recognised this year by two awards by the City of Westminster. The Active Westminster Awards reward, in ten different categories, those who change lives through their

outstanding contribution to sport and physical activity. At last, the incomparable efforts of Alex Smart in co-ordinating and organising the Youth Section were recognised as Westminster Active Coach of the Year.



Active Club of the Year

And in this category, up stepped a gaggle of Club representatives to accept the award!



Women's Section

The stand out performance of the season so far has been the 1st XI, who stand atop the East Conference of the National League, undefeated.

Southgate 0 Hampstead² 4
 Hampstead 6 Barnes 1
 Chelmsford 0 Hampstead 9

Bedford 0 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 6 St Albans 3
 Cambridge City 0 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 6 Harleston Magpies 0
 Wimbledon 1 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 2 Sevenoaks 1

Driver Esser (2) H Turner
 Clark (2) Radford L Turner H Turner Robertson
 Wijtenburg Esser (2) H Turner Askew (2) Robertson
 Wilkinson Radford
 Driver
 Askew (2) Driver (3) Esser
 Driver Esser
 Maguire Driver L Turner (2) Wijtenburg Clark
 L Turner Wijtenburg Esser
 Maguire (2)



Table

Hampstead	9	9	0	0	33	27
Sevenoaks	10	9	0	1	28	27
Wimbledon	10	8	0	2	38	24
Cambridge City	10	6	1	3	10	19
Harleston Magpies	10	3	1	6	-13	10
Barnes	10	2	3	5	-10	9
St Albans	10	2	2	6	-8	8
Bedford	9	2	2	5	-10	8
Southgate	10	2	2	6	-29	8
Chelmsford	10	0	1	9	-39	1

This was the team's report of after the Harleston game:-

Hampstead & Westminster eased to a 6-0 victory at home to Harleston Magpies to maintain their 100% start to the season and stay top of the Investec Conference East on goal difference.

Hampstead had many chances during the first half but allowed Harleston Magpies to stay in the game by not converting the opportunities, only leading 2-0 at the break through an Emily Maguire goal on after 4 minutes and Annabel Driver finishing a Penalty Corner on the stroke of half time. The home team came out into the second half firing in three quick goals, starting with a straight strike at a penalty corner from captain Annebeth Wijtenburg. Lauren Turner then put away two great goals

² Amy Askew, Kate Mccaw, Emily Maguire, Hayley Turner, Lauren Turner, Sarah Robertson, Jessica Orrett, Fleur Horner, Rochelle Gianfrancesco, Brodie Fairchild, Joyce Esser, Annabel Driver, Jasmine Clark, Elen Barnes, Katherine Baker, Melanie Wilkinson

to give Hampstead a commanding 5-0 lead less than 10 minutes into the second half. With 5-0 on the scoreboard Hampstead dropped their intensity slightly but managed to convert a sixth (a deflection from Jasmine Clark) close to the end of the game to finish off their hard work.

Fixtures to come...

tba Bedford (h) [postponed fixture owing to adverse weather conditions and despite pitch clearance efforts by the club's Director of Hockey]



2018

- 3 February Wimbledon (a)
- 10 February Cambridge City (h)
- 17 February Southgate (h)
- 24 February Barnes (a)
- 3 March Sevenoaks (h)
- 10 March Harleston Magpies (a)
- 17 March St Albans (a)
- 24 March Chelmsford (h)

3 December 2017

Mayoral Visit

The Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster, Ian Adams, visited PRG to celebrate the Rainbow Laces campaign by national teams, leading clubs, top athletes, fans and grassroots players from across sport in support of LGBT people in sport. He went on to spectate at the second round of the Women's Cup game, where the 1st XI played Sevenoaks their nearest challengers in the Investec National League East Conference. This ended with a 6-2 win for Hampstead.



Here is the Lord Mayor in the team photograph, whose attendance will be welcomed at all future home matches!



South League

The 2nd XI sits in ninth place in South League 2, with one win, a draw and five defeats, with undefeated Spencer 1st XI in top spot, with 27 points, leading by four from the next team below them.

In South League 3A, the 3rd XI is sadly in last place, with four points after a win and a draw but in a League where their opponents (other than Reading 3rd XI and Southgate 2nd XI) are all first ranked teams.

Middlesex League

In the Premier League, the 3rd XI is in eighth place, after two wins and five draws (but has suffered a points deduction). In Division 1, the 6th XI is top with the 5th XI in second place but having played one game fewer. Both have ten wins and a loss but the 6th XI the benefit of one draw.

In Division 3, the 7th XI is second to undefeated Ealing 1st XI, which has a 100% record and a lead of 6 points. The 7th XI has a lead of eight league points itself over the team in third.

