

RESULTS	1stXI	2ndXI	3rdXI	4thXI	5thXI	6thXI	Vets XI
London Univ	1-2	3-0					
Kingston Gram.			0-1	1-0	1-0		
Imperial Coll.						1-3	
St Caths Camb.							1-0
Hounslow	0-3	0-1					

**REPORTS** The 1stXI (Dave Dixon 1) paid heavily for defensive errors against the University, with all the goals coming in the last ten minutes. On Sunday Hounslow proved too powerful and three second half goals, playing uphill, was a true reflection of Hounslow's superiority.

The 2ndXI (Tony Fawley 1, Hugh Smith 1, Johnny Miller 1) dominated their match on Saturday and could have won by a larger margin. Both Hugh's and Johnny's goals were rocket shots. On Sunday the side almost pulled off a heroic result, the winner coming in the last ten minutes. Steve Thomas had to go off early in the game with a severe knee injury, so the ten men really gave a tremendous performance. The three 3rdXI players drafted into the side, Doug Nicholson, Rod Tippen and Steve Griffiths, all gave 110%, and proved that many players who show the same application can play at a higher level.

I should point out at this stage that numerous players have remarked on the high standard of the Kingston Grammar School boys. Considering we were playing against their 2nd, 3rd and 4thXI's it reflects highly on that school and for the future of hockey.

The 3rdXI just couldn't break through the boys' well organised defence, although Abe Hillel tried valiantly and was only foiled by some superb goalkeeping. I felt the side tended to play into the opposition's hands by not releasing the ball quickly enough, by some shoddy passing, and a failure to convert (or even hit) short corners.

The 4thXI (John Tipping) were at times run off their feet but experience finally won the day, though it needed goal-line clearances from Gerry Martin and Pat Flanagan. John Tipping had a fine game and deservedly produced the winner.

The 5thXI (Andy Joss 1) won an evenly matched game with 'Crawler' Gregory playing in goal in the first half and the 'Motor-bike raver' Elliott in the second. Good solid display by the defence, with Guy Stobart continuing to show his authority at the back.

The 6thXI (Phil Freeston 1) were beaten by a younger and faster team. Excellent performance from Tim Ware. However I feel it only right to add that I believe it was wrong to ask John Morgan to umpire the whole match on his own, especially when he hadn't done it before, and we were the away side. However he did a good job, even if rather stiff next day.

The <sup>vets</sup> 7thXI (Ron Hart 1) won their game in a decisive manner. The opposition departed, whilst various of our team were still dancing with drinks on their heads, or spread-eagled under tables, or propping up walls or singing their usual bawdy vets songs. I don't know what the three lovely young ladies who accompanied them made of it all, but I sincerely hope they were the drivers home. As for the hockey earlier in the day the Vets were apparently playing the right opposition this week. In an evenly matched game with young Rameesh Seedher making an excellent debut. Only one goal was scored (Twinkietoes) but there was much endeavour on the pitch with Bob Tom in his 21st season for Hampstead.

**DANCE / DISCO** or as Brian likes to call it (reminding him of his youth) (HOE with the HOCKS) THIS COMING SATURDAY. 25th November starting at 8.00 Entrance at door £1.25 (includes food)

**MANY THANKS** to all those who helped on Saturday morning with the pathway. They included Messrs. Dixon D, Dixon T, Rice, Chapman, ~~Rice~~, Soares, Wright, Miller, Nicholson, Gregory, Elliott, Patel, Ball, McCabe. (Sorry if I missed you out)

**SNARSHOTS** Waughy misses his Dobbin..... Who couldn't find the exit at the Watford Sports Centre? (I'll send you a map Viji)..... Warning to all players..Teale's on an umpire's course next Sunday (n.b. if your name begins Mc..)..... new beer in the bar, forgot the name but it comes from Sheffield. (1st team limited to half a pint, Vets twenty pints (before the match)..... Who beat me to picking up the tea beauties before the matches on Saturday?... He's married and was once a Head Waiter and frequents the Dove.... Wanted ... a rocker who has just bought a bike and is a team manager... Dobbins obviously have an effect..... Purley, Cheam and now Hounslow, still he hasn't been to the opticians... 1,3,3,3.....3,4,3.....2,4,4..... has no-one heard of 2,3,5..... (sorry)..... message... Sentor to Gilly... Woof, woof, woof, baby.

**WANTED BY THE CLUB**

by tim dixon a second hand... a second hand...