

ENGLISH HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

MEN'S NATIONAL CUP CHAMPIONSHIP  
Fourth Round

HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER

-versus-

CAMBRIDGE CITY



Paddington Recreation Ground  
Sunday 16th November 1997  
12.00pm start

## WELCOME

Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club is pleased to welcome you today to their match with in the Fourth Round of the Men's EHA Cup competition. We extend a special welcome to the officials, players and members of the Cambridge City team, eager no doubt to take us on and step into the heady delights of the Fifth Round. Cambridge were virtually assured of last season's championship of the East League but were dramatically pipped by Colchester at the very end. Thus they are a team with more than an ample pedigree and are likely to prove a tough nut to crack in any event.

Hopefully they too will have dried out after the drenching of yesterday. In the hope that his Spanish antecedents will bring the fine weather we are pleased also to welcome Paco Pena to umpire us today as part of the Umpires Exchange weekend, which saw Jacques Wilmet join us yesterday *quand il pleut comme la vache qui pisse!*

## THIS PROGRAMME

Today's Programme will be very truncated, what with a preceding NHL game and the holiday absence of the compiler. So unless the wags of the First XI can come up with the goods, you may get short shrift to read today. Normal service will be resumed shortly.

## CLUB NEWS

### DICK CRESSWELL

It is with deep regret that we mourn the sudden passing of Dick Cresswell, long playing servant of the Club and latterly still ploughing on with the Spaniards' team, who died last Saturday week on the playing field at the game with Horsham. Dick had most recently served the Club as Club Captain in the early 1980s, a popular choice and a post that he only accepted under pressure, such was his quiet self assuming character and always the most modest of men. He was asked to take on the post by those who recognised his ability to talk to everyone and at all levels with a sympathetic ear.

Dick had a fantastic eye for the ball and a fine sense of timing when striking the stationary ball - as if he should have been a professional golfer. He would often surprise opponents with his skill and the sheer pace that he could put on the ball; notably when playing in inter-club games against those ignorant of his prowess, lulled into false assumptions that he was only half the player he really was. Playing perceptions were usually badly awry where Dick was concerned.

And yet, Dick had recently been the first to admit that his playing enjoyment was increasingly being affected by the willingness of his knees to respond and get him to where he wanted to be on the pitch. Dick will be sadly missed by those who knew him: a true gentle man.

### PETER BOIZOT

In such sad circumstances, especially for a team mate of Peter's, it might seem inappropriate but we are sure that Dick would not have begrudged our recording hearty congratulations to Peter upon another significant birthday. To be celebrated, we understand, in true great style this weekend in Peterborough that will prevent his attendance today; Many Happy Returns, Peter!!

## SNIPPETS of HAMPSTEAD HITHERTO

### SOCIALISING

Having often to face frequent moves of ground in its infancy owing to the old hoary problem of unfit pitches, it is perhaps not surprising that the membership often turned to drink! The Minutes of the Club's General Meeting in September 1900 include a record of a proposal put forward by a Mr McMillin "at considerable length" that it would be advisable to substitute alcoholic liquors for tea". It was not later that perhaps the Club's greatest player, Stanley Shoveller, was recommending the use of Scotch Ale "as a sound training beverage" at the inauguration of the Sticks Club at Hatchett's Restaurant in March 1908.

Pubs were very popular with the Club. When playing at the Richmond Athletic Ground the Club used the Tulip Tree for its changing accommodation, the annual charge for which was a heady £4!

Although the First World War took a heavy toll on members of the Club, it did not appear to diminish the Club's appetite for not taking everything too seriously. At a Committee Meeting in October 1919, the 1st XI goalkeeper, N B Dearle is recorded as having attended although "he did not know that a meeting was in progress", which may possibly have some connection with the fact that the Club was holding this meeting in the Greyhound Hotel. Some more generous explanation may be that the Committee was celebrating its 25th anniversary without the presence of other members.

Ruari Milsted, to some the lynch pin of the resuscitation of the Club in 1950 after the effects of the Second World War, recalled (among other very vivid recollections) an Annual Dinner in the 1930s at R E Jones in Leicester Square, which he described as "quite a night". Apparently a highly respected Vice President of the Club insisted on making a speech which was probably impromptu, as it did not appear on the running order of the card. He then found himself on his back and under the table, "kept there for a considerable period by feet and a few able marksmen armed with soda water fountains, while the meal proceeded with due decorum".

The re-establishment of the Club in 1950 led to A "homecoming" to West Hampstead. This was short lived and after a spell at Brondesbury Cricket Club, the Club moved west again. The usual thorny problem of changing facilities had to be overcome and a similar painstaking search was undertaken which eventually led to the West Ealing Sports Club, which regrettably was a mile away. The Club specialised in Bowls (a feature that the Club was again to encounter, with its later membership of Paddington Sports Club) and Table Tennis.