Men's Section

Premier League

Hampstead 4 Brooklands 0
 Wimbledon 2 Hampstead 2
 Surbiton 2 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 7 Canterbury 0
 Beeston 4 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 2 East Grinstead 2
 Reading 2 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 6 Sevenoaks 1
 Hampstead 3 Holcombe 2
 East Grinstead 1 Hampstead 0

Shipperley French Dowds (2)
 Guise Brown Dowds
 Shipperley
 Watt (4) Guise Brown Martin Gooch
 Cargo Roche
 Cargo Watt
 Guise Brown (2) Roche
 Shipperley Kelly (2) Martin Guise Brown Watt
 Kelly Guise Brown (2)



The attack minded high tempo game adopted by coach Kwan Browne has continued to be the team's approach this season. It started with a hard won 4-0 win at home to Brooklands, who had beaten Hampstead earlier in a warm-up tournament at Surbiton when the 1st XI squad was short of numbers. Brooklands are always strong opponents and the two second half goals secured a welcome win but lots of effort had to be applied (as the players testified after the game).

Wimbledon may not have been at their strongest early in the season owing to injuries but were still a stern test. Hampstead scored two fine short corner goals to come away with a draw. At Surbiton Hampstead attacked deep into the second half after falling a goal behind to a penalty stroke. It was thought that they had been awarded their own but the decision was over turned and former Hampstead goalkeeper Gibson then repeatedly saved shots that would have produced an equaliser.

After Canterbury's Craig Boyne had shot recklessly over the cross bar by some distance, Hampstead sensed that the visitors were not as focused as had been expected. Mikie Watt came away with four goals as Hampstead ran out 7-0 winners.

The game at Beeston was a repeat of last season's visit. Beeston opened the scoring with a Gleghorne short corner but this season Hampstead equalised through Chris Cargo. Gleghorne scored a second but this was quickly equalised by captain Toby Roche, who had taken up a new position for this game in the forward line. In the second half Beeston took the lead with a shot on the reverse from Dixon rather against the run of play.

It was then all Hampstead for 20 or so minutes but they were once again thwarted by a packed defence and a goalkeeper in inspired form. With two minutes to go Hampstead sacrificed their goalkeeper for an on-field player. When on a lone attack Beeston were awarded a short corner in overtime, Ward converted it, as he had in similar circumstances last year when he was playing for Holcombe and that gave an unjustified skew to the final 4-2 scoreline.

Matches with East Grinstead are always tense and close-run things and this season's home game was more of the same. Chris Cargo robbed the ball on the visitor's 25-yard line and had the equivalent of a shoot-out, facing only the goalkeeper and managed to score for an early lead but Hampstead then missed several opportunities from close range and had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

Against Reading, amidst the fireworks on a Saturday night at Sonning, South Africa's Matt Guise-Brown scored the game's first penalty corner after four minutes. Reading looked dangerous on the counter attack and converted their only short corner to tie the game at 1-1 after 8 minutes. Matt then put the Hampstead back in front shortly after with another trademark corner drag flick. And seven minutes before the half time Toby Roche tapped in for his second goal in three games.

On the stroke of half time, Reading scored again to make it 3-2 and far too close for comfort.

The second half was entertaining, but goalless. Hampstead exerted significant control of the ball in the last five minutes and came away with the three points.

Sevenoaks had found life a little tough in their first season in the Premier League but came away from the next game suggesting that there really was little difference between the two teams, save of course for five goals. Good finishing saw Hampstead claim six, with the visitors scoring through their reliable short corner routine.

After a pleasing 3-2 win against Holcombe after two text book corner conversions by Matt Guise Brown, Hampstead started the reverse fixtures for the season with a Saturday night visit to Saint Hill. This turned out to be a repeat of the experience at Beeston and it remains a mystery how the team came away pointless. With their win, East Grinstead pulled into fifth position, one behind Hampstead in fourth at the mid-way stage.

Table

Surbiton	10	7	2	1	12	23
Beeston	10	7	1	2	15	22
Reading	10	6	0	4	15	18
Hampstead	10	5	2	3	14	17
East Grinstead	10	5	1	4	4	16
Wimbledon	10	4	3	3	7	15
Holcombe	10	5	0	5	2	15
Brooklands MU	10	3	1	6	-8	10
Sevenoaks	10	1	1	8	-23	4
Canterbury	10	1	1	8	-33	4

Fixtures to come...

4 February	Wimbledon (h)
11 February	Brooklands MU (a)
18 February	Reading (h)
25 February	Holcombe (a)
3 March	Sevenoaks (a)
11 March	Surbiton (h)
18 March	Beeston (h)
29 March	Canterbury (a)

Retirement

In November, Mikie Watt, the 1st XI forward, announced his retirement from international hockey. He had represented Ireland for 12 years, winning 201 caps, Olympic qualification and a European Championship bronze medal. He scored 57 goals (and not the 54 officially recorded).



He started his hockey life at home in Belfast and played at 8 years old. Later at the Royal Belfast Academical Institution, he decided that hockey, rather than rugby, was the way forward and played alongside Mark Gleghorne as captain, in days that still hold his best hockey memories. He went on to win the Irish Senior Cup with Instonians in 2004 whilst still at school but then played four years for Grange HC when at Edinburgh University. It was then that he made his Irish debut aged 19.

