

Welcome

This is the twenty second Newsletter in this format. It takes Club news to the end of the second half of an exceptional season, particularly for the top two teams. The Women's 1st XI won the National League East Conference without a loss, to participate in the Premier Division Play Offs. The Men's 1st XI finished in fourth place in the Premier Division that led to the BBC televised League Play Offs, where they were within 70 seconds of winning and securing a place in the European Hockey League for next season.

This edition reflects a criticism of past prolixity, so shall be brief.

Women's Section

The stand out performance of the season remained the 1st XI. After Christmas, they were held to a 1-1 draw by Wimbledon (who missed a late penalty stroke to win) but otherwise won all the remaining games to take top place.

Table

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|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-------|
| Hampstead | 18 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 74 | 10 | 52pts |
| Wimbledon | 18 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 72 | 15 | 46 |
| Sevenoaks | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 55 | 19 | 43 |
| Cambridge City | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 37 | 24 | 33 |
| Harleston Magpies | 18 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 25 | 37 | 22 |
| Barnes | 18 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 22 | 38 | 20 |
| St Albans | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 33 | 45 | 15 |
| Bedford | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 21 | 39 | 15 |
| Southgate | 18 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 12 | 59 | 12 |
| Chelmsford | 18 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 9 | 74 | 1 |



Lauren Tumer attacking for Hampstead

Four teams played in the Premier Division promotion play offs; the winners of each Conference and Slough, who finished in ninth position in the Premier Division. Hampstead drew 1-1 with Sough,

having taken the lead in the third minute. They were then beaten 2-1 by Beeston, who managed to fend off incessant Hampstead attacks for the equaliser. In the final match, Hampstead defeated Stourport 4-0. However, Beeston, who has already achieved their promotion after two wins, were held 1-1 by Slough, who therefore retained their place in the Division.



Hampstead score against Beeston in the Play Offs: photo England Hockey

For next season, Horsham are promoted to the East Conference.

Five H&W players were voted by their peers for inclusion in the East Conference All Star team at the conclusion of the season. Providing the legendary spine to the team, the selection included Rochelle Gianfrancesco in goal, Annabeth Wijtenburg and Emily McGuire on the left side of defence, Lauren Turner in central midfield and Joyce Esser in a centre forward role

South League

In Division 2, the 2nd XI ended the season in eighth place and the 3rd XI finished at the foot of the table in Division 3A.

Middlesex League

There was better news here, with the 4th XI taking ninth place in the Premier League and to see the 5th XI top Division 1, fending off the 6th XI, who took second place (52 points against 47). The 7th XI finished in second place to Ealing in Division 3.

Men's Section

With a storming end to their season, marred perhaps only by the 3-2 loss at Holcombe, the 1st XI took fourth place in the Premier Division again, to earn a place in the Play offs at Lee Valley.

Premier Division

Hampstead 1 Wimbledon 3
 Brooklands 3 Hampstead 5
 Hampstead 2 Reading 1
 Holcombe 3 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 5 Surbiton 4
 Hampstead 3 Beeston 2
 Sevenoaks 2 Hampstead 10
 Canterbury 3 Hampstead 5

Guise Brown
 French Guise Brown (2) Gooch Watt
 Shipperley Cargo
 Cargo Guise Brown
 Browne (2) Guise Brown (3)
 Guise Brown Calnan Shipperley
 Guise Brown French (4) Calnan (2) Watt Browne Dowds
 Guise Brown (3) Calnan French

The second part of the season saw three hard earned wins over Reading, Surbiton and Beeston and a remarkable penultimate game at Sevenoaks. The opponents required a win or draw, being only one point ahead of the automatic relegation position. Hampstead were also in search of goals in case goal difference were to come into play at the final reckoning. The second half saw both teams

substitute their goalkeepers for outfield players. Hampstead drew away to lead 6-1 when a Sevenoaks player managed a traffic light series of cards, from green, to yellow, to red for the one offence, after an altercation, leading to outright dissent (to put it politely) with the umpire. Sam French went on to score four goals on the 10-2 victory.

Table

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|------------------|----|----|---|----|-----|-------|
| Wimbledon | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 26 | 39pts |
| Surbiton | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 28 | 38 |
| Beeston | 18 | 12 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 37 |
| Hampstead | 18 | 11 | 2 | 5 | 26 | 35 |
| Reading | 18 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 25 | 33 |
| East Grinstead | 18 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 28 |
| Holcombe | 18 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 8 | 26 |
| Brooklands MU | 18 | 5 | 2 | 11 | -7 | 17+ |
| Sevenoaks | 18 | 1 | 2 | 15 | -54 | 5 |
| Canterbury | 18 | 1 | 1 | 16 | -74 | 4 |

In goalscoring, Hampstead were second in the Division with 63 goals (36 in open play, 24 from short corners and three penalty stokes) only beaten by Surbiton's 69.

