

Welcome

This is the seventeenth in our series of revamped Newsletters. Another season beckons. The Women's 1st XI faces a second consecutive year in the National League and will be hoping to improve upon the experience of the Men's 1st XI in doing so, when survival became a struggle, on both occasions. The Men's 1st XI in the meantime begins its sixteenth consecutive season in the Premier Division, an achievement only bettered by two clubs. The squad has a new coach in Kwan Browne, who takes over from Michael Johnson and moves from Canterbury, where he was well-established and is renowned for his coaching work with the England Men's U23 squad. The Women's squad, too, has a new coach, as reported further, below.

Memorial Match

This will act only as a reminder that this year's annual Legends' Memorial match at PRG will be held on Sunday, 4 September 2016 at 3.00pm. It will be preceded by...

Gala Dinner

 <p>The Hampstead and Westminster Ladies and Men's 1st XI</p> <p>Request the pleasure of your company at Their Inaugural Auction & Dinner</p> <p>To be held at:</p> <p>The Cavalry & Guards Club 127 Piccadilly London W1J 7PX</p> <p>On Saturday 3rd September 2016</p>  <p>Drinks Reception: 19:30 Carriages: 12 midnight Dress: Black Tie Tickets: £100</p>	
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Those readers wishing to attend are asked to make contact with Richard Chapman (via richardchapman@blueyonder.co.uk.) who is endeavouring to corral the Vets and Super Vets, with tables of ten offering a good opportunity to catch up and enjoy the news of first team exploits and to bid for some impressive prizes in an Auction. The Dinner itself is to be preceded by matches at PRG between the Women's 1st XI and the Vets, then two *Shoveller's Matches* between the current Men's 1's squad and two from the National League of the 1990's and one decade on. In the late afternoon, all can retire to the Sports Club for Thai food and a few beers.

Carlton Tavern

The saga of the Carlton continues.

A planning inquiry, described as "unprecedented" was concluded after five days following the partial demolition by the developers CLTX. It was not without controversy. The inquiry central point was the refusal of planning permission before the pub was "reduced to rubble" last April and

the City of Westminster's enforcement order to rebuild it, which followed, both of which were appealed by CLTX,



Saira Kabir Sheikh, QC for Westminster Council, said CLTX's planning consultant Kieran Rafferty could not be treated as a "credible or *bona fide*" witness, having allegedly lied to the inquiry about his qualifications and membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Mr Rafferty told the inquiry that he would apply for membership, but he was forced to admit that he had not done so. He also admitted that he misled a referee who wrote him a "glowing reference" for his application, but not mentioning it in his cross examination.

Members of the public shouted "Charleton!" as Friends of Carlton Tavern campaigners had given their final submissions.



(Pic credit: Flickr/Ewan Munro)

Stephen Wilcox, a former government lawyer, criticised CLTX's owner, Ori Calif, who did not give evidence at the hearing. He said: "The appellant knew planning permission to demolish had been refused and that listing of the premises was a possibility but decided to take matters into his own hands to avoid the financial implications of the premises being listed. The appeal against enforcement order should be refused."

In her closing at the hearing, Ms Kabir Sheikh said, "the appellant should be required to rebuild the Carlton Tavern. No cogent reason has been advanced by the appellant why the notice should not be upheld other than what can only be inferred as a desire not to do so in order to reap the commercial rewards of its unlawful actions."

Rupert Warren QC, for CLTX, said the weight given to Mr Rafferty's "views on planning matters" was "for the Inspector". He added: "The community use on the site has, it should not be forgotten, already gone through two evolutions, a 19th century and a 20th century pub. The planning appeal scheme would provide a 21st century pub, but with the substantial land use advantages of co-location with housing."

After the five-day inquiry, the Planning Inspector found in favour of the Council and ordered that the building be rebuilt *brick by brick*.

Councillor Robert Davis said he was looking forward to the Carlton Tavern being turned back into a "thriving community pub". He said, "this sends a clear message to developers across the country that they cannot ride roughshod over the views of local communities,"

The Carlton Tavern was demolished in April 2015, in breach of planning laws and in spite of the fact it was being considered for Grade II listing.



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The Council had been given no prior warning of the demolition, which was not approved, and was done without proper health and safety procedures having been put in place.

The Planning Inspector agreed that it was "highly likely that it would have been listed had it not been demolished", calling it a "rare public house", with "considerable importance for the community".

Historic England said they "intended to recommend the site for listing" because it was "remarkably well-preserved" from its interwar days.

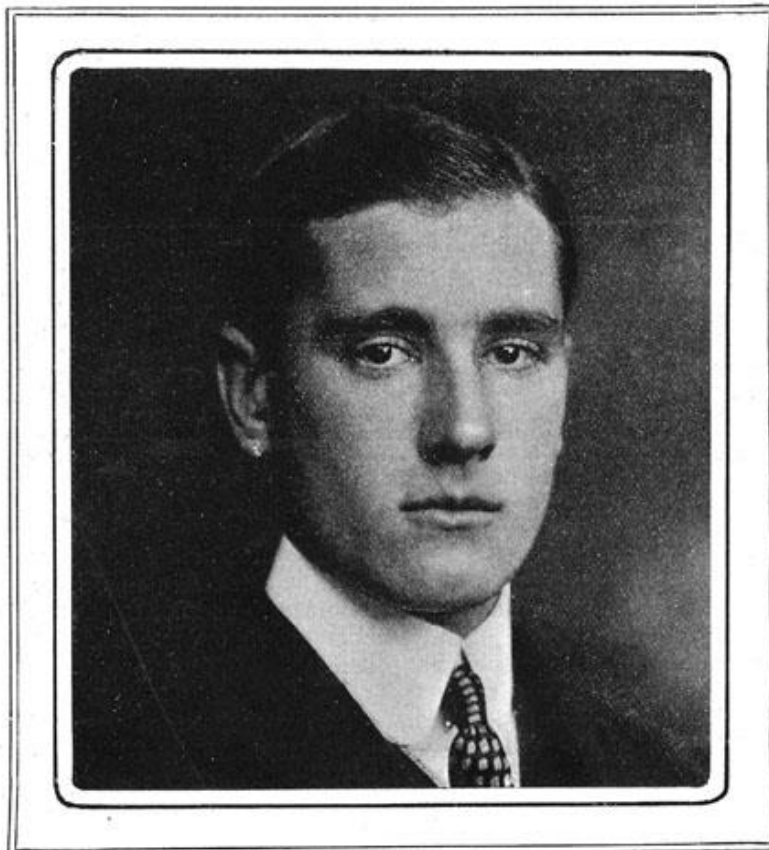
National Hockey Museum

Club President Richard Sykes is eager that the Club maintains its good relationship with the National Hockey Museum housed in Woking, under the direction of its Curator, Mike Smith and a band of loyal volunteers, now, lately now assisted by two paid positions to add professional elements to the aims and aspiration of the Museum. To that end, the Club's two scrapbooks for the first 75 years of its history were donated to the Museum in the summer, in large part for safe keeping, given the degree of physical deterioration in some of the material from the first decade of the last century.