His first major event was the qualifying tournament for the 2008 Olympic Games. He scored twice in a 4-0 against France. However, the team missed out on goal difference. The team again missed out narrowly to Korea for participation in the London Olympic Games four years later, which ranks as the biggest regret in his hockey career.

He then played for Dragons in Belgium, followed by RS Tennis in Spain and SCHC in Holland. He helped Ireland to qualify in Antwerp for the Rio Games and won the bronze medal at the European Championships after defeating England that brought about as well a rise in the world rankings.

Other Men's teams

The 2nd XI leads the London League Premier Division once again, with 31 points, by five points over Wimbledon in second, Spencer in third and Reading in fourth places, having won 10 and a draw and the one loss.

In Division 1, Zak Hond XI are in fourth place, three points off the lead. The 3rd XI is struggling this season in the same League, with 8 points, three from the foot of the table. In Division 2, Hampstead 4's is in sixth place and the 5th XI is in 11th (on goal difference)

In Division 5, the Hammers are second to London Royals, two points adrift and in Division 6, the Thirsts XI is top with 30 points and the Spaniards XI in second, having played one game fewer but also with 30 points,. The team in third place is eight points distant.

The Vets are sixth in the Veterans League 1 and the Supervets are fourth in the Supervets Division 2.

International Hockey

Hampstead's Harry Martin has been busy with Great Britain duty in a three match test series against Germany in November and then for England in the World League Finals in India in December.

Germany 5 Great Britain 3

Great Britain were edged out by Germany in their three-match test series opener in Mannheim on 13 November 2017.

Luke Taylor of Surbiton marked his first Great Britain cap with a goal while Tom Carson and Barry Middleton were also on target. However two goals from Dieter Linnekogel and strikes from Christopher Ruhr, Dan Luong Nguyen and Marco Miltkau saw Germany to a 5-3 win.

Great Britain took the lead after ten minutes when Taylor converted from a penalty corner but Linnekogel levelled from a German penalty corner nine minutes later. Barry Middleton was on target to put GB back into the lead but Linnekogel scored again, from a penalty corner, to level the scores before half time.

On 38 minutes Carson put GB back into the lead again as he marked his return to competitive international hockey after an injury lay off. The hosts rallied to finish strongly to stage a late comeback. First, Nguyen put home a penalty corner before Ruhr and Miltkau field goals put Germany into a late 5-3 lead.

Great Britain: Harry Gibson (GK), Ollie Willars, Brendan Creed, Henry Weir, Harry Martin, Sam Ward, Phil Roper (C), Barry Middleton, Tom Carson, James Albery, Alan Forsyth

Subs (Used): George Pinner (C), Luke Taylor, Chris Grassick, David Goodfield, Liam Ansell, James Gall, Dan Kyriakides

Germany 3 Great Britain 3

On 14 November 2017, Great Britain and Germany played out a thrilling 3-3 draw in Mannheim. Goals from Liam Ansell and Luke Taylor put GB into an early two-goal lead before Germany fought back in the second half through Mats Grambusch and Marco Miltkau. An Adam Dixon goal put GB back into the lead but German captain Grambusch was on target again to rescue a draw for his side.

Bobby Crutchley rotated his large squad for this contest, in which Ed Horler made his Great Britain debut. GB raced into the lead just as they did in the first match of the series, Ansell scoring a field goal on 11 minutes before Taylor netted his second in two games from a penalty corner to extend the lead.

However, after the half-time break, Germany fought back and two goals in two minutes saw them draw level. Grambusch was first on target and Miltkau converted a penalty corner moments later. GB put themselves back into the lead with ten minutes to go through Dixon but Grambusch found the net with five minutes to go.

Great Britain: George Pinner (GK),(C), Luke Taylor, Henry Weir, Brendan Creed, Adam Dixon, Harry Martin, Chris Grassick, Barry Middleton, Ed Horler, Sam Ward, Alan Forsyth
Subs (Used): Harry Gibson (GK), Dan Kyriakides, James Albery, James Gall, Tom Carson, Liam Ansell, Phil Roper

Germany 6 Great Britain 2

Great Britain lost the final match of the series. Captain Phil Roper and Chris Grassick were both on target for GB but this was not enough to fight back against a powerful start from the hosts. Ollie Willars made his 100th international appearance and Henry Weir picked up his 50th GB cap.

Germany flew out the blocks and raced into a three-goal lead inside the first ten minutes through goals from Haner, Prinz and Bruns. Phil Roper gave GB a lifeline on thirteen minutes from a penalty corner but his German counterpart Grambusch cancelled this out before the half-time break. Then Mats Grambusch found the net.

The second half was a much tighter contest and it took until 52 minutes for the game's next goal when Staib found the target. GB struck back a minute later through Grassick to finish the scoring.

Speaking after the match head coach Bobby Crutchley said: "It was a poor start to the game conceding three goals in eight minutes. The players must learn that international hockey demands the highest intensity from the first whistle".