Matt Guise Brown was the second highest individual goalscorer.

Play offs

In the Premier Division Play offs the 1st faced Wimbledon, whose Great Britain players had returned. Hampstead were widely regarded as underdogs but controlled much of the game to take a 2-0 lead well into the fourth quarter after goals from Matt Guise Brown and Sam French. After a series of yellow cards in the final few minutes, Wimbledon scored and had a short corner awarded them overturned, allowing Hampstead to ride out the final seconds to win 2-1.



Sam French converts a corner for a 2-0 lead against Wimbledon: photo England Hockey

On the following day, Hampstead faced Surbiton in the final. Scottish international Forsyth put Surbiton 2-0 up early on but Hampstead scored two to equalise, the second a magnificent goal from Will Calnan, after a rapid drive into the circle with a bouncing ball, followed by a fierce, angled reverse

shot at pace (that was, by common consent, the goal of the tournament). Hampstead then took the lead. With only 70 seconds left on the clock Surbiton won a short corner that was converted and the game ended 3-3.



Matt Guise Brown celebrates as H&W take the lead in the final: photo England Hockey

Therefore, it was to a shoot-out. This ended 2-2 in regular play and went to sudden death. The order of taking the shots was reversed. Forsyth scored again for Surbiton and Gibson in the Surbiton goal saved from Harry Martin, to give his side the narrowest of victories. Hampstead were therefore denied participation in the Euro Hockey League next season.

Relegation and Promotion

It is salutary to report that Cannock were relegated from the National League and will now play in the Midlands League in the 2018-19 season. West Herts and Clifton Robinsons were the other teams relegated from the Conferences. In the Conference relegation play offs, Old Georgians and Cheltenham prevailed at the expense of Deeside Ramblers, after a 6-2 loss to Cheltenham.

Replacing them in the National League Conferences are Alderley Edge, City of Peterborough, University of Bristol, Belper and Oxford Hawks.

Next season?

The timetable has been issued by the EHA. Premier Division games will start on 30 September 2018 and break on 25 November 2018, to resume on 3 February 2019, concluding on 31 March 2019. The Premier Division play-offs are scheduled for 27 and 28 April 2019.

Other Men's teams

The 2nd XI won the London League Premier Division once again. Their margin over Reading in second place was nine points and they scored 125 goals, with a goal difference of 93.

In Division 1, which was won by Oxford University 2nd XI, Zak Hond XI finished fourth and the 3rd XI ended in eighth place.

In Division 2, Hampstead 4th XI were placed fourth, with the 5th XI sadly in 12th place, at the foot of the table.

The Hammers XI were placed second in Division 5. Division 6 was dominated by H&W: the league was won by the Spaniards XI with 59 points and the Thirsts XI were second, with 54 points, the former with a goal difference of 70 and the latter 69 (having scored 104 goals)

The Vets XI ended the season in fourth place in Veterans Division 1. In Supervets League Division 2, the H&W Supervets XI were third, after 9-4 wins against Reading Rogues and 6-0 against Old Cranleighans. In the Grand Masters Division A, H&W were tenth out of 12 and in Division B, fourth of five teams. Both Divisions were won comfortably by Indian Gymkhana.

In spite of these successes on the pitch, Reading HC were awarded the Watson Bowl at the end of season London League Awards presentation as the League's Club of the Year. It was announced there that Jim Jarrett had decided to step down after 27 years' valiant service to the League. His will be very much a hard act to follow.



Hampstead's trophy haul in the London League

Indoor Hockey

The other significant success for the Men's 1st XI was their promotion to the Premier Division. This followed promotion at the Jaffa Super 6s Championships at the Frenchay Campus of the University of the West of England on 6 and 14 January 2018.



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Hampstead were unbeaten but ended in second place to Canterbury, who managed a seventh win in the eight games played, compared with Hampstead's two draws against Beeston and 6-6 against Bowdon. Earlier, there has been a consolation win 13-0 against last season's divisional winners, Ipswich and wins of 12-4 against Southgate and 11-3 against West Herts, as well as an 8-4 defeat of Canterbury.

Plant and Equipment

PRG has witnessed this year the long-awaited delivery of canopies or *dug outs* for both teams and the officials, designed to be accommodated within the perimeter fencing and not to interfere with the running track.



