

## **Welcome**

This is the thirty third Newsletter in the current format. It covers the half-way point of the 2021-22 season and follows the AGM held in September. On the playing front, the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI are in top spot in the Premier Division at the half-way stage. The team suffered a first league defeat 3-2 to Surbiton in the last game before the break. The Men are well set in the Premier Division, having lost only once (along with the other leading clubs) but two draws leave them in third place. The top six teams in each division will now play against each other twice in the second half of the season, with the points accumulated before the end of the year being taken forward. The fixtures for the Men's Euro Hockey League have been drawn. Further details are set out below.

## **Annual General Meeting**

The Club's AGM was held remotely on 8 September 2021. The most significant news was the announcement of discussions between the Club, through President Richard Sykes and Argent, the well-known development company. Argent Related is leading the comprehensive redevelopment proposals for Brent Cross, south of the North Circular Road. The Club has a leading role in the provision of hockey as part of the leisure component (with the availability of two new pitches) in large part through its track record of youth development.

Argent has been responsible for the long term development of Kings Cross Central, to the rear of the railway station and that at Marylebone, putting a large area of railway sidings into active use. The Brent Cross Cricklewood scheme is one of the biggest regeneration projects in Europe, covering 151 hectares to create a sustainable new town centre for Barnet and North London including substantial residential and commercial uses. The project comprises three components:

- Brent Cross London a modernised and extended shopping centre and improvements to critical road infrastructure as well as cycling and pedestrian access.
- Brent Cross South the creation of a new high street south of the North Circular, including 6,700 new homes, commercial development and new and improved community facilities and public spaces.
- Brent Cross Thameslink a new, additional Thameslink station and associated infrastructure works to provide pedestrian, cycling and vehicle links across the railway, and replace outdated waste and freight facilities.

Of particular interest, from the Club's perspective, are the proposals in more detail for

- educational and community space
- providing a new Claremont Primary School and replacements of Whitefield Secondary and Mapledown Schools
- new healthcare facilities
- new and improved leisure spaces, with a brand new Hendon Leisure Centre and improvements to the sports pitches at Clitterhouse Playing Fields
- high quality public realm and green spaces, including creation of Market Square which will link the new Living Bridge and improved Clitterhouse Playing Fields.
- the diversion of the River Brent and the creation of a riverside park
- seven new or improved parks totalling 65 acres, including improvements to Clitterhouse Playing Fields, Sturgess Park and Claremont Open Space

Argent Related say that “the extensive playing fields also provide a genuinely unique opportunity – to make Brent Cross the place in London to participate in sport and play, an unrivalled multi-sport destination that will embed values of community, inclusion and active, healthy lifestyles for residents, office workers and visitors”.



Park view of residential building, Brent Cross Town

Naturally there is still much to be done (and to be agreed) but from the Club’s perspective this is a significant opportunity. If all succeeds, it will widen the Club’s catchment and complement the strategic adoption of facilities (and training initiatives) at Mill Hill School, to set up a geographic triangle, with Paddington Recreation Ground at the southern tip, Brent Cross to the north west and Mill Hill to the north east. The discussions include the provision of a clubhouse or equivalent at Brent Cross that would help reduce the feeling of a nomadic existence that, to some, accompanies the Club’s current use of a wide range of pitches in north west London.

### **EuroHockey League 2021**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI warmed up for the enhanced pressure of the EHL by taking on the visiting Malaysian nation squad.



Here is team departing for Brasschaat by bus



The Men's tournament was held from 30 September until 3 October 2021. The 1<sup>st</sup> XI faced Mannheimer HC for a second time. For a long time, it was defences on top but in the 14<sup>th</sup> minute Matt Guise Brown put Hampstead ahead, with a trade mark short corner conversion. In defence James Sutcliffe pulled off a spectacular diving stick save, taking the ball over his head, falling backwards while covering behind goalkeeper Toby Reynolds-Cotterill, denying Jan-Philipp Fischer an excellent chance to equalise. At the other end. Linus Muller saved off the line for Mannheimer.

From there, it was tight and intense with both defences holding up well until two and a half minutes from the end. Neither side had been able to make full use of their corners. Eventually, Mannheimer levelled the score from a scrappy goal, when Mario Schachner cleaned up in front of goal after a mistrapped effort was worked around the circle, offering chances for Justus Weigand and Paul Zmyslony.



However, with under two minutes left, Matt Guise-Brown shot a rocket through the Mannheimer corner defences for the lead. With just six seconds left on the clock Mannheimer were awarded a short corner and Argentinian expert Gonzalo Peillat stepped up and scored to make it 2-2.