Great Britain: Harry Gibson (GK), Ollie Willars, Brendan Creed, Henry Weir, Harry Martin, Phil Roper (C), Adam Dixon, Barry Middleton, Ed Horler, James Gall, David Goodfield
Subs (Used): George Pinner, James Albery, David Condon, Liam Ansell, Chris Grassick, Alan Forsyth, Luke Taylor

Odisha World League Finals

Bhubaneswar, India



Germany (2) 2

Grambusch (19, FG), Ruhr (26, FG)

England (0) 0

England fell to defeat against a strong German outfit in the opening game of the Odisha Hockey World League Finals in India. Second quarter goals from Mats Grambusch and Christopher Ruhr were enough for the Germans to come away with the victory, despite England starting the game on top. Bobby Crutchley's side did have good chances of their own through Liam Ansell and Phil Roper but goalkeeper Tobias Walter was on hand to thwart both efforts.

But on the whole, it was Germany who dominated much of the game against an England team missing three players due to illness to start their tournament in the best possible fashion. Much of the possession belonged with England early on as they initially started the sharper of the two sides, with Mark Gleghorne stretching Ansell testing Walter inside the first seven minutes. The world number five outfit then sprang into life at the start of the second quarter. Niklas Bruns slapped a shot wide after substitute 'keeper Harry Gibson made a good save, down low to his left.

But just three minutes later Germany took the lead as Martin Zwicker raced up the centre of the field before feeding Florian Fuchs. The midfielder kept his composure to set up Grambusch to tuck his effort into an empty goal. Germany then kept on piling on the pressure and extended their lead in the 26th minute, when Ruhr unleashed a fearsome shot past Gibson after a fantastic run down the right by Fuchs.

England then held firm despite continued dominance by their opponents in the third quarter, forcing Constantin Staib and Grambusch into speculative reverse stick efforts from narrow angles. Then, in a rare foray forward in the 41st minute, Roper, who was making his 50th England appearance, almost snuck a shot between Walter's legs but could not quite connect perfectly and the German 'keeper did well to keep it out.

His opposite number George Pinner, nominated for the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year earlier in the day, then instinctively kept out a deflection from Dan Nguyen to make sure the lead did not increase at the end of the third quarter. A yellow card for Marco Miltkau with 11 minutes to play gave England an opportunity and they almost took advantage immediately but Sam Ward was deemed to have not touched Gleghorne's vicious cross on its way into the goal, despite a referral. That was to be as good as it got in the final quarter, as Germany closed out the game to avenge their loss to England in the bronze medal game during the summer's EuroHockey Championships.

Starting XI: Pinner (C), Weir, Ward, Gleghorne, Roper, Dixon, Middleton, Ansell, Condon, C Griffiths, Sanford. Subs (Used): Taylor, Gibson, Goodfield, Gall; (Unused): Ames, Martin, Creed

India (0) 2

Akashdeep (PC, 47), Rupinder (PC, 50)

England (1) 3

Goodfield (FG, 25), Ward (FG, 43; FG, 57)

Sam Ward's stunning strike secured England's first win of the Finals in a thrilling game against India.

The hosts looked like they had completed a remarkable comeback as Akashdeep Singh and Rupinder Singh struck in the final quarter to wipe away England's initial two goal lead after earlier goals from Ward and David Goodfield. But, with just three minutes remaining, David Condon found Beeston's Ward in the circle before the forward smashed the ball into the roof of the net to hand England a first win against India and in India since January 2014. After the game Ward said that having team-mates Brendan Creed and Harry Martin back from illness (having missed the opening game with Germany) - was crucial to their victory.

Both teams started at a lively tempo and created early chances, Akashdeep forcing Harry Gibson into a second minute save before Goodfield scuffed a golden opportunity wide shortly after. India then nearly took the lead at the start of the second period only for Chinglensana Kangujam to miss the target completely.

Mark Gleghorne's penalty corner (England's first of the tournament) was then well charged down in the 25th minute but seconds later England took the lead after Goodfield's cross was diverted into his own goal by goalkeeper Suraj Karkera. That goal stunned a previously vociferous home crowd into

silence. They awoke four minutes after half-time as Gibson produced a marvellous save to keep out a well hit strike from the edge of the circle.

However, they went quiet once again two minutes before the end of the third quarter as Ward scored his 20th goal for England, taking full advantage as Harmanpreet Singh failed to control a routine aerial in his own circle by sliding the ball past Karkera.

The defender almost immediately made amends a minute later as Gibson kept out a penalty corner that sparked India into life as they won another at the start of the final period of play. George Pinner did well to keep out Rupinder's initial effort but the ball bounced up kindly for Akashdeep to nudge into the England goal.

Three minutes later, spurred on by the partisan home support, India levelled the scores as Rupinder snuck a vicious flick in between Pinner and Barry Middleton on the goal line. The drama was not finished there, as both teams continued to press hard. Condon thought that he should have been given a penalty corner with four minutes remaining after a powerful run. He controlled his frustration at the decision well and played an instrumental part in setting up the winner by playing an intelligent pass to Ward, who did well to manufacture some room before unleashing an unstoppable effort to win the game.