The Museum has been advertising elements of its own archive and the following appeared over the summer, of particular interest to HWHC.

Hockive Fact 16: The Greatest Ever English Hockey Player?

A BRITISH HOCKEY HERO



MR. S. H. SHOVELLER, ENGLAND'S HOCKEY CENTRE FORWARD

Although barely twenty-three years of age, Mr. Stanley Howard Shoveller is undoubtedly the most brilliant centre forward at hockey in the country. He is a native of Kingston, but plays for the Hampstead Hockey Club. He learnt the game at Queen Elizabeth's School, Kingston, represented Middlesex in 1899 and 1900, and since then has appeared for Surrey. Mr. Shoveller was first selected for the South in 1901, and has played centre forward for England since 1902.

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This is potentially a very subjective claim but can anyone put forward a stronger case than this one for Stanley Howard Shoveller (1881-1959)?

To be the best amongst one's contemporaries is perhaps the first requirement for this accolade. There cannot be much doubt about that. Shoveller played for his school 1st XI – what is now Kingston Grammar School – from the age of 14 and was a prolific goal scorer. He was playing for Hampstead Hockey Club before he left school and for Middlesex the year after leaving school. He first played for England three years later (1902) at the age of 21, which was very young in those days. In the following 19 years he played 35 times for England. He also fought in WW1, rising to the rank of Captain and being awarded a Military Cross.

His international career spanned two Olympics, London and Antwerp, winning gold medals in both. That in itself is an achievement unlikely to be equalled again by a British player. His official England record shows that he scored 79 goals in 35 appearances, including 17 hat tricks. That is an average of more than 2 goals per match. It is possible that this tally could be posthumously increased as 'Shove' as he was affectionately known, captained the England team that played in an international tournament in Hamburg in 1912 as a substitute for there being no hockey at the Stockholm Olympics. At this event he scored four times against Germany and three against Austria but at present these two matches do not appear in the England records.

To make Shoveller's record even more remarkable, he did not play in 23 England matches because his work as a stockbroker did not give him the freedom to do so. What an amazing record it might have been had he played in all the 60 matches of his era. No wonder he was called the WG Grace of his time and therefore must qualify him to be the greatest English hockey player ever – unless you know different?

Patrick Rowley

The much respected hockey commentator, writer and reporter, Pat Rowley, is a trustee of the National Hockey Museum. His contribution to hockey had already been recognised by the FIH in his award of the Order of Merit.



The Order of Merit may be awarded to individuals, whether members of FIH or not. In the case of FIH member it is for distinguished service over a period of at least ten years, or for exceptional achievement or contribution that is important in the international field. In the case of those who are not members of the FIH, qualifying criteria are constructive and positive activity over a period

of at least 15 years, or unique personal achievement or contribution that has benefited international hockey. No more than four awards may be given during each two-year period.

Pat will also be remembered for having taken over as umpire in the famous Hockey Association Cup match between Hampstead and Gore Court at Hornsey that ended in virtual darkness in 1983 after a record five penalty flick barrages that were required to separate the teams. A migraine had completely incapacitated the appointed umpire and Pat stepped in (literally and figuratively) given the usual wet surface closest the cricket square, from where he officiated and in his Sunday best shoes, on his way to the airport later that day.

Recently Pat has recollected (or is that finally admitted?) his playing days for Hampstead upon his arrival in North London and his contact in doing so with Colin Greenhalgh.

It is therefore proper that we salute Pat on his award of a BEM in the last Birthday Honours List, Congratulations!

[Peter Boizot](#)



Lunch was served on 7 June 2016 in Peterborough

On 7 June 2016, a band of the Great and Good of HWHC travelled to Peterborough to entertain the Club's Emeritus President to lunch. From left to right (and around the table) are Morley Pecker, PJB, Guy Mayers, Jane (Peter's carer), Nick Coleman, Sue, a family friend (who went to school with Peter's sister), Tony Swing, Richard Chapman and Chris Elliott.

[Hugh Wickham](#)

It is with sadness that we record, now somewhat belatedly, the death of former Club Secretary Hugh Wickham on 18 May 2016, aged 88. Hugh was also a past President and the last surviving Founder Member of the Puritans Hockey Club. His funeral was held on 15 June 2016.

Tony Swing was kind to report that 'Guy Mayers, John Chaumeton and [he] represented the Club at the funeral. Hugh had acted as Honorary Secretary of HHC from 1955 to 1960, when he was succeeded by Colin Greenhalgh. Hugh moved to Surbiton and joined Surbiton Hockey Club, but still attended various HWHC events over the intervening years.

All his former clubs were well represented amongst the large congregation of 200 people who were present at St John's Church in Kingston on Thames, where Hugh had been a very active member of the congregation for many years.

After the service a gathering was held at Surbiton Hockey Club, where some of the Puritan songs were sung in Hugh's memory'.

We are grateful to Brian Beaumont Owles (who was also attending the funeral) for further explanation of the founding of the Puritans HC. The Puritans was an organisation formed in 1953 from members of the returned forces – its original objective was to give returned servicemen an occasion to meet and remember old friends from the war years. They used to meet in the Soho area and sing the old army songs while drinking the odd beer or two.

A number of the organisation, including Hugh, played hockey so they decided to start playing a few invitation games on Sundays. During the 1950's & 1960's Sunday hockey became a serious social scene and the Puritans grew in strength and numbers. Membership was by invitation only and the major requirement was that you were of social character as well as a reasonable hockey player. Members were expected to stay after the game and socialise with the opposition for two or three hours.... The Puritans were renowned for the songs they sang, which were the old army songs: they were never written down but learnt by rote and regular performances on a Sunday night.