International Hockey

Sarah Robertson represented Scotland in the Commonwealth Games tournament on the Gold Coast, following her selection for Great Britain earlier in the season, in the tour to Argentina.

Hampstead's Harry Martin represented England at the Azlan Shah tournament in Ipoh, Malaysia in early March 2018, where they were defeated 2-1 by Australia in the final. He then went on to win a bronze medal for England in the Commonwealth Games, won once more by Australia.



Harry Martin in action for H&W against Wimbledon at Lee Valley: photo England Hockey

Also at the Commonwealth Games, selected for Wales, were Rupert Shipperley, Steve Kelly and Jonny Gooch, Sadly, Jonny suffered a hand injury just before the start of the Games and was forced to withdraw.

Pool A

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|--------------|-----|--------------|
| South Africa | 2-4 | Scotland |
| New Zealand | 6-2 | Canada |
| Canada | 1-0 | Scotland |
| Australia | 4-0 | South Africa |
| New Zealand | 6-0 | South Africa |
| Australia | 6-1 | Scotland |
| New Zealand | 5-2 | Scotland |
| Australia | 4-0 | Canada |
| Australia | 2-1 | New Zealand |
| Canada | 0-2 | South Africa |

| Pool A | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|-----|
| Australia | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 2 | 14 | 12 |
| New Zealand | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 12 | 9 |
| Scotland | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 14 | -7 | 3 |
| Canada | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 12 | -9 | 3 |
| South Africa | 4 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 14 | -10 | 3 |

Pool B

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|----------|-----|----------|
| Pakistan | 1-1 | Wales |
| England | 7-0 | Malaysia |
| Malaysia | 3-0 | Wales |
| India | 2-2 | Pakistan |
| England | 2-2 | Pakistan |
| India | 4-3 | Wales |
| India | 2-1 | Malaysia |
| England | 3-2 | Wales |
| Malaysia | 1-1 | Pakistan |
| India | 4-3 | England |

| Pool B | P | W | D | L | F | A | GD | PTS |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|-----|
| India | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 3 | 10 |
| England | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 7 | 7 |
| Malaysia | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 10 | -5 | 4 |
| Pakistan | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 4 |
| Wales | 4 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 11 | -5 | 1 |

National Awards

At the England Hockey Annual Awards on 19 May 2018, H&W was nominated as the team of the year but was not successful. There was, however, amongst others, a Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to the Club's friend, Mike Ward.

Mike has played for three different hockey teams and was a member and is a Vice-President of Bournemouth Hockey Club (from 1965 until the present). He was Fixture Secretary for 25 years and Secretary for 15 years and a former SCHUA umpire and currently Hampshire HUA assessor and coach, since 1978. He was a co-founder and first Secretary and then Chairman of the Men's South Hockey League for 47 years (from 1971 until the present), still being the largest hockey league in the country of some 650 teams.

He has also been Hampshire Men's League Secretary for 47 years from 1971 and is President of Hampshire Men's County Hockey Association. He currently is and has been Chairman of Hampshire County HA, for 42 years. He is the only member serving throughout the ten-year existence of the HA/AEWHHA joint/merger committee and co-writer of the English Hockey Association constitution (1987-1997).

[Yesteryear](#)

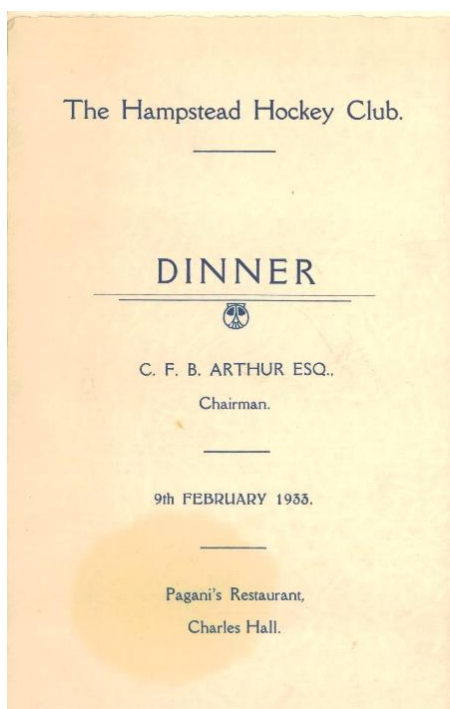
[95 years ago](#)

From HOCKEY WORLD

Cambridge University 11 Hampstead 1

Cambridge University beat Hampstead at Cambridge, last Saturday, by 11 – 1 and this in spite of the fact that the Light Blues were without Whitfield, Ashton, Green and Hovil. The turf was in a bad state and good stickwork was not possible. Still, the Cantabs played the smarter hockey and were hardly out of their opponents' "25" and set up continuous attacks. The Hampstead halves were weak, and Wilkinson was much missed from the intermediate line by the London club. W. J. Berry led the Light Blue forwards ably and showed capital form. The Cambridge forwards fitted together splendidly even though without G O Hovil, playing for the West. In the end, Whichello (5), Berry (4), Morpew and Terry, scored for Cambridge and Popham for Hampstead. Terry and Whichello played well together on the right wing.