Starting XI: Gibson, Weir, Ward, Gleghorne, Roper (C), Dixon, Middleton, Creed, Goodfield, Condon, Sanford, Subs (Used): Pinner, Taylor, Martin, Ansell, C Griffiths, Gall

Australia (0) 2

Wotherspoon (FG, 33), Govers (PC, 41)

England (1) 2

Ansell (FG, 4), Roper (FG, 54)

Barry Middleton's 400th international appearance ended in dramatic style as England clung on to draw with Australia in their final pool game. Having levelled the scores with six minutes remaining through Phil Roper, Harry Gibson and his defenders kept out four penalty corners in the final minute of the game to deny Australia their first win of the tournament.



England had taken the lead early on through Liam Ansell but Australia hit back in the third quarter, equalising through Dylan Wotherspoon before Blake Govers gave them the lead. That result, coupled with Germany's win over India, ensured that England finished second in the group on four points from their three matches.

Buoyed by victory against India, England began confidently and opened the scoring with the game's first attack as Ansell dinked the ball home after a good run by David Goodfield. Lachlan Sharp's 10th minute shot was superbly smothered by George Pinner before Liam Sanford and Henry Weir then put in crucial blocks to keep out an Australian penalty corner in the 13th minute.

The reigning Hockey World League champions continued to press in the second period but England's defence held firm. Middleton, only the fifth player to ever feature in 400 international games, pulled off a heroic diving block to thwart Tom Wickham in the 24th minute, before substitute goalkeeper Harry Gibson made a smart save to keep out a Govers penalty corner.

The pressure eventually told early in the second half though as Matthew Swann picked out Wotherspoon, who swept the ball past Pinner to equalise, despite an England review. Pinner then showed why he has been nominated as the FIH Goalkeeper of the Year with an incredible double save in the 36th minute to deny, first, a diving Jeremy Edwards and then Wickham's follow up effort.

Wickham was then kept out by Pinner again moments later but the Kookaburras won a penalty corner on review and Govers smashed it home to give his side the lead with just under 20 minutes remaining.

England began the final quarter in much more attacking fashion and won a penalty corner early on, only for Luke Taylor's effort to be well charged down before Goodfield slapped a shot wide.

But with just six minutes remaining the ball broke kindly for Roper just a couple of yards out from goal and the midfielder nudged it over Tristan Clemons to grab a point for his team.

England then defended heroically to keep out four penalty corners in the final 30 seconds – the third one hitting the post twice – in a dramatic end to another pulsating game.

Starting XI: Pinner (C), Ames, Ward, Gleghorne, Roper, Dixon, Middleton, Creed, Ansell, Condon, Sanford Subs (Used): Gibson, Taylor, Weir, Martin, Goodfield, C Griffiths, Gall

England (1) 2

Condon (29, FG), Dixon (60, FG)

Argentina (2) 3

Vila (21, FG), Paredes (29, FG), Gilardi (34, PS)

England's quest for an Final medal was ended by a dogged Argentina at the quarter-final stages in India. Adam Dixon's final minute effort gave England a chance of setting up a grandstand finish but it was ultimately not enough to stop the Olympic champions from claiming their first win of the tournament and a place in the semi finals.

David Condon's fearsome strike just before half-time gave his side a chance after earlier goals from Lucas Vila and Martin Paredes. Vila controlled the game on his 200th appearance and won a penalty stroke in the 34th minute which Juan Gilardi smartly converted to restore his side's two goal advantage that would prove too much for England to overcome, despite Dixon's late goal.

The first quarter was a rather cagey affair as both sides tried to settle into the game, with neither creating any clear-cut chances. In the 21st minute the game rather unexpectedly sprang into life as a hopeful ball into the circle deflected off Vila's stick and over George Pinner's leg to open the scoring for Argentina. Eight minutes later that lead was doubled as a deflected aerial fell kindly for captain Paredes, who skipped his way into the circle before squeezing a reverse stick shot between Pinner's legs.

England hit back immediately as Condon smashed the ball past Juan Vivaldi after Barry Middleton's pass fell kindly for him after a partial block to give his team hope going into the break. However, England's defence was breached once again four minutes after half-time, as a scintillating move by Argentina saw Harry Gibson bring down Vila in the area, with Gilardi easily converting the resulting penalty stroke.

The Argentinians then once again set about keeping their opponents out while Vila forced Gibson into a save with a fierce shot in the 41st minute. England pushed hard in the final quarter to find a way back into the game, winning four penalty corners and eventually finding a way past Vivaldi after Lucas Rossi diverted Dixon's cross past his own goalkeeper. There was to be no dramatic equaliser for England, as their 30 year winless streak against their opponents continued, having not beaten them since a 2-1 victory at the 1986 World Cup.

Starting XI: Gibson, Ames, Martin, Ward, Gleghorne, Dixon, Middleton, Creed, Condon, C Griffiths, Sanford. Subs (Used): Pinner, Taylor, Roper (C), Goodfield, Ansell, Gall

England (0) 0
Netherlands (0) 1
Pruijser (42, FG)

The World League Final campaign ended for England with a narrow defeat to the Netherlands in a tight and tense encounter, for the seventh and eighth spots. Mirco Pruijser scored the game's only goal in the third quarter as both sides struggled to get to grips with a sodden pitch and very tricky overhead conditions.