In the resulting shoot-out the goalkeepers were on top with plenty of good saves. Peillat was the only man to score in the first four rounds via a stroke controversially won by Raphael Hartkopf, who appeared to tap the goalkeeper's stick and was rewarded with a stroke. When the same occurred for Hampstead, when the goalie hit Will Calnan's stick, the claims for a stroke were waved away. Thereafter Danneberg and Reynolds-Cotterill made block after block. However, eventually Guido Barreiros put the result beyond Hampstead's reach with a goal in the fifth round for a 2-0 success.

Mannheimer HC 2 (M Schachner, G Peillat) Hampstead & Westminster 2 (M Guise-Brown 2), Mannheim win shoot-out 2-0

On the Sunday, in pouring rain, Hampstead took on Three Rock Rovers from Ireland. While Hampstead had the best of the play, Rovers had the better chances of the early phases with James Walker's corner touch well blocked by Toby Reynolds-Cotterill. But in the 17th minute Matt Guise-Brown converted his side's second penalty corner. Josh Kelly doubled up within a minute, when he followed up from a Conor Quinn save. Matt Ramshaw took over the flicking duties for their third corner and duly made it 3-0.

Rovers scored before half time when Jody Hosking's pin-point reverse-stick shot picked out the bottom corner of the goal to leave the match 3-1 at half-time.

As the rain continued to pour, H&W had a series of corners but could not find a route through Ben Whelan, who made a quartet of confident saves. Rovers enjoyed perhaps their best phase but were caught by a sucker-punch as Joe Sharp got off the turf quickly to slip home from close quarters. The strong 4-1 earned Hampstead a share of 13th place overall in the EHL Ranking Cup, with Three Rock Rovers ending 17th.

Hampstead 4 (M Guise-Brown, J Kelly M Ramshaw and J Sharp) Three Rock Rovers 1 (J Hosking)



## **EuroHockey League 2022**

EHL Men will follow the format originally planned for Easter 2021 with 12 teams taking part in the primary competition. A further eight clubs that include Hampstead will contest the EHL Cup.

In the main FINAL12 event, the champions from the top four ranked nations have received a bye through to the quarter-finals. They include 2021 EHL champions HC Bloemendaal (Netherlands), Germany's Rot-Weiss Köln, Spain's Club de Campo de Madrid and Belgium's KHC Dragons.

They await a winner which will come from four preliminary fixtures. This phase features Surbiton, Austrian champions SV Arminen, France's Saint Germain, Belarus's HC Minsk and Russia's Dinamo Ak Bars, as well as German runners-up HTC Uhlenhorst Mülheim, Netherlands' SV Kampong and Spain's second seeds, Atlètic Terrassa.

The EHL Men's Cup will be played at Club Egara, the home of Terrassa. It features the most recent champions from Scotland, Grange, and Ireland, Three Rock Rovers, who are lined up with Belgian second seeds Waterloo Ducks, H&W and Austria's Post SV and the third clubs from Germany, the Netherlands and Spain – Mannheimer HC, HC Rotterdam and Club Egara, respectively.

The fixture list for the Ranking Cup has been confirmed, with eight clubs contesting 12 fixtures over four days at Terrassa from 15-18 April 2022.

The tournament begins with Austrian debutants SV Post taking on the host club on Friday, 15 April 15<sup>th</sup>. HC Rotterdam take on Three Rock Rovers and Mannheimer HC meet Hampstead for the third time since 2019. Scotland's Grange will face Waterloo Ducks. Those watching the draw remotely did confirm that the names of Hampstead and Mannheimer were properly drawn out and that this was not all pre-arranged. From the Club's perspective it would perhaps have been more pleasant to take on a different European team.

12.00 Match 1: SV Post v Club Egara

14.15 Match 2: HC Rotterdam v Three Rock Rovers

16.30 Match 3: Mannheimer HC v Hampstead & Westminster

18.45 Match 4: Grange HC v Waterloo Ducks

Two ranking matches in the 5th to 8th place classification fixtures will take place on Saturday 16 April 16 and on the Sunday the two semi-final contests will be played. If Hampstead win, they will meet the winner of the Grange v Waterloo Ducks match at 1415h on 17 April. If they are defeated by Mannheimer, they will play on 16 April at 1745h against the losers of Match 4.

All sides will be in classification action on Monday 18 April 18th, building up to the Grand Final at 1615h.