Changing facilities were a little limited: this took place in the Billiards Room. Hot showers had yet to raise its head as a potential problem. It soon did do with Hampstead's arrival: the cognoscenti would rush back to the only two hot showers (one of which was in the Ladies Cloakroom, leaving the stragglers to cold water and a long wait. However this was all soon forgotten in the rush for the beer, for the West Ealing Club was reputed to have some of the best around, and to some the best in London.

The Club's days at the Hornsey Club saw great efforts by Club members in the mid 1970s to improve the facilities, including the raising of funds to contribute towards the drainage of the sloping pitches and Club officials' and members' help in disposing of surplus land for residential development that led to new artificially surfaced tennis courts and, subsequently, a face lift for the Bar, when major structural alterations were completed that led to an improvement in post-match ambience. This coincided, however, with the Club's departure, as it strengthened its adoption of the facilities at Paddington Recreation Ground. Without a Clubhouse the Club negotiated social membership of the adjacent Paddington Sports Club, which was pre-eminent in Tennis and, particularly, Bowls and whose members appeared from time to time suspicious and a little intolerant of less formal post match hockey players. This in turn led, ultimately through Peter Boizot's vision and generosity, to the establishment of the Carlton Tavern as its home - merely following tradition after all, as you can now judge for yourself!

## EHA CUP RESULTS

### Second Round

BECKENHAM	1 : 0	OXSHOTT
BLOXWICH	2 : 9	STOURPORT
BLUEHARTS	WO : scr	STOCKTON
BRIDGNORTH	3 : 1	BOURNE
BROMLEY	WO : scr	OXFORD UNIVERSITY
CHESTER	2 : 4	BOURNVILLE
EASTCOTE	5 : 0	ASHFORD
FAREHAM	7 : 2	YEOVIL & SHERBORNE
FIREBRANDS	2 : 3	HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER
GLOUCESTER CITY	4 : 2	EPSOM
HARBORNE	4 : 5	SHEFFIELD
HARLESTON MAGPIES	2 : 0	DEREHAM
HARROGATE	14 : 0	WHITEHAVEN
HIGH WYCOMBE	6 : 1	MID SUSSEX
HULL	0 : 2	NORTON
INDIAN GYMKHANA	1 : 2	OXFORD HAWKS
IPSWICH	5 : 0	JOHN PLAYER
ISCA	4 : 1	LIONS
JERSEY	0 : 4	ROBINSONS
LEICESTER THURSDAY	0 : 1	HAMPTON IN ARDEN
LEWES	1 : 6	SURBITON
LOUGHBOROUGH STUDENTS	2 : 5	BROOKLANDS
LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN	4 : 5	DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY
MIDDLETON & BOGNOR	0 : 5	CHICHESTER
NESTON	2 : 1	YORK
OLD CRANLEIGHANS	9 : 0	PHC CHISWICK
OLD GEORGIANS	6 : 2	CITY OF OXFORD
OLTON & WEST WARWICKS	1 : 4	CAMBRIDGE CITY
PETERBOROUGH TOWN	6 : 2	TIMPERLEY
RAMGARHIA (Leeds) <i>8-7 aps</i>	2 : 2	FORMBY
ROYAL NAVY	scr : WO	HAVANT
SOUTHPORT	1 : 3	WARRINGTON
SPALDING	4 : 3	NORTH STAFFS
ST ALBANS	3 : 2	CLACTON
TROJANS	3 : 2	OLD WHITGIFTIANS
TUNBRIDGE WELLS	3 : 6	CHELMSFORD
WEST HERTS <i>4-2 aps</i>	2 : 2	BISHOPS STORTFORD
WEST WILTS	2 : 4	BOURNEMOUTH
WESTON super MARE	0 : 2	CITY of PORTSMOUTH
WINCHESTER	3 : 0	HERNE BAY

## EHA CUP

### Third Round

Ties played Sunday 2nd November 1997

STOURPORT	11 : 2	DE MONTFORT UNIVERSITY
BRIDGNORTH	0 : 5	IPSWICH
BOURNVILLE	0 : 1	SHEFFIELD
HARLESTON MAGPIES	5 : 1	NESTON
NORTON	4 : 0	WARRINGTON
HAMPTON IN ARDEN	2 : 3	HARROGATE
BROOKLANDS	2 : 2	PETERBOROUGH TOWN
RAMGARHLA	1 : 1	SPALDING (WON 8-7 APS)
BLUEHARTS	2 : 2	CAMBRIDGE CITY (WON 4-1 APS)
EASTCOTE	2 : 3	BROMLEY
HAMPSTEAD & W'STER	2 : 1	GLOUCESTER CITY
ISCA	1 : 2	FAREHAM
ROBINSONS	3 : 2	CHELMSFORD
OLD CRANLEIGHANS	2 : 1	CITY of PORTSMOUTH
OLD GEORGIANS	1 : 8	ST ALBANS
TROJANS	1 : 5	CHICHESTER
WEST HERTS	2 : 4	OXFORD HAWKS
BOURNEMOUTH (5-4 APS)	2 : 2	BECKENHAM
WINCHESTER	3 : 1	HIGH WYCOMBE
HAVANT	0 : 1	SURBITON

