

Welcome

This is the twenty fourth Newsletter in the current format. It takes Club news to the mid-season break and, for the indoor players of the national Premier Division, the start of an intense series of matches, following the promotion secured last year. It comes with Season's Greetings to all our readers.

Peter Boizot

We have no news yet regarding any memorial service. There have been many enquiries and if we hear, we shall let you know. It was pleasing to see the mention of the Club in the Obituary printed in *The Times*. With such wide-ranging tributes, it has to be concluded that Peter was indeed a remarkable man.

International News

The Club is delighted by the selection of three of its players to represent Great Britain as part of the initial squads for the first round of matches in the forthcoming FIH Pro League. Sarah Robertson will join the women's squad and for the men, Will Calnan and Harry Martin have been named.

The men's team travels to Spain to play on 25 January 2019 and the women's debut match is two weeks later on 8 February 2019 away to New Zealand. The competition is a key component of qualification for the Tokyo Olympic games and for the first two years the teams will compete consistently as Great Britain.

Barry Middleton will be taking a break from international hockey. He is not expected to take part in the competition in 2019. On the women's side, Great Britain Hockey anticipates making an announcement of a team head coach in January 2019.

World Cup

Given television coverage by BT Sports, several will have watched the progress of the England men's team in the recent World Cup in Bhubaneswar (or have read about it). In the first round of matches in Pool B, England met Ireland, with three Hampstead players featuring, Chris Cargo for Ireland and Harry Martin and Will Calnan for England that ended 4-2 to England, as Ireland chased an equaliser in the closing stages. Having qualified for the later stages, in the cross over game, England defeated New Zealand 2-0. In the quarter final, they beat Argentina 3-2, with two of the goals scored by Will Calnan and Harry Martin.

Sadly, the run of success ended with a 6-0 defeat by eventual winners Belgium in the semi-final and then an 8-1 thumping by Australia in the third-fourth place play off on 15 December 2018.

On the Pitch

Women's Section

The women's 1st XI lead the National League's East Conference at the winter break.

East Conference: England Hockey League

Hampstead	7	1	1	22	22pts
Wimbledon	6	2	1	21	20
Sevenoaks	5	3	2	17	18
Cambridge City	5	3	1	14	18
Harleston Magpies	5	1	3	8	16
Horsham	3	3	3	-5	12
St Albans	3	1	5	-5	10
Bedford	3	0	6	-14	9
Southgate	1	0	8	-22	3
Ipswich	0	0	9	-36	0

Hampstead 3 Wimbledon 0

St Albans 0 Hampstead 2

Sevenoaks 1 Hampstead 1

Hampstead 4 Horsham 0
 Cambridge City 3 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 3 Bedford 0
 Hampstead 5 Southgate 1
 Ipswich 0 Hampstead 5
 Harleston Magpies 1 Hampstead 3

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02.02.19	Harleston Magpies (h)	1330
09.02.19	Wimbledon (a)	1300
16.02.19	Cambridge City (h)	1330
23.02.19	Sevenoaks (h)	1330
02.03.19	Horsham (a)	1530
09.03.19	Bedford (a)	1300
16.03.19	St Albans (h)	1330
23.03.19	Southgate (a)	1400
30.03.19	Ipswich (h)	1330

[South League](#)

In Division 2, the 2nd XI's are in fourth place with 19 points after six wins and draw and four defeats

[Middlesex League](#)

In the Premier Division, the 3rd XI are leading by three points over Teddington 3rd XI and in the same division, the 4th XI are in seventh place, with 16 points, after four wins and four draws.

In Division 1, the 6th XI are second to OMT 1st XI, with seven wins and three draws, while the 5th XI are fifth with 13 points.

The 7th XI are in fourth place in Division 2 that is led by Ealing with a 100% record after 12 matches.

