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Saturday, September 23, 2017





Men's 1st XI Brooklands MU

13:30

Paddington Recreation Ground

Umpires: Bruce Bale & Lee Barron Match Official: Ray Strudwick Ball Patrol: Courtesy of Zak Hond

Thank you for coming!













HWHC President, Richard Sykes



On behalf of Hampstead & Westminster Hockey club I am delighted to welcome you to Paddington Recreation Ground for our first Men's Premier League game of the season against Brooklands MU.

As always the start of a new season is a time of raised hopes and expectations coupled with a degree of uncertainty as to how the season will pan out. Our hope is that we will continue to build on last season - where our fourth place finish was both rewarding and disappointing given our narrow failure to qualify for European hockey. This however provides us with even more determination to succeed this year and to demonstrate that HWHC is one of the top clubs in the country.

Our vision for HWHC is all about making the club sustainable, both on and off the field. Your support in watching today's game is appreciated and encouraged as the more support we have the more robust we as a club can become. And we are always looking for new members - either as a player or as a social member - so if you are interested in joining the club please speak to one of us at the game or visit our website at hwhockey.club

Richard



Today's teams

Hampstead & Westminster Brooklands MU

1	Jamie Legg (GK)	Chris Scott	1
2	Will Byas	Oliver Clarke	2
4	Harry Martin	Dan Vincent	3
6	Marc Edwards	Tom Lush	4
7	Toby Roche (C)	Peter Cornell	5
8	Will Calnan	Sam Perrin	6
12	Sam French	Warwick Ryan-Beswick	7
13	Matt Guise-Brown	Tom Russell	8
14	Mikie Watt	Aidan Khares	9
16	Stevie Dowds	Stefan Ray Hills	10
17	Kwan Browne	David Flanagan	11
18	Alex Jakeman	Richard Slater	12
19	Rupert Shipperley	James Sutcliffe	13
24	Geoff McCabe	John Crossley	14
26	Chris Cargo	Andy Graham	15
27	Stephen Kelly	Peter Flanagan (C)	- C. C. C.
		Nick Little	16
		Andy Jackson	17
			18
		Brynn Cleak	19
		Alex Humphreys	20
		Joe Hillyer	21
		Robbie Turner	22

Shirts	White, navy, sky blue	Blue	Shirts
Shorts	Navy	Blue	Shorts
Socks	Navy, white, sky blue	Red	Socks

Coach	Kwan Browne	Paul Gannon	Coach
Assistant Coach	Huw Stevens	-	Assistant Coach
Manager	David Stevens	Neil Flanagan	Manager
Physio	Sarah Hart		Physio











Socials this year at HWHC

TONIGHT

Season Kick Off Party!

To celebrate the success of the Men's 1s last season, and their first game of the new season. We have a private area booked for the club for 9pm at Bokor (formally the Betsy Smith) where Fancy dress as your favourite member of the M1s is encouraged.

Saturday 30th September

New Joiners Drinks

Compulsory event for any new joiners and all creepy sleazes.

The upstairs of the Warrington will be transformed, at minimal cost, into the Hampstead and Westminster frat/sorority house. There will be Beer Pong, there will be competitions, there will be games, and there will be prizes. There will also be an after party for those that like to dance the night away, venue tbc.

Saturday 14th October

Zak Hond Pub Golf

What happens if you take the world's greatest sport and mix it with the world's greatest athletes? If we take the last few years as evidence the answer includes joy, Gypsies, sacrilegious surrender of scorecards to man's most desperate deeds.

All in all it's a proper good laugh and not to be missed.



Sponsorship

The club are pleased to say that we are developing our sponsorship opportunities. This will include both the chance to advertise within the match day program and have your support shown upon the new club website. There will also be various other benefits available.