## AND FOR TODAY'S EDIFICATION

### FOURTH ROUND DRAW

BROMLEY	v	BEESTON
CANNOCK	v	HARLESTON
CANTERBURY	v	GUILDFORD
CHICHESTER	v	SHEFFIELD
DONCASTER	v	BOURNEMOUTH
EAST GRINSTEAD	v	READING
HAMPSTEAD	v	CAMBRIDGE CITY
HARROGATE	v	STOURPORT
HOUNSLOW	v	SURBITON
IPSWICH	v	OXFORD HAWKS
NORTON	v	ST ALBANS
O CRANLEIGHANS	v	FAREHAM
O LOUGHTONIANS	v	PETERBOROUGH TOWN
ROBINSONS	v	BARFORD TIGERS
SOUTHGATE	v	TEDDINGTON
WINCHESTER	v	SPALDING

## HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER

Colours: Red Shirts with Blue Shorts

1. STEVE DODSON (GK)
2. JACK GALLIFORD
3. GRAEME RIGBY
4. ROB CARTER
6. DAN WILLIAMS (Captain)
7. CLIVE FELTON
8. NIGEL LAND
9. ANDY THOMPSON
11. RUPERT WOOD
12. LINDSAY TROY
13. ROB BLOOMER
14. DAVE GRADY
17. CHARLIE BROUGHAM (GK)

**MANAGER:** JOHN McCABE  
**COACH:** ROB THOMPSON  
**PHYSIO:** JULIE STERLING

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Colours:

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WE APOLOGISE FOR THE HITCH THAT  
PREVENTS OUR LISTING THE TEAM DETAILS

- 8.
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- 14.

**MANAGER:**  
**COACH:**  
**PHYSIO:**

### ***UMPIRES***

**CLIVE HOUGH; National Hockey League**  
**PACO PENA; Espagna**

***TECHNICAL DELEGATE***  
**GEORGE DAVEY**

## THE H&W INTERVIEW

### NOT QUITE FROST ON SUNDAY

As a change to our normal programme we repeat an interview conducted with Club stalwart John Grierson (admittedly a few months ago) conducted in a vain hope of keeping in touch with the current membership. However, none of the "What is your favourite food?" or "What was the first record that you bought?" stuff: this is serious material (well, some might be hoodwinked, huh?). So, armed with a dozen or so questions.....

John took responsibility for fund raising in the Hornsey days and was General Secretary of H&W for three years (when his experience was used to secure funding for the acclaimed H&W National League programme for 1994). John has also carried out stints as 5th XI Captain but now enjoys Hockey with the Spaniards XI.

**At what age did you first start playing Hockey?**

*Thirteen*

**What was your first competitive match and with what result?**

*A win in a tournament against St Luke's College, with the McGinn brothers in the opposition*

**When did you join Hampstead/Hampstead & Westminster?**

*1976*

**Which H&W teams have you played for?**

*Modestly confess to the lower teams, 5th to 7th XI, with one appearance for the 4th XI when some prima donna refused to play away from home. Also, games with the Vets/Spaniards*

**Which H&W match result gave you the most pleasure?**

*Too many to recall*

**Who is your best H&W player you have played alongside?**

*Kevin Gallen for the 5th XI v Guilford on a muddy Charterhouse pitch, when we were four players short. Oh yes, and Dave Mason, who played 5ths hockey before elevation to the 1st XI: we trained 'im*

**Which is the best Hockey match you have watched?**

*H&W v Surbiton 1-1 London League decider, at Reed's School, with virtually all H&W members there and missing those two open goals!*

**Who is the best Hockey player you have seen playing?**

*Dave Dixon - got to be*

**What was the last item of Hockey kit that you bought?**

*Don't be stupid.....*

**What infuriates you most about Hockey?**

*Ever increasing bureaucracy from the HA*

**Your most amusing incident on a Hockey pitch?**

*7th XI v Richmond, away, on the day of the Twickenham international and playing on the grass next to London Welsh watched by 4,000 drunken Welshmen: our match was abandoned, needless to say*

**Which team do you least look forward to playing against?**

*Surbiton, of course!*

**Which other Club do you most admire?**

*Hounslow - they managed to extract so much cash from the Sports Council!*

**Except for Hockey, which sport gives you most pleasure?**

*Soccer: for it has virtually the same tactics: you know, with wingers, to whom the ball is never played.*

Thank you, John: others should wait for the call. It could, after all, be you!