The Puritans never had a home ground but had a full fixture list because there was a demand for entertaining hockey and social activities on the Sunday. In the early years, HHC provided a good number of Puritan members, including Mike Corby, Noel Cardoza, Jeremy Potter, and Hugh.

The Puritans played in several international (social) Hockey tournaments such as Le Touquet, Cologne, Amsterdam and made a number of international contacts with clubs of similar nature – Templeers (Holland) and Pittermaeners (Germany) to name but two.

[World Hockey League](#)

Since the last Newsletter, the FIH has agreed and announced changes to the ways in which qualifications are now to be handled for international tournaments.

A new annual global home and away league is to be launched in 2019 involving the world's leading hockey nations, which will replace Hockey World League (HWL) Semi-Finals and Finals and the Champions Trophy.

The FIH also decided that Champions Trophy, held once in two years since 1978, will be scrapped and the 2018 event in Amsterdam will be the last such tournament.

In a statement, the FIH said, "Designed to provide a regular calendar of *must-see* events played in packed stadia across the world throughout the year, a new annual global home and away

league involving the world's leading hockey nations will complement the Hockey World Cup and Olympic Games tournaments, this system will see international teams play against opponents once at home and once away each year in this league. Following several months of competition, the top ranked teams will then qualify for a stand-alone grand finale tournament, which will determine the winners of the competition. This will form part of a three tier system, identical for both the men's and women's game,"

Teams participating in the new home and away league will be chosen based on a clearly defined set of qualification criteria designed to maintain the quality of the league and high standard events.

"These have been developed around the three main objectives of the new event portfolio — to generate a massive change in TV and media coverage for hockey; create big, bold, packed and loud events and make a step change to increase future revenues," added the FIH spokesman.

For those nations not in the home and away league, the next tier of competition will remain similar to the current Hockey World League Round 1 and 2 events, played over two year cycles.

This format will still give teams the chance to go all the way to the World Cup or Olympics. Even the smallest hockey-playing nations have the opportunity to write their own chapter in hockey's history books as they progress throughout the rounds of competition into these flagship events.

While Hockey World Cup qualification will remain similar to the current system, Olympic qualification will change, pending approval of the International Olympic Committee's Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games qualification criteria.

These proposals were approved by the FIH Executive Board in Lausanne. The decision was made after more than 18 months of consultation, research and development between a number of stakeholders, overseen by a specially formed working group for this project.

[Women's Hockey Outlook](#)

The ever reliable Annabeth Wijtenburg reports in!

The Women's 1's started pre-season early this August to ensure that it is fit and to hit the ground running when their second season in National League starts at home against rival Wimbledon on 17 September 2016.

"Like every year, people come and go and unfortunately we had to say goodbye to some great players, although all for very good reasons. Juliet Chapman, who captained the Women's 1's for various seasons, has had to put her stick down, as her work as a barrister is too time consuming; Emma Stocking, former ladies club captain is taking a year out as she is expecting a baby boy at the end of this year. Alex Irwin has returned to New Zealand as her visa was running out and Fran Feather is focusing on her career in the Police. Alice Garrad will be travelling but hopefully return to us for the second half of the season."

"As we had a very successful first season in the National League, it comes as no surprise that we saw high numbers of players interested to join the club. The 1's are currently working with a group of 25, of which around ten are new players, coming from other National League sides and from New Zealand and Australia. It means a very talented group of players. Selection will be tough again this year. However, it is a great position to be in, as we also want to boost the Women's 2's and 3's to ensure they are in the best position possible to secure promotion next season."

"Talking about promotion, that is definitely this year's aim in the National League. We are strengthening the team not only with new players but also with a new coaching team. Mike Delaney, a well-known and respected coach from New Zealand will be taking up the coaching role together with Richard Smith, who assisted last season. Mo Rahman, last year's Head Coach, has moved to Braxgata in Belgium, to become involved in the Women's 1s, 2s and u18s."

“With both Mike and Richard leading the team and Jo Edmondson staying on as Manager, we are well set up to compete for the highest place in the League. It will not be easy though, as rumours tell that both Wimbledon and Sevenoaks have boosted their teams with international overseas players. So, we expect the competition to come from them and Cambridge City.

It ought to prove to be another highly exciting season, where hopefully we can further position the HWHC 1's sides to be part of England's top hockey. We cannot wait to kick start the season on the 17th, and luckily we have some important friendlies lined up to ensure we are ready to go. On 3 September 2016, we will be playing against the Vets (men) at PRG, as ways to improve our pre-season fitness but also to help raise funds for the club and to meet the increasing costs of running top ranking teams.

The game against the Vets will be prior to the Gala Dinner that evening, which will be an amazing night filled with great Auction prizes, good food and the lovely presence of the key Women's 1's players and management staff to highlight our ambitious plans for the next few years. We really do hope to see many of the readers of this letter, as we would love to have your support in our journey to the top!

This year there will also be opportunities to become personal sponsors of individual players, which will give company logos next to the player's profile on the club website, in the match programme, two half page advertisements and a special invitation to a player sponsorship evening, throughout the season. If you would like to get involved, please don't hesitate to reach out!”

Women's Investec National League Eastern Conference

The new League fixture list has been issued.

17 September 2016	Hampstead v Wimbledon
24 September 2016	Chelmsford v Hampstead
1 October 2016	Hampstead v St Albans
8 October 2016	Southgate v Hampstead
15 October 2016	Northampton Saints v Hampstead
22 October 2016	Hampstead v Harleston Magpies
5 November 2016	Sevenoaks v Hampstead
13 November 2016	Hampstead v West Herts
19 November 2016	Hampstead v Cambridge City
28 November 2016	St Albans v Hampstead
4 February 2017	Hampstead v Chelmsford
11 February 2017	Harleston Magpies v Hampstead
18 February 2017	Hampstead v Southgate
25 February 2017	West Hearts v Hampstead
4 March 2017	Hampstead v Northampton Saints
11 March 2017	Cambridge City v Hampstead
18 March 2017	Wimbledon V Hampstead
25 March 2017	Hampstead v Sevenoaks

New to the League are Northampton Saints and West Herts, with Maidenhead and Ipswich dropping out. By way of reminder, the League standings last March were as follows:-

League Table

Sough	18	12	3	3	51	17	39
Wimbledon	18	9	6	3	32	17	33
Cambridge City	18	9	5	4	23	15	32
Hampstead & W	18	9	4	5	44	32	31
Harleston Magpies	18	7	6	5	30	19	27