[Men's Section](#)

[1st XI](#)

[Premier Division; England Hockey League](#)

The 1st XI are joint leaders with Surbiton at the break, with the latter having a superior goal difference. Goals have not been as plentiful as last season but the defence marshalled by coach Kwan Browne, Richard Smith and Matt Guise Brown, aided by good goalkeeping from Toby Reynolds-Cotterill has been parsimonious. One exception was the free scoring loss to East Grinstead, where Hampstead penetrated the opponent's circle more than 20 times for three goals and yet the home side scored five from six.

The game against Holcombe was the first that the Club has played at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre, regrettably in poor weather, as an evening fixture (given the restrictions on the use of lights at PRG). This is to be repeated in February 2019 when we face Reading.

Surbiton	7	2	1	24	23pts
Hampstead	7	2	1	11	23
Beeston	6	2	2	9	20
Holcombe	6	1	3	10	19
East Grinstead	5	2	3	0	17
Reading	4	2	4	-5	14
Brooklands MU	3	2	5	-4	11
Wimbledon	2	1	7	-6	7
University of Exeter	1	1	8	-19	4
Sevenoaks	0	3	7	-20	3

Reading 1 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 1 Wimbledon 0
 Hampstead 2 Beeston 1
 Sevenoaks 0 Hampstead 2
 University of Exeter 0 Hampstead 5

Hampstead 0 Holcombe 0
Surbiton 2 Hampstead 2
Hampstead 5 Brooklands 4
East Grinstead 5 Hampstead 3
Hampstead 2 University of Exeter 0

2019

10.02.19	Wimbledon (a)	1400
16.02.19	Reading (h)	1800 [Lee Valley]
24.02.19	Sevenoaks (h)	1330
02.03.19	Holcombe (a)	1800
10.03.19	Beeston (a)	1400
17.03.19	Surbiton (h)	1330
24.03.19	East Grinstead (h)	1330
31.03.19	Brooklands (a)	1400

Other Men's teams

The 2nd XI once again lead the Premier Division of the London League by five points over Surbiton in second and Southgate in third. The 2s have won nine, drawn one with one loss, while Surbiton are undefeated but have drawn five. Southgate are three point further behind with 20.

In Division 1, the 2nd XI are in second place to Southgate on goal difference, both having won six drawn one and lost three. Zak Hond XI are fifth with five wins and five defeats.

In Division 2, the 5th XI are ninth after three wins and two draws. The 4th XI are In eleventh place with one fewer point.

New to Division 4, the Hammers XI are sixth on goal difference, with four wins and a draw.

Also new but to Division 5, the Thirsts XI are top of the league on goal difference but second place PHC Chiswick have a game in hand. The Spaniards are sixth with 13 points.

In the Veterans League Division 1, the Vets XI are league leaders on goal difference to East Grinstead (who have played one fewer). Reading Rustlers are third, one point adrift.

In the Supervets Division 2, Hampstead are third to Reading and Bromley & Beckenham (with whom they share the same number of points and after a combative 2-2 draw last week). In the Trophy competition, Hampstead have not been beaten but few matches have been played and, in the case of Chelmsford, none!

Indoor Hockey

The men's squad opened its inaugural season in the Premier Division on 15 and 16 December 2018 at Bromsgrove School. The Division ends with a second weekend on 5 and 6 January 2019, also in Bromsgrove.



Surbiton 2 Hampstead 6
 Hampstead 10 Brooklands MU 0
 Hampstead 7 Wimbledon 5
 Bath Buccaneers 4 Hampstead 6

Mid-way Table

Hampstead	4	4	0	0	18	12pts
Sevenoaks	4	4	0	0	8	12
Surbiton	4	3	0	1	6	9
Canterbury	4	2	0	2	2	6
Holcombe	4	2	0	2	1	6
East Grinstead	4	1	1	2	-4	4
Brooklands MU	4	1	0	3	-12	3
Wimbledon	4	0	1	3	-9	1
Bath Buccaneers	4	0	0	4	-11	0

Hampstead opened with a five-goal lead to half time against old rivals Surbiton, for whom Alan Forsyth was playing. Just before half time Surbiton withdrew their goalkeeper and it proved a useful ploy as Hampstead found it hard to break down six out-field players. Coach Kwan Browne was struck in the mouth by a wayward stick and was later diagnosed with a broken jaw, along with a lost tooth and three others that were dislodged. Regardless and against advice, he continued for the rest of the weekend.