## **Junior Hockey**

The Club's Junior section continues its wonderful growth and influence. The range of teams and age groups is vast and probably incomprehensible to those who started junior hockey some 40 years ago (and later witnessed its staggered beginnings). The connection formed with Mill Hill School, where the Club's Kwan Browne and Olympian Nichola White play vital roles as coaches, has added a further dimension.

There are Club teams for both boys and girls at under 18, under 17, under 16, under 15, under 14, under 12, under 11, under 10, under 9 and under 8 age groupings. At under 16, under 14, under 12

and under 11 (for the girls) separate teams have been formed, named after the Club's leading players, for example, Boys Under 14 Calnan and Girls Under 11 Clark. Evenings sessions take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1800h to 1915h.

To offer a flavour of weekend activities, on Sunday, 13 November, the Club fielded five U8 teams at their tournament on Sunday 13 November, welcoming players from Southgate and West Herts HCs. The U10 Boys and U11 Girls travelled to South London to play Spencer Lynx, U12 Girls Driver and U11 Girls Clark played Chiswick and Sunbury & Walton and U12 Boys Guise-Brown played Old Merchant Taylor in away tournaments. In league matches, U14 Girls Burge beat Eastcote 2-0, U14 Boys Cargo drew 1-1 to Old Merchant Taylor, U14 Boys Calnan won 8-1 at West Herts and U16 Girls Hunt won 6-4 vs Old Cranleighans.

A week later the U16 Boys Shipperley fought a close game at Paddington Recreation Ground in Round 3 of the Tier 2 England Hockey Championship against Amersham & Chalfont, who presented a real challenge. A precision aerial pass from distance was trapped in the circle and a second touch was a superb flick past their goalkeeper to seal a 1-0 win. The team goes through to Round 4 of the competition, as one of the final sixteen teams in the competition.

The U16 Boys Shipperley will move from Tier 2 to Tier 1B after the Christmas break following a successful start to the season. The new league starts this month. Not to be outdone, with four wins from four in their Tier 2 league, scoring 30 goals and conceding only five, U14 Girls Balsdon will move into the Tier 1B league for the second half of their season.

Team Coach Nicola White commented that "after lots of hard work and improving team performances during the first half of the season, I am thrilled that the U14 Girls will be moving up a league after the Christmas break. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who have supported and inspired such an important step for the girls and for the club. I hope they are all excited and looking forward to the new challenges ahead in the higher league. Well done, all!"

The U10 Girls & Boys, U12 Girls & Boys, U14 Girls & Boys and U16 Boys took part in the annual Teddington Christmas Tournament held over two weekends before Christmas. The seven a-side tournament saw some of the strongest hockey clubs in the South compete in well fought matches. The U10s and U12s played group matches and the U14s and U16s played a round robin. The U14 Girls finished fourth, the U14 Boys third and the U16 Boys were in joint third place.

Another substantial encouragement has been the inclusion of junior players in the adult teams and the Men's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in particular, providing National League experience. Sam and Raphael Milne have played for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI this season (and the latter for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI) following success at UCS in Hampstead. Having left school, Raphael represented Scotland in the School Games National Finals at Loughborough in September, where his team finished second.

### **Back to Hockey**

Along with many clubs, Hampstead has been active in encouraging people to return to hockey in whatever way suits them. With sessions aimed at men and women of all ages and abilities and to make new and returning players feel at ease, *Vitality Back To Hockey* provides coaches who are encouraged gently to guide participants through a series of fun and interactive sessions, in a friendly and relaxed environment.

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# BACK TO HOCKEY IS BACK!



**Monday 29th November**  
**Monday 6th December**  
**Monday 13th December**

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*Vitality Back to Hockey* is reported to have inspired thousands of players to pick up a hockey stick and who have said how they enjoy the social element of the sessions to get fitter and provide an excellent opportunity to meet new people. Sessions are aimed at people who either have not played for several years or are looking to play for the first time.