Sevenoaks	18	7	5	6	33	33	26
St Albans	18	6	7	5	32	28	25
Chelmsford	18	4	4	10	24	52	16
Maidenhead	18	4	3	11	27	51	15
Ipswich	18	0	3	15	13	52	3

Other Conference Teams

The other Conferences comprise:-

North

Beeston
Belper
Ben Ryhdding
Brooklands Poynton
Durham University
Liverpool Sefton
Loughborough Students
Sutton Coldfield
Timperley
Wakefield

West

Bristol Firebrands
Buckingham
Exe
Gloucester City
Isca
Olton & West Warwick
Oxford Hawks
Stourport
Swansea City
Trojans

New Season Outlook Other Women's Teams

2nd XI

In the South Division 3A, the opening fixtures are as follows:-

17 September 2016	Oxford Hawks v Hampstead
24 September 2016	Hampstead v Henley 1
1 October 2016	PHC Chiswick 1 v Hampstead
8 October 2016	Hampstead v Marlow 1

3rd XI

The Middlesex Premier League features two H&W teams, who first meet on the second fixture date. The opening games for the 3's are:-

24 September 2016	Teddington v Hampstead
1 October 2016	Hampstead 3 v Hampstead 4
8 October 2016	Winchmore Hill & Enfield 1 v Hampstead
15 October 2016	Hampstead v Staines 2

4th XI

For the 4's, the corresponding matches are:-

24 September 2016	Hampstead v Harrow 1
1 October 2016	Hampstead 3 v Hampstead 4
8 October 2016	Hampstead v Staines 2
1 October 2016	West Hampstead 3 v Hampstead

5th XI

In the Middlesex League Division 1, there are, again, two representatives from H&W. The 5's are set to play the following games at the start of the season:-

24 September 2016	PHC Chiswick 4 v Hampstead
1 October 2016	PHC Chiswick 3 v Hampstead
8 October 2016	Hampstead v Eastcote 3
15 October 2016	Staines 3 v Hampstead

6th XI

In the same League, the 6's are rostered to meet as follows:-

24 September 2016	Hampstead v Hendon & Mill Hill 1
1 October 2016	Hampstead v PHC Chiswick 4
8 October 2016	Eastcote 4 v Hampstead
15 October 2016	Hampstead v Old Merchant Taylors Duchesses

7th XI

In Middles League Division 3, the 7's are listed to play the following games at the opening of the new season:-

24 September 2016	Hendon & Mill Hill 3 v Hampstead
8 October 2016	PHC Chiswick 6 v Hampstead
15 October 2016	Hampstead v Harrow 2
22 October 2016	West Hampstead 6 v Hampstead

Men's Section

Coaching Appointment

The most significant news in the close season has been the appointment of Kwan Browne as the Coach to the Men's 1st XI squad. He succeeds Michael Johnson, who has taken up a coveted teaching post at Epsom College, on his move from King Edward's School in Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Kwan is the current Great Britain U23s Head Coach and England U21 Men's Assistant Coach. He arrives at H&W after a seven-year spell at Canterbury HC where he took them to the Premier League playoffs in 2013 and to fifth place in 2014. During this period, he has also led Canterbury to five National Indoor finals. He has also coached at East Grinstead.

Kwan won England Hockey's performance coach of the year title in August 2013 after Canterbury's third place in the NOW: Pensions Men's Premier Division.



Kwan hails from Trinidad & Tobago for whom he has played over 300 international games including the Commonwealth Games, Pan American Games and Pan American Cup. He hopes to continue playing as well as coach at the highest domestic and international level, aiming to be a part of a Trinidad team competing at the 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.

In a statement H&W said that, “As such Kwan will take on his role at Hampstead as a player coach in the same fashion as seen at Canterbury. As a coach he will be hoping to build upon the good work of Michael Johnson over the last two years and take the side on to compete at the top of the English Premier League”.



[In Post League Action...](#)

At the end of last season, a few League Championships and the like had still to be decided and the results occurred too late for inclusion in the last Newsletter.

It is perhaps worth pointing out the continuing frailty even of the august London League structure, During the 2015/16 season, Surbiton 4th XI withdrew from League Division 2 and their results were removed, the team being deemed to have finished last. The same occurred with Surbiton

5th XI in League Division 4 “owing to a shortage of players”. Tulse Hill Aztecs had to withdraw from London League 7.

London League Championships

The London League Championships were by and large held in April after the last Newsletter was issued. Matches were played between the top four ranking teams in an elimination format, as opposed to *round robin*. Hampstead fielded five teams in the season’s Play Offs.

Premier Division Cup

On 9 April, the results were:-
Canterbury 7 Surbiton 4
Hampstead 3 Spencer 2

The final was held at Honor Oak Park on 16 April, where Hampstead 2’s defeated the League winners, Canterbury by a handsome 6-0, with goals from Jamie Edington, Nick Giles, William Devitt, Alex Jackman, Alex Simpson and Mike Mclean..

Last year Hampstead lost the Cup final to League runners up, Southgate 1-0, having won the League with many impressive victories. So this year the roles were to degree reversed and it was a big win for the 2’s.



And, below, the winning team...



Division 1 Cup

Hampstead 3rd XI 1 St Albans 2nd XI 2
 Richmond 2nd XI 5 London Wayfarers 2nd XI 1

Final

16 April 2016

Richmond 3rd XI 4 St Albans 2nd XI 2

Division 3 Cup

Old Georgians 2nd XI 2 Hampstead 5th XI 1
 Hampstead 6th XI 6 PHC Chiswick 2

Final

16 April 2016

Hampstead 6th XI Old Georgians 6th XI (shared!)