Harry Martin, Chris Griffiths and Mark Gleghorne all had good chances for England but on each occasion they were halted by goalkeeper Sam van der Ven. There was some consolation when Liam Sanford was named the Junior Player of the Match for the third consecutive game at the end of the tournament.

With the rain teeming down from the start both teams took a while to settle, with Sanford excelling in defence and preventing George Pinner from getting in on the action in his 100th England game. The game came into life in the 24th minute, when David Condon broke through two tackles and raced into the Dutch circle before finding Griffiths, only for the forward to be thwarted by an onrushing van der Ven.

Seconds later the Dutch almost scored themselves as Valentin Verga showed great skill to get past Gleghorne but Harry Gibson was out quickly to make an athletic save with his left hand. England then raced up the other end once again, with Sam Ward unlucky not to find a team-mate with a cross before Martin showed some superb 3D skills to beat three defenders, only to see van der Ven block his effort as well.

With the rain worsening during the break the second half began with large puddles forming on the pitch, making the going even harder as the ball struggled to cross the surface. This hampered England's plans during their first penalty corner in the 32nd minute but the ball still found its way to David Goodfield, only for the midfielder to smash a reverse stick effort into the wrong side of the goal.

The conditions certainly did not affect Verga ten minutes later though as he went on a mazy run before producing a cheeky pass to Pruijser, who expertly steered the ball into the corner of Pinner's goal to open the scoring. With six minutes remaining England won a second penalty corner that Gleghorne thundered towards goal but, once again, van der Ven was on hand to keep it out.

Thijs van Dam then had a glorious effort to wrap up the win with three minutes remaining but could not divert his shot into an open goal after barging his way past two defenders. However, this proved inconsequential, as the Dutch held on to claim their first win of the tournament.

Starting XI: Pinner (C), Taylor, Weir, Martin, Roper, Middleton, Creed, Condon, C Griffiths, Gall, Sanford. Subs (Used): Gibson, Ames, Ward, Gleghorne, Dixon, Goodfield, Ansell

In the other games in the tournament, Argentina were joined in the semi-final games by Germany, who defeated the Netherlands 4-3 on a shoot-out after a 3-3 draw in usual time and by Australia and India. Germany suffered a 0-3 defeat to Australia, despite having one injured player and five unable to play because of illness.

Belgium defeated Spain 1-0 to claim fifth place, with their opponents placed sixth.

In the final Australia overcame Argentina 3-2 and retained the trophy won two years ago. For the bronze medal, India beat Germany 2-1 in an extraordinary game, won 2-1 by the hosts.

It was fair from straight-forward for India. Germany's semi-final performance against Australia had attracted huge praise on Saturday, going down to a narrow defeat despite having only the 13 fit players available due to illness.

With two more players going down over night, Germany found themselves having to face host the home favourites with a squad of 11, which included reserve goalkeeper Mark Appel who played as a striker.

It proved to be one of the most remarkable matches of the event, with Germany holding their own against India for long periods. They went into half time having ten shots at goal in comparison with India's three, although India had the lead, thanks to SV Sunil's excellent finish in the 21st minute following a fine reaction save from Germany's Tobias Walter.

Unexpectedly, Germany drew level six minutes into the third quarter from the most unlikely of sources, with reserve goalkeeper Appel, free on an inside left channel, to lift the ball over the onrushing Indian goalkeeper Suraj Karkera and into the net. The strike sparked wild celebrations from the German team, all keen to congratulate their goalie on his first ever international goal.

However, India scored again to take the game - and the medal.

Indoor Hockey

The newly promoted Men's 1st XI will be participating in Division 1 of the Jaffa Super6s this season. There are two weekends of League hockey, the first at Nottingham Trent University and the second at UWE in Bristol, where the team last played on gaining promotion a year ago. The programme is as follows:-

WEEK ONE

Saturday 6th January 2018
Nottingham Trent University

1030 West Herts v Bowdon
1130 St Albans v Beeston
1230 Harlestone Magpies v Ipswich
1330 Southgate v Hampstead & W
1430 Canterbury v West Herts
1530 Bowdon v St Albans
1630 Beeston v Harlestone Magpies
1730 Ipswich v Southgate
1830 Hampstead & W v Canterbury

Sunday 7th January 2018
Nottingham Trent University

0900 St Albans v Harlestone Magpies
1000 Southgate v Canterbury
1100 Bowdon v Beeston
1200 Ipswich v Hampstead & W
1300 West Herts v St Albans
1400 Harlestone Magpies v Southgate
1500 Canterbury v Bowdon
1600 Beeston v Ipswich
1700 Hampstead & W v West Herts

WEEK TWO

Saturday 13th January 2018
University of the West of England Centre of Sport, Bristol