If you have any interest in finding out more and entering into discussions about what this sponsorship opportunity could look like for you we would very much welcome the conversation. Please make contact with Richard Smith at rsmith28@hotmail.co.uk

The first teams, individual players and the club as a whole highly appreciate any support in their collective ambitions to be one of the leading teams and clubs in the country.

Next 1st XI Home Fixtures

We'd love to see you down at Pad Rec again, so get these dates in your diary for all the National League hockey here in Maida Vale for the rest of 2017

30 Sep @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v Barnes

15 Oct @ 13:30 Men's 1s v Canterbury

21 Oct @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v St. Albans

29 Oct @ 13:30 Men's 1s v East Grinstead

04 Nov @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v Harleston Magpies

11 Nov @ 15:00 Men's 1s v Sevenoaks

19 Nov @ 13:30 Men's 1s v Holcombe

25 Nov @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v Bedford











Next 1st XI Home Fixtures

...and here's the dates for 2018 if you want to look further ahead!

03 Feb @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v Wimbledon

04 Feb @ 13:30 Men's 1s v Wimbledon

10 Feb @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v Cambridge City

17 Feb @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v Southgate

18 Feb @ 13:30 Men's 1s v Reading

03 Mar @ 13:30 Ladies' 1s v Sevenoaks

11 Mar @ 13:30 Men's 1s v Surbiton

18 Mar @ 13.30 Men's 1s v Beeston

24 Mar @ 14.00 Ladies' 1s v Chelmsford



England Hockey Preview: Men's Hockey League - Week One

Beeston v Wimbledon

Beeston have worked hard over the summer, bringing in a number of new faces and announcing them in style across social media. Two of those signings are England and Great Britain's Sam Ward and Adam Dixon and they will certainly help The Bees try to fulfil their promise of a 'Rock and Roll Season'.

Their opening test could not be tougher though as they welcome Wimbledon – last year's table toppers and EuroHockey semi-finalists – to Nottingham. This promises to be a cracking opener between two sides eager to get up and running and set the early pace in the league.

Hampstead & Westminster v Brooklands

Brooklands performed something of a great escape last season as they won their final two games against Loughborough and Canterbury to secure top flight status for a fourth straight season.

Conversely Hampstead had a strong campaign, recording their first ever top-four finish, and will be striving to repeat or better the feat this time round.

Last year's corresponding fixture at the Paddington Recreation Ground was full of drama as a late strike from Rupert Shipperley secured the win for the hosts. With both sides looking to improve on last season, expect more of the same this weekend.

Sevenoaks v Reading

David Smith's last minute strike at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in April secured his Sevenoaks side promotion to the top tier for the first time.

They overcame an attacking Durham University side that day and will begin this campaign with a home tie against a Reading outfit looking to improve on last season's seventh-placed finish.

The visitors have pulled off some eye-catching signings over the summer, bringing in Great Britain internationals Liam Sanford – who impressed on England duty over the summer – and Dan Kyriakides, while Tom Carson will also make a long-awaited return from injury.













England Hockey Preview: Men's Hockey League - Week One

Canterbury v Surbiton

Surbiton claimed their first league title in April as they pulled off a fairytale-like comeback to overcome previous champions Wimbledon on penalties in the final,

Following on from that, they have brought in Great Britain and England internationals Luke Taylor and James Gall to bolster their squad and prove that success was anything but a fluke.

League Finals Weekend was also a happy one for Canterbury as they avoided relegation for a third consecutive season, having finished ninth each time. The Kentbased outfit will now be looking to start this season as they finished the last; on the front foot.

East Grinstead v Holcombe

Holcombe suffered heartbreak during April's League Finals Weekend, just missing out on the final, but will look to bounce back in style by beating East Grinstead in their season opener.

Two-time champions East Grinstead have found themselves in the midfield over the last two seasons and will be keen to start this campaign in the best possible fashion as they strive to return to the play-offs.

The honours were split between the teams last year as both won one game apiece against each other, with Sussex side strolling to a 4-1 victory on their home turf back in March.











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