Division 5 Cup

Imperial Medical HRT 2 Hampstead Hammers 1
 Kings Alleyns 4th XI 3 London Academicals 2

Final

HRT 3 London Academicals 1

Division 7 Cup

Clapham Common 6 Barnes Academicals 2
 Slough 2nd XI 5 v Hampstead Thirsts 0

Final

Clapham Common 8 Slough 2nd XI 7

EHL Men's Premier League 2016-17

The new League fixture list has been issued

18 September 2016 Hampstead v Canterbury
 24 September 2016 Surbiton v Hampstead

2 October 2016 Hampstead v Loughborough Univ
 9 October 2016 Hampstead v Brooklands MU
 16 October 2016 Holcombe v Hampstead
 23 October 2016 Hampstead v Wimbledon
 6 November 2016 Beeston v Hampstead
 12 November 2016 Hampstead v Reading
 20 November 2016 East Grinstead v Hampstead
 27 November 2016 Hampstead v Surbiton

3 February 2017 Loughborough Univ v Hampstead
 12 February 2017 Brooklands MU v Hampstead
 18 February 2017 Hampstead v Beeston
 26 February 2017 Canterbury v Hampstead
 5 March 2017 Hampstead v East Grinstead
 12 March 2017 Reading v Hampstead
 18 March 2017 Wimbledon v Hampstead
 26 March 2017 Hampstead v Holcombe

Returning to the League this season will be Loughborough University, Canterbury having retained their Premier League status in the Play Offs.

Last season's League Table was:

Premier League Table

Holcombe	18	13	5	0	57	24	44 pts
Surbiton	18	12	1	5	67	46	37
Reading	18	10	2	6	51	41	32
Wimbledon	18	10	2	6	41	35	32
Brooklands	18	7	4	7	49	46	25
Beeston	18	5	4	9	38	40	19
Hampstead	18	5	4	9	26	36	19
East Grinstead	18	5	3	10	36	50	18
Canterbury	18	5	1	12	32	58	16
Cannock	18	4	2	12	45	66	14

National League Conferences

There are a few new faces in the Men's National League Conferences this season.

East

Brighton & Hove
 Cambridge City
 Indian Gymkhana
 Oxted
 Richmond
 Sevenoaks
 Southgate
 Teddington
Wapping
 West Herts

North

Bowdon
 Cannock
 Deeside Ramblers
 Doncaster
 Durham University
Leek
 Olton & West Warwick
Oxton
 Preston
 Sheffield Hallam

West

Cardiff UWIC
 Cheltenham
 Chichester Priory Park
 Fareham
 Isca
Old Georgians
 Bath Buccaneers
 University of Birmingham
University of Bristol
 University of Exeter

Old Georgians won the South League by 11 points from Havant, losing only one game and drawing one. Wapping had a similarly impressive margin in the East League by eight points over City of Peterborough in second and St Albans third, two points further back. Leek return to the Conference after leading University of Nottingham to second place in the Midlands League, with Khalsa in third spot. Bristol University will make their debut in the National League after an impressive seven-point gap over Cardiff & Met 2nd XI in the West League (the University's second team were eighth in that same League). Robinsons were third, a further eight points adrift. Brooklands MU were the winners of the North Premier League but on goal difference only, the top

two teams finishing on 49 points. Brooklands were unable to stake a place in the National League, given their first team's current participation in the Premier Division. This left second placed Oxtou to step into the Northern Conference.

More Player News

With a remarkable series of recruitments, the Men's 1st XI squad has seen an unusual degree of activity in July and August (and no doubt considerable early work for Team Manager Thea Hitchcock).

Initial excitement was generated by the announcement that Chris Cargo had agreed to join H&W for the new season. Chris is an Engineer, who has won 134 caps for Ireland and is a member of the Ireland squad for the Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. Chris used to play for Reading HC and then spent two years at Racing Club de Bruxelles.

On 28 June 2016 it was announced that Will Calnan had joined H&W from Surbiton and Marc Edwards from Cannock. Two players from last season for Canterbury were also to join, namely Aaron Hudson and Matt Burton-Bowen. Will played for England Under 21 against India Under 21 at Bisham Abbey at the end of July 2016 and has represented England at Under 23 level. He played alongside Hampstead's James Simpson when England Under 21 won the gold medal at the Johar Cup in Malaysia in 2015.

Marc Edwards has won representative honours with England at all junior levels of the game, having captained the side at Under 16, Under 18 and Under 21 levels. He won a bronze medal at Under 21 level at the 2009 Youth Games.

Aaron Hudson has played for Canterbury for nine seasons and has Play Off experience with them. Matt Burton Bowen attributed his move to Kwan Browne's appointment as coach to H&W, connected, he suggested, to his doing what he is told!

On 4 July 2016, it was announced that the current Welsh goalkeeper, David Kettle had signed to play for H&W, ironically moving in the opposite direction to Harry Gibson, who has been in goal for Hampstead in the last two seasons but has decided to join Surbiton.

David has more than 60 international caps. He was in the winning team in the final of the EH Cup in 2013 and has played in the Euro Hockey Championships and in the European Championships as well as the Commonwealth Games in 2014. He was twice a winner with Cannock of the Premier League and once also with East Grinstead. He has also played in Australia for Bankstown and at Sapur HC in Malaysia.

On 12 July 2016, the Club made another announcement that Sam French had agreed to join. He previously played at the University of Birmingham (in the Conference). Sam has representative honours at all junior levels for England and Great Britain and was another who won gold with England Under 21 at the Johar Cup in 2015.

A week later, we heard that a second member of the Irish squad at the Olympic Games was to join. Mikie Watt had 134 caps prior to the Games and had scored 55 goals for Ireland. He hails from Belfast. He had been playing for Lisnagarvey HC, where his strength is reported to be from the set piece. He was first selected for Ireland in 2006. He won a bronze medal at the European Championships in England, when defeating England with a tantalising display of determined defensive hockey coupled with really effective counter attack.

On 27 July 2016, the Club announced that South African international Matthew Guise-Brown had agreed to play for H&W, after seasons with Southgate and, before that, the University of Pretoria. Matthew was top scorer at the Africa Cup of Nations tournament in 2015 held in Johannesburg. Having won that tournament, South Africa had qualified to participate in the Olympic Games in Rio. However the country's Olympic Committee, to considerable local surprise and dismay, declined the invitation to send the team, on the basis that, in their estimation, the team was

unlikely to succeed and, therefore, the cost incurred in attending the games would be wasted. This has led to New Zealand's participation in their stead.

A second recruit named that day was Steve Kelly, from Surbiton who has represented Wales (including help in their promotion in the European Championships). He played for Surbiton for two seasons after graduation. He therefore has experience of the Premier League Championships at the end of the season.