The talk of the town was the team's recruitment of England and GB's Sam Ward. He had suffered a concussion towards the end of the outdoor season and rested in accordance with protocols that meant his omission from the England World Cup competition. However, he was given a dispensation by the England coach for the indoor campaign and agreed to join, with the number 27 shirt.



In the second game Hampstead overran Brooklands, taking a 2-0 lead after two minutes. This remained the score at half time. In the second half Hampstead scored in the 23rd, 27th, 28th, 29th, 33rd, 34th, 37th and 39th minutes for the emphatic win.



Another Richard Smith short corner against Brooklands

Things were a little more combative on the Sunday. Against Wimbledon, Richard Smith fired in three short corner goals after six minutes but Wimbledon drew level by half time. It was 4-4 after 26 minutes but Hampstead scored three more, with Wimbledon scoring their fifth in the final minute.

In the last game, Hampstead were 3-0 up after 12 minutes but had only a single goal lead at half time. Sam Ward then scored two to gain a 5-2 lead after 31 minutes. Anton Pöhling scored Hampstead's sixth in the last minute and the officials found added time to allow Bath their fourth well into the 41st minute from a field goal.

To follow

Holcombe v Hampstead	1130	5 January 2019
Hampstead v Canterbury	1630	
Hampstead v Sevenoaks	1400	6 January 2019
East Grinstead v Hampstead	1700	

The prize for a top four finish will be participation in the Jaffa 6's final in the Copper Box on the London Olympic site in front of the TV cameras on Sunday 27 January 2019.

FIH Rule Changes

On 18 December 2018, The FIH's announced changes to the rules of hockey from 1 January 2019, However, England Hockey later confirmed that no changes will be made to the domestic game during the remainder of the 2018-19 season.

These are the changes:

- **Introduction of the match format of four quarters as standard**

In international matches, teams have been playing four quarters for some years. The FIH felt that uniformity in match formats can be achieved when all match formats are based on a four-quarter principle. As in international matches, time is stopped between the awarding of a penalty corner and the taking of that penalty corner. Other than in international matches, where this is covered by FIH Tournament Regulations, time is not stopped to celebrate goals, as this had been introduced primarily for television coverage. The four quarters has additional advantages at junior levels of the sport in which coaches often umpire youth/school matches and the additional breaks provide for coaching opportunities.

- **Removal of Goalkeeping privileges for substitute field player** mandatory experiment, with effect from 1 January 2019, removes the option for teams to play with a field player with goalkeeping privileges. The change gives teams two options: either to play with a goalkeeper who wears full protective equipment comprising at least headgear, leg guards and kickers and who is also permitted to wear goalkeeping hand protectors and other protective equipment, or they play with only field players.

Any change between these options is to be treated as a substitution. It is hoped that this experimental rule will enhance safety, as field players will no longer have goalkeeping privileges. They will not be entitled to use their body to stop shots at goal. The FIH claims (rather bizarrely) that the change enhances the promotion of the sport by eliminating the issue of outfield players wearing other shirts to indicate goalkeeping privileges.

- **Defending free hits within 5 meters of the circle**

The explanation for how to treat free hits for the attacker close to the circle has been changed in Rules 13.2.f.

It has now been made clear that players, other than the attacker taking the free hit, must be at least five metres away, including when they are in their circle. If the attacker however chooses to take the free hit immediately, defenders who are inside the circle and within five metres from the ball may shadow around the inside of the circle in accordance with the explanation of the rule before 2019.