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[80 years ago](#)

Minutes 7 April 1938

£1,172 (today's approximate worth, then £19-6-0) was collected for Mr and Mrs Shoveller on their wedding.

A 14-inch salver with the inscription, "To S H Shoveller on the occasion of his marriage on 2 February 1938 from Past and Present members of the Hampstead Hockey Club". And a silver travelling clock was purchased for Mrs Shoveller

After purchases, a surplus of 10/9 had been passed to the general funds of the club.

[45 years ago](#)

In other business, at the end of the AGM held on 18 April 1973 at Churchill Hall College Crescent London NW3, Tony Swing protested at the lack of any report to the meeting of the performance of the lower XIs. Chris Major then requested that the minutes of the previous AGM should be circulated before the next AGM. "The exhausted Committee (the time being 11.25pm) readily accepted the first proposal but was too tired to object to the second." Bob Hale proposed that the Committee should appoint a Social Committee and that at least one woman should be co-opted into it. There being no further business the meeting was concluded with a vote of thanks to the President for his patient chairmanship, shortly after 11.30pm.

[35 years ago](#)

At the AGM held on 12 April 1983 at the Hornsey Clubhouse, the sums held in the Woodpecker Fund was stated to be £81.60, the Boizot Fund, £420.85, the Drainage Fund, £1,100.00 and the General Account, £252.82. Ian Catley enquired whether the Secretary had any particular problems with the collection of subscriptions and the Secretary outlined the specific problem relating to the 1st XI and the withholding of subscriptions due to the lack action on the showers. The 1st XI was "censured for this unconstitutional action". The Secretary said that a stronger line on the collection of subscriptions would be enforced next season.

Richard Chapman reported that the far grass pitch was playing much better since the second set of mole drainage and the new semi-circular *cut off* drains had been installed. Sanding was, however, necessary on a regular basis. The pavilion pitch was the next major consideration and would need a very large injection of money if any improvements were to be made.

For the 1st XI, Cyril Flajsner reported a season of moderate success, finishing 13th in the London League and reaching the semi-finals of the Middlesex Cup. Hampstead had now established itself as a hard side to beat and socially a highly enjoyable side with which to mix. It was noted with much regret that Dave Mason would be leaving the Club at the end of the season.

For the 3rd XI, Nick Coleman rose to speak with considerable applause. The 3's had reached the London League Finals for the first time, beating Bromley in the semi-finals before going down to Beckenham in the Final. Great credit to an outstanding team performance throughout the season. Messrs Tipping, McCabe and Woodgate had turned up as substitutes and deserved warm thanks and Dave Teale had umpired through the season showing no favour and maintaining a very high standard. A small presentation was made to Mr Teale. The meeting congratulated Nick Coleman and his team.

For the Vets, John Marshall stated that difficulties had been experienced due to increased unavailability and, with opponents appearing stronger, his team had to relinquish its usual right to the Barnard Cup. Socially however, the side was in top form and it was hoped that this would continue.

So far as indoor hockey was concerned, John McDougall reported that the Crystal Palace League had been a great success and the team had won promotion to Division 1. Jerry Stanyard reported on the Hayes League where availability had been a problem but nonetheless it had been an enjoyable season. John Tipping reported on the Stanmore League, where the team had finished in mid-table.

Congratulations were expressed to joint winners of the Golden Sticks, Tony Fawley and Jon Roberts, with 23 goals each. Dave Teale presented the trophy

The Woodpecker Trophy was presented to Nick Coleman for his magnificent efforts throughout the season as Club Captain and 3rd XI captain, as well as his hard work on the Hornsey committee.

Of other business, Ian Catley suggested that two Saturdays should be left blank in March for those who went skiing. The notion was rejected as it was felt that members could not be persuaded to take vacations at specific times.

[Next edition](#)

All being well, this will cover the first half of the 2018-19 season to the mid-season break. If you have any news or comment, please direct it to mail@velwell.eclipse.co.uk.

By way of postscript, a fine collection of H&W jackets (and members!) at the Charity City Lunch held on 2 March 2018.