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*Vitality* WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE

## LADIES' 1s v EAST GRINSTEAD

**SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER @ 2PM**  
PADDINGTON RECREATION GROUND

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## National League

### Women

In the Premier Division:

Wimbledon 1 Hampstead 3  
Hampstead 3 East Grinstead 2  
Clifton Robinsons 1 Hampstead 3  
Hampstead 1 University of Birmingham 0  
Buckingham 2 Hampstead 3  
Hampstead 3 Holcombe 0  
Loughborough Students 2 Hampstead 3  
Hampstead 1 Beeston 0  
Hampstead 3 Swansea 0  
Surbiton 3 Hampstead 2



**HWHC**

1 Rochelle Gianfrancesco (GK)  
2 Issy Davison  
4 Annabel Driver  
6 Liv Paige  
7 Hayley Turner (C)  
9 Jasmine Clark  
10 Katherine Baker (C)  
11 Sarah Robertson  
14 Kate McCaw  
16 Pippa Lewis  
17 Lauren Turner  
18 Meg Byas  
19 Emily Rowlands  
20 Melanie Wilkinson  
21 Grace Balsdon  
22 Joie Leigh  
23 Emily Douglas  
24 Holly Hunt  
25 Lucy Hyams  
26 Fran Tew  
29 Esme Burge  
Miriam Pritchard (GK)

Coaches: Sarah Kelleher & Kate Richardson-Walsh  
Manager: Kate McCaw  
Physio: Sarah Hart

   

Perhaps the most anticipated match of the season was against East Grinstead. A rather nervous start at PRG led to a goalless first quarter. Action picked up in the second quarter with two shots from ex

GB forward Sophie Bray, both of which were saved by the Hampstead 'keeper. The deadlock was broken 30 seconds before half time with a pinpoint pass from Hampstead's Grace Balsdon to Lauren Turner who slotted the ball past Laura Myers.

The second half saw two more goals from Holly Hunt with Hampstead sitting with a 3-0 lead. The tide turned however with four minutes to go. East Grinstead scored two goals in quick succession, both from Sophie Bray. In the last play of the game EG won a penalty flick to bring the score line level. Ellie Rayer stepped up for EG but her flick to the bottom left was comfortably handled by Hampstead's Rochelle Gianfrancesco to leave Hampstead with a hard fought 3-2 victory, putting an end to EG's winning streak.



*Table*

<b>Hampstead</b>	10	9	0	1	+14	27
East Grinstead	10	8	0	2	+21	24
Surbiton	10	7	3	0	+14	24
Wimbledon	10	6	2	2	+21	20
Beeston	10	4	1	5	-2	13
<u>Clifton Robinsons</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>-7</u>	<u>12</u>
Univ of Birmingham	10	2	4	4	-9	10
Loughborough Stds	10	3	1	6	-13	10
Holcombe	10	2	2	6	-7	8
Buckingham	10	1	3	6	-11	6
Swansea	10	0	1	9	-21	1

The fixtures for the second portion of the Premier Division season are awaited.

Mark Clews returned unexpectedly with his camera after his move to the South West had to be postponed for reasons that would merit a TV documentary. Here are three images from two of the Women's 1<sup>st</sup> XI matches.



An attack into the Swansea circle at PRG



And a stroke converted by Sarah Robertson against the same opponents

Then at Sugden Road against Surbiton, a Hampstead press on their goal



And in the East Conference:

Chelmsford 1 Hampstead 5  
 Hampstead 0 London Wayfarers 1  
 Ipswich 1 Hampstead 2  
 Hampstead 0 Barnes 1  
 Southgate 2 Hampstead 1  
 Hampstead 2 Horsham 0  
 East London 0 Hampstead 1  
 Bromley & Beckenham 0 Hampstead 2  
 Hampstead 4 Canterbury 0

*Table*

Barnes	9	8	0	1	+23	24
Southgate	9	6	2	1	+14	20
Wayfarers	9	6	2	1	+13	20
<b>Hampstead 2</b>	9	6	0	3	+11	18
Horsham	9	4	1	4	-2	13
East London	9	3	1	5	-5	10
Ipswich	9	3	1	5	-10	10
Bromley & Beckenham	9	2	0	7	-2	6
Chelmsford	9	2	0	7	-14	6
Canterbury 2	9	1	1	7	-28	4

Remaining Fixtures

5 February 2022 Chelmsford 1 (h)  
 12 February 2022 London Wayfarers 1 (a)

19 February 2022	Ipswich 1 (h)
26 February 2022	Barnes 1 (a)
5 March 2022	Southgate 1 (h)
12 March 2022	Horsham 1 (a)
19 March 2022	East London 1 (h)
26 March 2022	Bromley & Beckenham 1 (h)
2 April 2022	Canterbury 2 (a)

### **Men**

In the Premier Division:

Wimbledon 2 Hampstead 3  
 Hampstead 4 East Grinstead 2  
 Hampstead 4 University of Exeter 3  
 Beeston 2 Hampstead 2  
 Hampstead 2 Holcombe 2  
 Hampstead 0 Old Georgians 5  
 Surbiton 1 Hampstead 2  
 Hampstead 4 University of Durham 0  
 Brooklands 0 Hampstead 3  
 Oxted 1 Hampstead 4

The season opened with Matt Guise Brown in spectacular form with three short corner conversions to open a 3- 0 lead against Wimbledon. This was pegged back to 3-2 and late into the fourth quarter, Hampstead had to hang on with ten men. East Grinstead were tough opponents and played better hockey than in the past few encounters. Hampstead managed to pull away from 2-2, for a 4-2 win at PRG.