This has the advantage of not preventing the quickly taken free hit that is said to have been welcomed by coaches and players, while maintaining the 5m rule used everywhere else on the pitch to provide space for the free hit taker.

- **Free hits awarded inside the defensive circle**

As in indoor hockey, a defender may now take a free hit awarded in the circle anywhere inside the circle or up to 15 metres from the back-line in line with the location of the offence, parallel to the side-line.

- **Completion of a penalty corner**

Rule 13.6 that described the completion of a penalty corner for substitution purposes and for a penalty corner at the end of a period, has been deleted. The option that a penalty corner is completed when the ball travels outside the circle for the second time, no longer exists.

England Hockey said that In recent years it had strived to apply a consistent set of rules throughout all levels of the sport. In normal circumstances it does not implement rule changes mid-season, except where there are potential safety implications that require swifter action.

The changes proposed by the FIH have far reaching implications for the grass roots of hockey. England Hockey intends to seek clarification on the rationale behind the decision and to understand the potential impact of the changes amongst participants and officials at all levels.

[Yesteryear](#)

[95 years ago](#)

Hockey World reported that B G Lampard Vachell, who captained the Welsh Hockey XI for two years, and of the Hampstead HC, stood as Conservative candidate for the Wednesbury Division (Staffs). He was not successful, but he polled 17,832 votes, reducing the Labour majority from 1,109 to 338.

October 5, 1923

HOCKEY WORLD

Notable Personalities

I. – England's Famous Full-Back

J H Bennett

J. H. BENNETT, the English International full-back, is one of the greatest players in defence the game has known. More-over, he has achieved an easy record in International Hockey as a full-back, having now played on twenty-seven occasions for England. Education at Harrow, and subsequently going up to Oxford University, Mr Bennett obtained his "blue" for hockey in 1907 and 1908. After playing for some period for the now defunct Berkshire Gentlemen H.C., he became a member of the famous Hampstead H.C., and since 1919, has officiated as the hon. secretary. Brilliant form was shown for the South and England and for his club in defence last season; his consistency was remarkable. He has that priceless gift of anticipation; he almost seems by natural instinct and knowledge to divine which way a forward means to travel or to pass. A keen tackler, sound, sure and clean, with that clever lunge forward, he is a judicious ball hitter. Rarely does one see him waste a single pass to a half-back or forward and he plays with rare precision to his left-half. Although now getting into what may be termed the veteran category, yet Mr Bennett is still good for a few more years at the game which he adorns and on which he must leave a lasting impress in regard to hockey history. An all-round sportsman, a keen golfer, and an enthusiastic motorist, the famous England International is a most popular personality. Shortly, one may say that he is a model sportsman, a model hockey back and a model and genial official. All young aspiring full-backs can, with safety, take their guide and pattern from Mr Bennett's style of play, for he shows that pace is not the be-all and end-all in full-back play, but to use one's brains in summing up the strength and cleverness of one's opponents. To play twenty-seven times for his country is a record unapproached by any past or present British International full-back, and it may never again so happen that any other full-back will reach this number of "caps". The record number of "caps" for any British player is, of course, the immortal S. H. Shoveller, whose total figure reaches thirty-five but who could well have gained fifty could he have accepted all the invitations extended to him during his long and wonderful career. At various functions, Mr Bennett's clever post-prandial speeches are in great request, which he delivers in a delightful, humorous vein.

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUBBulletin for week ending 8th December, 1963LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

1st XI v. Oxford University LOST 1 - 3 4th XI v. Walton III LOST 2 - 5
 2nd XI v. Walton I WON 2 - 1 5th XI v. Walton IV LOST 1 - 8
 3rd XI v. Walton II DREW 1 - 1 Spaniards v. Tankards LOST 0 - 2

OTHER NOTES:

I don't want to sound school-marmish, but would members attending the Dinner on Friday bear in mind one or two points that gave rise to some criticism last year - prompt to take places at table, please, no shouting and definitely no throwing. Apart from that enjoy yourselves!