1030 Canterbury v Beeston
1130 Hampstead & W v St Albans
1230 Southgate v Bowdon
1330 Ipswich v West Herts
1430 Harleston Magpies v Canterbury
1530 Beeston v Hampstead & W
1630 St Albans v Southgate
1730 Bowdon v Ipswich
1830 West Herts v Harleston Magpies

Sunday 14th January 2018
University of the West of England Centre of Sport, Bristol

0900 Southgate v Beeston
1000 Hampstead & W v Harleston Magpies
1100 Canterbury v Ipswich
1200 West Herts v Southgate
1300 Bowdon v Hampstead & W
1400 St Albans v Canterbury
1500 Beeston v West Herts
1600 Harleston Magpies v Bowdon
1700 Ipswich v St Albans

Premier Division

The Premier Division tournament at Bromsgrove School began on 16 December 2017

1030 Loughborough Students 3 Team Bath Buccs 5
1130 Brooklands MU 8 Reading 6
1230 Wimbledon 9 Surbiton 6
1330 East Grinstead 9 Sevenoaks 7
1430 Holcombe 7 Loughborough Students 2
1530 Team Bath Buccs 3 Brooklands MU 2
1630 Reading 5 Wimbledon 6
1730 Surbiton 6 East Grinstead 2
1830 Sevenoaks 5 Holcombe 5

Sunday 17 December 2017
0900 Brooklands MU 3 Wimbledon 4
1000 East Grinstead 3 Holcombe 3
1100 Team Bath Buccs 3 Reading 2
1200 Surbiton 6 Sevenoaks 1
1300 Loughborough Students 6 Brooklands MU 6
1400 Wimbledon 2 East Grinstead 2
1500 Holcombe 2 Team Bath Buccs 5
1600 Reading 4 Surbiton 5
1700 Sevenoaks 7 Loughborough Students 3

Mid-way Table

Bath Buccaneers	12pts
Wimbledon	10
Surbiton	9
Holcombe	5
East Grinstead	5
Brooklands MU	4
Sevenoaks	4
Loughborough Students	1
Reading	0

WEEK TWO SCHEDULE
Saturday 6 January 2018

1030 Holcombe v Reading
 1130 Sevenoaks v Brooklands MU
 1230 East Grinstead v Team Bath Buccs
 1330 Surbiton v Loughborough Students
 1430 Wimbledon v Holcombe
 1530 Reading v Sevenoaks
 1630 Brooklands MU v East Grinstead
 1730 Team Bath Buccs v Surbiton
 1830 Loughborough Students v Wimbledon

Sunday 7 January 2018

0900 East Grinstead v Reading
 1000 Sevenoaks v Wimbledon
 1100 Holcombe v Surbiton
 1200 Loughborough Students v East Grinstead
 1300 Team Bath Buccs v Sevenoaks
 1400 Brooklands MU v Holcombe
 1500 Reading v Loughborough Students
 1600 Wimbledon v Team Bath Buccs
 1700 Surbiton v Brooklands MU

[New Points Scoring?](#)

The Euro Hockey League will trial a new points system for the season among a number of new innovations. This is noteworthy as several EHL initiatives tend to find their way into main stream hockey.

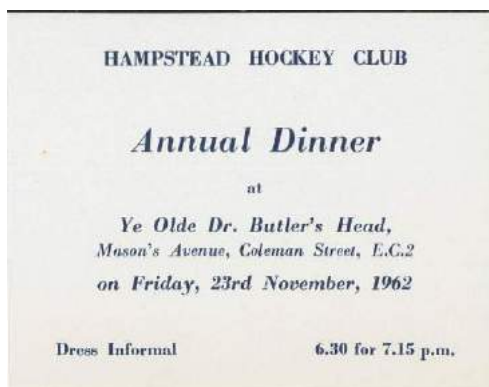
The new points system will follow along the same lines at the Hockey India League, with field goals and a penalty stroke goal that did not result from a penalty corner earning two points. Every penalty corner and every goal from a penalty stroke that came about from a penalty corner will earn one point.

For every Field Goal and a Penalty Stroke Goal scored in a match NOT resulting from a Penalty Corner	2 Points
For every Penalty Corner scored in a match	1 Point
For every goal scored from a Penalty Stroke resulting from a Penalty Corner situation.	1 Point
In a shoot-out competition a goal from a direct Shoot-out and a Penalty Stroke	1 Point

[Yesteryear](#)

[1962](#)

The Club's Annual Dinner was held at *Ye Olde Doctor Butler's Head*.



The Old Doctor Butler's Head was originally established in 1610 - with the present building dating back to just after the Great Fire of London in 1666. The pub takes its name from one Dr Butler, a 17th century self-proclaimed specialist in nervous disorders. His 'miracle cures' included holding

consultations on London Bridge, during which the unfortunate client would be dropped through a trapdoor into the torrent below.

As a cure for epilepsy, he would fire a brace of pistols near his unsuspecting patient, to scare the condition out of them. In cases of the plague, he would plunge the poor soul into cold water.