The University of Exeter defied their disappointing start to the season and in the third quarter scored their third after some mediocre defending. It looked as if an upset was on the cards but urged on by the PRG faithful, Hampstead attacked relentlessly and there was a collective sigh of relief when Matt Guise Brown's corner brought the scores level, with only a few minutes left. However, Hampstead pressed again and Rupert Shipperley flicked in a fourth at close range for the win on virtually the final whistle.

At Beeston, the team played poorly and allowed the home side, who had been struggling for points all season, to score an equaliser, in what proved probably to be the most disappointing result of the first half of the season. Another 2-2 draw followed against Holcombe, who came from behind to equalise through Nick Bandurak.

The key match of the season so far followed at PRG, against Old Georgians. Hampstead played an attacking game but George Pinner was in the mood to stop everything thrown at him and carried off a catalogue of goalkeeping saves. OGs opened up a 2-0 lead after Duncan Scott had flicked a short corner just under the cross bar. In spite of frequent Hampstead attacks, Georgians scored two more, with Ashley Jackson prominent. Hampstead withdrew their goalkeeper with 12 minutes to go and the game ended 0-5 that was hardly a true reflection of the encounter.

Surbiton might therefore have thought that Hampstead may have lost their way when the teams met under the lights at Sugden Road on the following Saturday evening, with a large crowd. It was a feisty encounter, with Matt Ramshaw and Will Calnan causing nuisances of themselves as Hampstead pressed but it remained scoreless at half time. Matt Guise Brown then scored from a

corner for a 1-0 lead that was equalised with a decisive break from the half way line that put Ben Boon in to score.

As the noise increased, Rupert Shipperley collected the ball from within the Hampstead half and ran at his usual pace in an inside left channel and held off two fast retreating defenders before pushing the ball in at full stretch under the goalkeeper for the lead. It was left to Toby Reynolds-Cotterell to pull off two crucial saves and Surbiton were unable to convert two late corners. The 2-1 win was Hampstead's first in the Premier Division at Sugden Road (a fact the home team's supporters were all too eager to promote on social media immediately after the final whistle).



On the bank at Sugden Road

Hampstead next met the University of Durham for the first time in the Premier Division and won comfortably 4 -0, with a stroke awarded after James Oates, who was pursuing a second goal, was unceremoniously up ended in the circle by the advancing goalkeeper and landed full tilt on his shoulder and neck that would rule him out of the remaining matches.

The game at Brooklands had to be re-scheduled after the team has been held up at Milton Keynes on the train to Stockport after the overhead power supplies had been brought down by heavy winds (and with an alternative route also blocked for the same reason).



With the team returned to Euston after the Brooklands postponement, who do they bump into but VP John Grierson  
 From L to R, Toby Reynolds Cotterell, Mo Ghandi, Toby Roche, JNG, James Oates, Rupert Shipperley and Josh Kelly

England Hockey demanded the game be played on a Saturday that deprived Hampstead of its school teachers but two goals from Matt Ramshaw led to a 3-0 win, with a third added by Teague Marcano, who had stepped up from the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (and that day, the plane from the West Indies). Another fine effort to play was shown by Marc Edwards, who was released from school obligations on the Saturday morning and managed to reach Euston Station at 10.30am. After a mad dash by taxi from Stockport to Sale, he was on the pitch at the start.

Before the final game before the break, Oxted made it known that they fancied their chances for a win and a place in the top six for the latter part of the season. Hampstead had other ideas and came away with a 4-0 win, with two goals from Rupert Shipperley.