Congratulations to Alan Strouger who has been selected for the South Divisional Trials next Saturday at Croydon.

The Treasurer wishes to remind you that outstanding subs. are considerably over-due now.

Would reserves who have no home 'phone number remember to 'phone their Team Captain and/or the Team Secretary (Berry Bermingham) around 10.30-ish on a Saturday morning in case there is a game for them?

THIS WEEK'S TEAMS

	<u>1st XI</u>	<u>2nd XI</u>	<u>3rd XI</u>	<u>4th XI</u>	<u>5th XI</u>	<u>Sunday Spaniards 'B'</u>
Opponents:	Tulse Hill	Tulse Hill	Tulse Hill	Tulse Hill	Tulse Hill	O. Cholmelians
Ground:	Away	Home	Away	Home	Away	Away
Bully-off:	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30
Team:	A-JONES	LUFKIN	BAILEY	FORMAN	A.N.OTHER	LUFKIN (Capt.)
	COCKRELL	BOYCE	CHAUMETON	SALISBURY	POWELL	SALISBURY
	DUNFORD	MATTISON,T.	PORTER	BERMINGHAM	NUNHOFER	BOLTON
	JONES	STEWART	MANFIELD	BOLTON	OASTLER	BARLOW
	BURNETT	WRIGHT	OAKLEY	KEITH	REVELL	TWINE
	DEEGAN	TWINE	GREENHALGH	WALLER	JACOBY	WALLER
	BELL	KIRTON	MCGOLDRICK	FEREBEE	TALLON	SCULLY
	YEGER	NAZIRKHAN	BINGHAM	BLAZEY	STONES	RICE
	TUNBRIDGE	SHAW	FINCH	ROBINSON	SKULL	STONES
	CONWAY	MUNRO	HAYNES	LANG	ERDAL	WILLIAMS
	WILLIAMS	LOWDEN	MAYERS	THATCHER	SCULLY	HENDERSON
Reserves:			RICE	MACDONALD	SYMES, TOM	BLAZEY
			BARLOW		VISANJI	BERMINGHAM
Umpire:	SCHUA	SCHUA	CUMMINS	COOPER	SANKEY	BAKER
Cry-offs to:	A-JONES	BROOKS	GREENHALGH	BERMINGHAM	KURTZ	WRIGHT

Ground directions: 1st - 5th XI's as fixture card.

Spaniards: Northern Line to Totteridge. 251 bus down Totteridge Lane to Hendon Wood Lane. Turn right into the latter; the ground is then 250 yds. on right.

C. Greenhalgh.

45 years ago

The Club Bulletin reported for the week ending 1 December 1973 that the 1st XI's 2-2 draw on 24 November with Spencer meant that Hampstead were the first team to take points from them this season¹. The grass pitch at Hornsey had been worked by tractor and mole plough borrowed from Highgate School and driven by Don Nute. A tile drain has been installed on the second pitch into which many mole drains flow, using the special plough and tractor. And subsoil cultivation would assist the *run off*.

Finally

In the course of moving to a new house, Richard Chapman unexpectedly discovered some old photographs. This below is of the 1st XI on tour in Folkestone in the 1908-09 season and features Freddie Orr in the centre of the front row, with Stanley Shoveller to his left and to the left of him, two Eiloart brothers. Jack Bennett, resplendent in his Oxford University blazer, is on the end of the front row on the left of this photograph. If any others have hockey related photography the Club is always eager to record it.



Next edition

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

¹ The *Daily Telegraph* reported that, "Hampstead's 2-2 draw with Spencer was one of the better performances in the London League last weekend. As a result, Spencer have lost their 100% record and Hampstead move up to sixth after Southgate, Spencer Tulse Hill, Beckenham and Slough"