

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Bulletin for week ending 3rd January 1971

RESULTS FOR 19TH DECEMBER

1st XI v. St. Albans	LOST 1-3	4th XI v. St. Albans	WON 5-3
2nd XI v. St. Albans	LOST 0-1	5th XI v. St. Albans	LOST 1-2
3rd XI v. St. Albans	DREW 1-1	Veterans v. St. Albans	LOST 0-4

MEMBERSHIP

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, 7th January

General Committee Meeting

Hockey Circle - Forum on League Hockey (should be interesting to upper XI players).

Saturday, 16th January

Next social function - organised by the 3rd XI. This will take the form of another dance in the Clubhouse: full details next week, but make a date now.

OTHER ITEMS

I am sorry to have to record that one of our more illustrious old members and Vice-Presidents, C.T.A. Wilkinson, died two weeks ago. As readers of the Club History will know, he made a great contribution to the game - particularly as an international umpire and member of the International Hockey Rules Board - but he was also one of the Club's four winners of an Olympic Gold Medal at the 1920 Games. He was also good enough to remember his old club and wrote to the Secretary practically every year from his retirement in Devon.

The usual reminder at this time of year: John Haynes' boys at Highgate School are about to start their hockey so John would welcome the contribution of any old or cracked sticks.

I can say now that we have been accepted for the Thanet Festival. Would those members who expressed interest keep themselves definitely available. I will advertise again in the bulletin nearer the date, so other members (perhaps two or three more from the upper XI's?) will be able to join in as long as there are places available. I think we shall treat it as a 'Spaniards B' event so Ron Hart will take over the detailed organisation.

A suggestion I have received: to relieve the extreme shortage of umpires (which, as you know, detracts a lot from the enjoyment of matches) are there any ladies around - wives or girl-friends - who might feel like having a go to help out? They would be very gratefully received: free tea and beer (or something shorter if they prefer!) included.

A point about the new push-in rule which the Secretary only learnt in the last game: unlike the old roll-in there is nothing which says that the player himself has to be over the side-line. He can, if he wishes, stand on the field of play - which is useful from the right side-line.

Another point on the rules: the H.A. has asked umpires to tighten up on 'sticks' at the top end of the game and this will probably percolate down to Southern Counties' umpires. So upper XI players had better take care on the way they swing their sticks.

Two brief items of news. Middlesex qualified again for the final rounds of the County Championship by beating Kent and now go on to meet Wiltshire (champions three times in the last four years) in the qualifying round for the semi-finals. Finally, I believe that a Hockey Diary has been produced by one of the publishers this year, and should be available in 'reputable book-sellers'.

Good luck (and better results for the 1st XI!) in 1971.

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