Currently the latest announcement on the recruitment front is the news of four who are joining, namely, Geoff McCabe who joins from Surbiton, Geoff was capped by Ireland and was appointed captain for a while and has experience of the Euro Hockey League with Surbiton. Secondly Rupert Shipperley joins from Cardiff & Met and equally has experience with the Euro Hockey League. He was first capped by Wales in 2014 for the game against Spain. He has also own a silver medal for Great Britain Under 23 at the Youth Olympics in 2012

The third recruit announced on 2 August is Joe Crame who joins from Cambridge City of the Conference. Last, but not least, Daniel Walsh has agreed to re-join H&W after his initial three-year stint and a hiatus with Bromley & Beckenham, who sadly (and despite Daniel's efforts) lost their place in the Conference at the end of last season.

Another technically re-joining is Dave Cooper, H&W's well-known and much respected defender of a number of seasons past. Dave managed to persuade his school employers to grant him a sabbatical and he took off to Perth WA, with a strong wish to play hockey out there, to degree in the footsteps of skipper Toby Roche, who had done the same a season ago. Dave met former playing colleague, H&W Coach and 1st XI player, Tom Kavanagh, and was introduced to Hale HC in Doubleview WA. David has been playing for them in the Melville Toyota League and is featured below in the game against League Leaders, UWA. Just as a reminder, TK (number 16) is in the second photograph, on the next page.





Pre-season Action

The Men's 1's travelled to Bisham Abbey on 26 July 2016 for a practice game against the touring India Under 21 team, who had previously played against the full Scotland squad (on 22 July and 24 July 2016) and had beaten them twice, with a 5-1 margin in the second game, where they were five unanswered goals up into the last quarter. Against Hampstead, it was a little tighter. India U 21 took the lead in the 28th minute through Ajit Kumar Pandey and Varun Kumar made it 2-0. As Hampstead pressed and with ten minutes to go, Varun Kumar scored again and the final score remained 3-0 to the tourists

India's junior team then went on to face England Under 21. On 28 July 2016 the visitors won 7-1 but on the following day England reversed that, with a 2-1 win. On 31 July 2016, England won again, by a score of 2-1. In the final game of their tour, India defeated England U21 by 3-1.

The New Season

2nd XI

The season starts on 17 September 2016 for the 2's. St Albans 2nd XI are the promoted team in the Premier Division. The first few matches are as follows:-

17 September 2016	Hampstead v East Grinstead
21 September 2016	Southgate v Hampstead
1 October 2016	Hampstead v Teddington
8 October 2016	Richmond v Hampstead

3rd XI

London League Division 1 has two member teams from H&W, the 3rd XI and Zak Hond XI. The 3's open with the following:-

17 September 2016	Hampstead v Oxted 2
24 September 2016	Southgate v Wimbledon
1 October 2016	Hampstead 3 v Hampstead Zak Hond
8 October 2016	Guildford 2 v Hampstead (4.30pm start)

Zak Hond XI

For the Zaks, the list comprises:-

17 September 2016	Tulse Hill & Dulwich 2 v Hampstead
24 September 2016	Hampstead v Wimbledon 3
1 October 2016	Hampstead 3 v Hampstead Zak Hond
8 October 2016	Hampstead v London Wayfarers 2

4th XI

In London League Division Two, the 4's are scheduled to play:-

17 September 2016	Old Loughtonians 2 v Hampstead
24 September 2016	Hampstead v Oxford University 3
1 October 2016	Teddington v Hampstead
8 October 2016	Hampstead v Richmond

5th XI

The first matches for the 5's in London League Division Three are as follows:-

17 September 2016	Hampstead v Southgate 4
24 September 2016	Old Loughtonians 3 v Hampstead
1 October 2016	Hampstead v Richmond Lions
8 October 2016	St Albans 3 v Hampstead

Hammers XI

H&W's representatives in the London League Division Five are the Hammers, who are due to meet:-

17 September 2016	Hampstead v HAC Sutlers
24 September 2016	Southgate 5 v Hampstead
1 October 2016	Hampstead v Clapham Common
8 October 2016	London Wayfarers Outlaws v Hampstead

Thirsts XI

There are two teams from H&W in the London League Division Six. The Thirsts' opponents will be:-

17 September 2016	Slough 2 v Hampstead
24 September 2016	Hampstead v PHC Chiswick 4
1 October 2016	Hampstead Spaniards v Hampstead Thirsts
8 October 2016	Hampstead v London Wayfarers Barbarians

Spaniards XI

Meanwhile in the same League, the Spaniards face the following fixtures:-

17 September 2016	Hampstead v PHC Chiswick 5
24 September 2016	Richmond Redoubtables v Hampstead
1 October 2016	Hampstead Spaniards v Hampstead Thirsts
8 October 2016	Richmond Deerstalkers v Hampstead

Veterans' XI

The London League Veterans Division One has the following matches listed for the new season:-

17 September 2016 Hampstead v East Grinstead
24 September 2016 Maidenhead v Hampstead
1 October 2016 Hampstead v Teddington
8 October 2016 Richmond v Hampstead

Superveterans XI

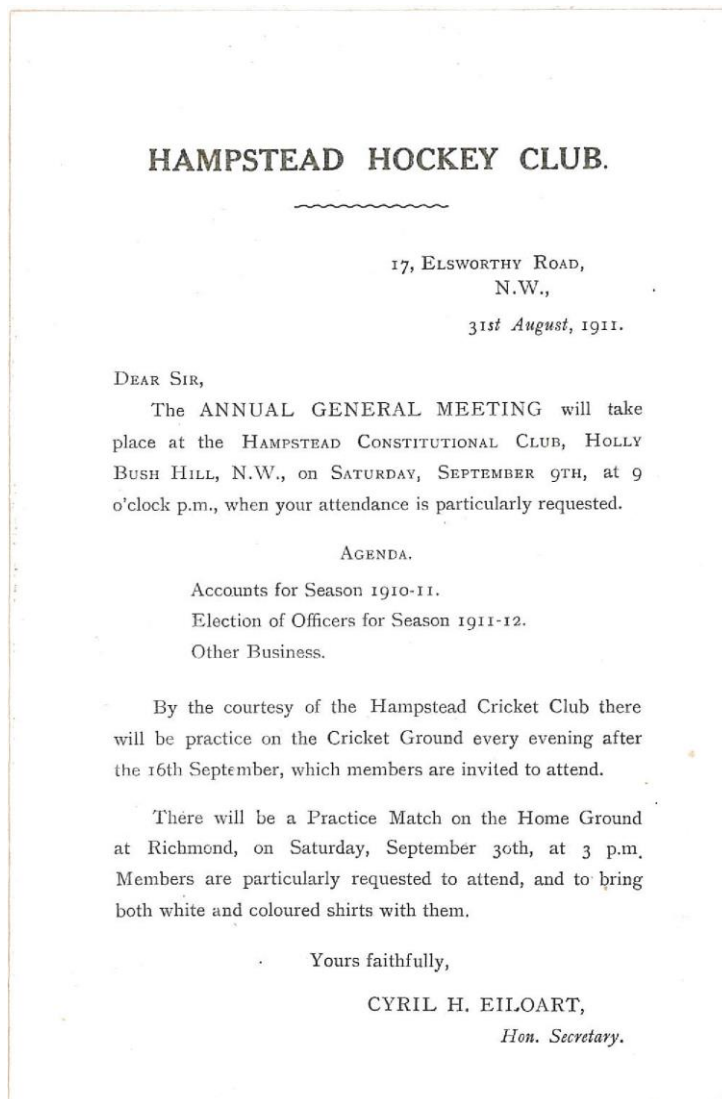
Henrik Kjellin will lead the Supervets in the League against the following at the start of the season:-