So highly was he considered, that despite his lack of qualifications, he was appointed court physician to King James I. At a similar time, he developed a medicinal ale for gastric ailments, which was available only from taverns which displayed Dr. Butler's head on their signs. This led to him acquiring a number of ale houses in the capital - of which The Old Dr. Butler's Head is the last one standing.

And the day after the Dinner?

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH
25 November 1962
Desmond Eager

SHARPSHOOTER DEEGAN GIVES HAMPSTEAD VICTORY

Spender 1, Hampstead 2

Hampstead gained their first victory of the season on the Spencer cricket club ground yesterday. They have been short of goalscorers this year and, in this match, it was only their centre half, Deegan, who pulled them through with his ability to strike hard and accurately at corners.

Spencer were on top for most of the first half. Their forwards individually were full of thrust and fight but they were inclined to try and beat one man too many. Thus, their attacks were contained somewhat desperately by a defence, which was given time to get back unto position. Even so, Spencer should have scored more than one goal before the interval. This was a good individual effort by Wagle, who broke through the defence and dribbled the ball into the net.

Hampstead did not look dangerous near the circle. Deegan early in the game decided to risk all and come up with his forwards whenever possible. He looked the most likely goalscorer against a defence in which Anderson and Prior excelled.

Shortly after half time, Hampstead drew level when Deegan scored from a short corner. This goal gave his side confidence and the battle raged up and down the field. The ground had cut up badly and both sides did well to provide such fast, open hockey in the conditions. Twenty minutes from the end Spencer gave Deegan another chance at a short corner. This was gratefully accepted and Hampstead succeeded in hanging on grimly to their slender lead,

Spencer: P Darley; E R Smalley, H C L Prior: A E Beard, A W Anderson (capt.). W A Wech: B Curtis, A Morris, R Michael, B Wagle, A Adams

Hampstead: D G Austin-Jones: R Cockerell, H M Dunford; M J Wright J F A Deegan J Griffiths (capt.) P D Bell. N A F Cardoza, C Welles, R Arshad, R Williams

Umpires: E Muller and J Davis (SCHUA)

Northampton Saints

A familiar face appeared on local TV screens in the East Midlands on the announcement that Jim Mallinder's appointment as Director of Rugby of Northampton Saints Aviva Premiership rugby team had been terminated after his ten years in charge.

The Northampton Saints' Chief Executive Officer was before the cameras of *BBC Look East* to explain that the termination of Mallinder's appointment "was at the right time" and that the club would be looking for interim coaching support before appointing a full-time successor before next season.

The CEO is none other than Mark Darbon, who played for the Men's 1's between 1999 and 2002 after playing at Oxford University, then in the National League.

Could this be the same Mark Darbon, whose player profile in 2001 read as follows?

Name: Mark 'Twinkle Toes' Darbon

Representative Honours: England U21

Qualities: The name says it all. Renowned worldwide for his Shabaz and drop of the shoulders.

Detriments: Led astray too easily by The Horse and the Arscott brothers and cries a little too easily when the coach shouts at him. Also has some serious schizophrenic issues to deal with when consuming alcohol.

Mark has had a busy and diverse career after his time with the Men's 1st XI. He spent five years with Diageo as a global strategy manager and then strategy director for greater China. This was followed by his appointment as commercial director for Diageo's whisky brands in Europe.

In 2009, he became Executive Assistant and Chief of Staff to LOCOG's Chief Executive before becoming the head of the pre-Olympic Games events in November 2010. In May 2012 he became the Head of Olympic Park operations for the duration of the Olympic Games.

In 2013, Mark joined Tough Mudder³ that has become a world leader in mass participation sports events businesses, with participation by more than 2,500,000 people worldwide. After his time in New York in that post, Mark became Chief Executive of Madison Sports Group in London, to launch a series of professional cycling events across Europe.

Northampton Saints were pleased to appoint Mark in April of this year, commenting upon his broad experience of "developing big sporting brands" and sponsorship opportunities and delivering exceptional events, which were three significant areas for the Saints, as they look to grow in the future and to meet what they described as the demands of the Aviva Premiership and European rugby.



Darbo on the right, with Tom Matthews, aka The Horse, in the centre and Jon Arscott on the extreme left, at the Stourport game later that season: Stourport 3 Hampstead 4

Will Mark recollect 21 October 2001 and the Premier League game against Teddington? Probably not, so here is a report, penned by Dave Sellick.

³ Tough Mudder is an endurance event series in which participants attempt 10–12 mile-long obstacle courses that tests mental as well as physical strength. The main principle of the Tough Mudder revolves around teamwork. It was co-founded by Will Dean, a former British counter terrorism officer, and Guy Livingstone, a former corporate lawyer. The obstacles often play on common human fears, such as fire, water, electricity and heights.

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 [Mayer -Aull] (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 Maier, 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.



And later after the loss to East Grinstead in the final game of the season, alongside Michael Williamson and, on his right, skipper Andy von Mayer (and the now discredited after match beverage beloved of the players...)

Next edition

All being well, this will cover the second half of the current season to its conclusion. If you have any news or comment, please direct it to mail@velwell.eclipse.co.uk.