17 September 2016 Chelmsford v Hampstead
1 October 2016 Hampstead v Spencer
15 October 2016 St Albans Praetorians v Hampstead
29 October 2016 Hampstead v Indian Gymkhana Tigers

From yesteryear

105 years ago

AGMs were usually held at the start of each season and with a rather formal printed Notice, replicated below. Pre-season training (or *practice*) was held every evening after mid-September! But only for a fortnight...



80 years ago

The AGM was held on 19 September 1936 “at the team room of the pavilion on the Richmond Athletic Ground” after the practice games, with Captain Mawer in the chair.

The Minutes of the previous AGM were read by Mr Sankey, owing to the unavailability of the retiring secretary, Mr Ingledew, were approved and signed by the Chairman.

The special recommendations appearing in the Notice convening the meeting were then placed before the members. After a short discussion, these recommendations were adopted unanimously and without abstention from the draft drawn up by the special sub-committee appointed at the Committee Meeting of 9 April 1936.

The Honorary Treasurer’s Statement of Accounts was put before the meeting and a query was raised with regard to the item “outstanding subscriptions etc not to hand - £39-15-3”. Mr R Milsted read out a list of members whose subscriptions were in arrears. Several of them were written off, as the members mentioned were not liable owing to resignation or special adjustment by the Committee. Mr P G Smith proposed and Mr I M Milsted seconded that the statement of account be accepted.

Mr. L L Bernard¹ proposed and Mr J H Hayward seconded that the accounts should not be accepted in their present form, as they were not in order.

After further discussion, Mr Bernard withdrew his original proposal and proposed, seconded by Mr Menzies that the now Honorary Treasurer should be instructed to go into the accounts and report to the Committee at the next meeting.

On the recommendation of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that the statement of account be passed, with the proposal of Mr Barnard included as an amendment.

The following officers were appointed for the forthcoming season:-

President:	Mr F E Elioart
Vice Presidents:	Messrs Osmond, Shoveller, A C Eiloart, Bennett, Orr, Trotman and Wyatt. (Mr Sankey had proposed that Mr C T A Wilkinson ² be elected as Vice President but there was no seconder and the motion was not put to the meeting).
1st XI Captain	R L Milsted
Vice Captain	O G Jones
2nd XI Captain	J C Sankey
Vice Captain	W R Watson
3rd XI Captain	J H Hayward
Vice Captain	F J Smith
4th XI Captain	F C Harman
Vice Captain	D N Mophew
Committee	I M Milsted, P G Smith, K W Robins, C L M Danby, S J Saunders, C T S Cooper and W Menzies
Treasurer	Captain A B Mawer
Secretary	P G Smith

With regard to the last appointment, Mr P G Smith expressed his willingness to take over the duties of Honorary Secretary, with the reservation that he could not do the fixture list part of the work. Mr J H Hayward then said that he would be glad to assist in the work as an unofficial Joint Honorary Secretary.

¹ Future donor of the Barnard Cup

² Gold Medal Winner at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp, as a Hampstead HC player

It was proposed that the subscription be increased from £1-12-6 to £2-2-0 per season. The increased subscription was to include a member's tea when playing on home grounds and that the subscription should be payable, if necessary, in two instalments of £1-1-0 each, the first to be paid not later than 31 December.

It was pointed out that every member playing at home would then be liable for only 1/- being the cost of one visitor's tea.

The proposal was accepted unanimously.

It was suggested that any member not paying his subscription or half subscription before 31 December in any season should be suspended. The Chairman pointed out that this was out of order.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr J H Bennett for presiding at the Special Committee Meeting held on 2 April 1936, to Mr Nolan for his services as Treasurer and Mr Ingledew³ for his valuable work as Honorary Secretary.

(A Committee Meeting was held immediately after the conclusion of the AGM, when teams were selected for the matches against Dulwich on 26 September 1936. It was also agreed that the Selection Committee should meet at the Tivoli Bar on 26 September and monthly committee meetings on the first Thursday of each month at Simpsons, the Strand).

65 years ago

A Committee Meeting was held on 4 September 1961 at Crown House, Aldwych, London WC2.

The Secretary reported that Sir John Wolfenden⁴ had regretfully been obliged to decline an invitation to the Annual Dinner due to his commitments at that season. Sir John Masterman⁵ had, however, accepted. Since he expressed himself reluctant to speak at length and since a Vice-President of the Club was not entirely a guest, it was agreed to supplement the usual two speeches with a response by one of the other guests, to the President's toast, for this one occasion.

The Secretary read the correspondence between himself and the Secretary of the Hornsey Club regarding the pitches at Hornsey. The Committee were disappointed that their suggestion of ground improvements to the tune of, say, £40, had not been accepted, but appreciated that it was difficult to know, at this stage, what, if anything, was most needed for the coming season. It was therefore agreed to ask the Hornsey Club to call in the Bingley Research Institute⁶ in the immediate future to give an independent and expert opinion on this point.

³ Ken Ingledew was renowned as a key administrator in the hockey world. He left London (and Hampstead Hockey Club) to work in Cardiff and started a 23 years' stint as Secretary and Treasurer of the Welsh Hockey Association. He had also served as Secretary/Treasurer of the British Hockey Board, as a member of the International Hockey Rules Board and of the Bureau of the Hockey Federation. As an active international umpire between 1949 and 1956, he officiated, as an umpire, at the Final of the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki.

⁴ The Report of the Departmental Committee on Homosexual Offences and Prostitution (better known as the Wolfenden report, after Lord Wolfenden, the chairman of the committee) was published in Britain on 4 September 1957 after a succession of well-known men, were convicted of homosexual offences. The recommendations eventually led to the passage of the Sexual Offences Act 1967

⁵ A former Hampstead HC player and winner of four caps for England

⁶ The Institute was established in the UK in 1929 with headquarters in Bingley, West Yorkshire (and later became the Sports Turf Research Institute). It is now known as STRI and has become a global design and consultancy specialist for the development of elite standard sports surfaces.

The Secretary reported that he had arranged Club trials on 23 September at Victoria Park and practice matches on 30 September against Tulse Hill (1st XI only) at Tulse Hill and Mill Hill (other XI's) at Victoria Park.

Mr Bermingham reported that Mr Salisbury had reluctantly decided that he felt unable for domestic reasons to undertake the vice captaincy of the 4th XI. It was agreed to leave this appointment unfilled for the time being.

The Fixture Secretary sounded the feelings of members about accommodating Oxford University (every season) Southgate and Teddington in the fixture list. It was agreed that Mr Kay would investigate the Oxford possibilities and that the Fixture Secretary be authorised to drop the RMA Sandhurst, HAC or Lensbury fixtures to accommodate either, or both of the other two. We should not, however, go so far as approach them officially again.

60 years ago

A Committee Meeting was held on 19 September 1966 at the RNVR Club, 38 Hill Street, London W1.

The Secretary reported that he had provisionally offered Slough a fixture for the first Sunday in April (International Day) the 1st XI to play in the morning at Hornsey. It was agreed to confirm the fixture provided the morning game were to be recognised as between "A" XI's and not more than two afternoon games were arranged. The 1st XI Captain's decision not to attempt to take a team to Jersey on the last weekend in September was ratified.

The Secretary reported that Mr Twine did not wish to serve again as Equipment Officer. Mr Scarr had therefore been duly appointed.

The Match Secretary reported on the work that had been done on the second pitch and said that after turfing and further work on removing the soil bank to make a *run-back*, it was hoped to get this extension into use in a couple of months.

The Secretary and the Match Secretary reported on the quotation received for mole drainage and perimeter drainage from Sherwood Bros., on the Hornsey Club's agreement to our installing the moles and on the application for grant from the Ministry of Education. After a long discussion and bearing in mind the finances and the fact that the deep-spiker had barely been used during the preceding season, it was agreed that representatives of the Ground Sub-Committee should attempt to get only the perimeter drainage carried out urgently unless the Ministry of Education came up with a large grant for both jobs in the near future.

The Secretary reported that the Hornsey Club had now rejected a joint "football machine". It was agreed not to make any further approach until the Clubhouse improvements had been effected.

The Secretary reported that he was hoping for confirmation that we could participate in indoor hockey at the Risinghill Institute (received later that same evening).

In the absence of any alternative suggestion from the Treasurer, it was agreed to confirm the Marlborough Grill on 2 December 1966. Members were asked for suggestions of speakers.

Applications for membership were deferred until the gentlemen were better known.

It was agreed to make an appeal to members for assistance with the Clubhouse improvements when the season was better under way.

It was also agreed to ask Mr F M Warren to undertake suitable arrangements for a Wine and Cheese Party/Dance, following up the Secretary's approach to Mr Smyth regarding Hampstead Cricket Club.

[15 years ago](#)

Hampstead 0 Cannock 1

Sunday 16th September 2001

Hampstead opened their inaugural Premier Division season with a narrow loss to one of the fancied teams in the Division, who were grateful for the three points after a positive and combative performance by the home side.

Hampstead opened brightly, for a change. The tone set by an interception by Matt Hetherington deep in the Cannock half within 50 seconds of the start and his shot cannoned off the keeper's midriff. Craig Carolan was then prominent deep on the right and crosses from Mike Williamson and Mark Darbon skimmed across the goal with no one available to take advantage.

Steve Dodson in the Hampstead goal then pulled off two saves from short corner flicks from Welsh international Simon Organ. With plenty of crisp tackling in the increasingly tight battle of midfield supremacy, Hampstead found it hard to create clear chances and there were few short corners opportunities until the 23rd minute when Jimi Lewis in the Cannock goal saved from Hetherington's flick. Mike Williamson rose to the challenge with a series of deep runs showing good stickwork.

Cannock earned four more short corners to end the half but Dodson held firm (once with a stick stop) and aided by resolute defensive work.

The second half opened with a Carolan shot on the reverse. Cannock began to exert even more pressure driving forward through the efforts of England international, Chris Mayer and his rapidly executed skills. Making his Hampstead debut, Dave Sellick pulled off a memorable save on the line from Cannock's seventh corner after Steve Dodson had blocked the shot with his hands. Another darting run from Mike Williamson earned Hampstead a second corner in the 51st minute but Hetherington's flick was wide of the right post.

Cannock's controversial goal was scored with ten minutes to go after a break that appeared to hit a Cannock foot but was not seen by the umpires. The ball passed rapidly down the Hampstead right and the resultant corner taken by Simon Organ as flicked in over Dodson's right shoulder, high into the goal.

Hampstead mounted a series of counter attacks and a chance opened for Mark Darbon at the top of the circle but his speculative deflected shot went wide of the post. Cannock then held on to the game with two final corners, with which the Hampstead defence dealt well.

This was Hampstead's first home League defeat since March 1999 and the first time they have not gained at least a point on the opening day of a National League game. Undeterred, coach Soma Singh was generally pleased with the way in which the team had battled on and taken the game to opponents with such a good League pedigree.

Next Sunday Hampstead travel to Guildford, coached by the redoubtable Ian Jennings, the game to be played at Broadwater School Godalming with a 12-noon start.

TEAM: Dodson: von Mayer, Boucher, Sellick, Sully; Hetherington, Singh, Williamson; Bhatti, Carolan, Darbon

SUBS: Land, Maier, Turner, Matthews

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This will aim to review the forthcoming season once it has run its course and cover other happenings on and off the pitch. If you have any news or comment, please direct it to mail@velwell.eclipse.co.uk.