*Debbie Christopher*

Hywel Jones being congratulated after his goal against Oxted

*Table*

Old Georgians	10	9	0	1	+41	27
Wimbledon	10	8	1	1	+27	25
<b>Hampstead</b>	10	7	2	1	+10	23
Surbiton	10	7	1	2	+29	22
Holcombe	10	6	1	3	+18	19
<u>East Grinstead</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-13</u>	<u>10</u>
Oxted	10	3	1	6	-19	10
Beeston	10	2	2	6	-10	8
University of Durham	10	2	1	7	-26	7
Brooklands Man Univ	10	1	3	6	-34	6
University of Exeter	10	0	1	9	-23	1

The fixtures for the second portion of the Premier Division season are awaited.

And in the East Conference:

Bromley & Beckenham 3 Hampstead 0  
Hampstead 2 West Herts 4  
Indian Gymkhana 0 Hampstead 2  
Hampstead 0 Old Loughtonians 3  
Spencer 4 Hampstead 2  
Hampstead 2 Wapping 1  
Richmond 4 Hampstead 4  
London Edwardians 1 Hampstead 1  
Hampstead 1 London Wayfarers 3

*Table*

Old Loughtonians	9	6	2	1	+11	20
Richmond	9	4	4	1	+5	16
London Wayfarers	9	4	3	2	+5	15
London Edwardians	9	4	2	3	+2	14
Spencer	9	4	1	4	+4	14
Wapping	9	4	1	4	+4	13
Bromley & Beckenham	9	3	1	5	-4	10
Indian Gymkhana	9	3	1	5	-7	10
<b>Hampstead 2</b>	9	2	2	5	-9	8
West Herts	9	2	1	6	-11	7

Remaining Fixtures

6 February 2022 Bromley & Beckenham 1 (h)  
13 February 2022 West Herts 1 (a)  
20 February 2022 Indian Gymkhana 1 (h)  
27 February 2022 Old Loughtonians 1 (a)  
6 March 2022 Spencer 1 (h)  
13 March 2022 Wapping 1 (a)  
20 March 2022 Richmond 1 (h)  
27 March 2022 London Edwardians 1 (h)  
3 April 2022 London Wayfarers 1 (a)



## England Hockey League

### LONDON WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

London Wayfarers 2	11	10	1	0	53	9	44	31
Wimbledon 3	11	9	1	1	42	8	34	28
Barnes 2	11	7	2	2	30	12	18	23
West Hampstead 1	11	6	3	2	35	22	13	21
Richmond 1	11	6	2	3	25	16	9	20
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster 3</b>	11	5	2	4	17	14	3	17
Teddington 2	11	5	0	6	32	30	2	15
Surbiton 4	11	5	0	6	20	34	-14	15
Eastcote 1	11	3	1	7	19	26	-7	10
Harrow 1	11	2	2	7	18	30	-12	8
PHC Chiswick 2	10	0	0	10	6	37	-31	0
West Herts 2	10	0	0	10	8	67	-59	0

### LONDON WOMEN'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

London Academicals 1	11	11	0	0	58	5	53	33
London Wayfarers 3	11	10	0	1	64	5	59	30
Wapping 3	11	7	1	3	22	23	-1	22
Wanderers 2	11	5	3	3	27	21	6	18
Southgate 3	11	5	2	4	33	27	6	17
East London 3	10	4	3	3	16	26	-10	15
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster 4</b>	11	4	1	6	31	30	1	13
Richmond 2	10	3	3	4	21	25	-4	12
West Hampstead 2	10	3	1	6	20	27	-7	10
UCL RU 1	11	2	1	8	13	41	-28	7
PHC Chiswick 3	10	1	1	8	5	47	-42	4
East London 4	11	0	2	9	10	43	-33	2

### LONDON WOMEN'S DIVISION 3 NORTH

Barnes 3	9	9	0	0	74	2	72	27
West Hampstead 3	9	6	2	1	17	17	0	20
Eastcote 2	9	5	2	2	21	22	-1	17
Old Merchant Taylors 1	9	4	1	4	20	21	-1	13
Richmond 3	9	3	3	3	23	26	-3	12
Teddington 4	9	2	3	4	15	27	-12	9
Wapping 4	9	2	3	4	12	24	-12	9
Winchmore Hill & Enfield 1	9	1	5	3	15	23	-8	8
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster 5</b>	9	2	0	7	19	32	-13	6
East London 5	9	0	3	6	7	29	-22	3

#### LONDON WOMEN'S DIVISION 4 NORTH WEST

Southgate 4	10	9	0	1	42	8	34	27
Hendon & Mill Hill 1	10	8	1	1	25	8	17	25
West Herts 3	10	6	2	2	32	12	20	20
West Hampstead 4	10	5	3	2	30	11	19	18
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster 6</b>	10	5	1	4	29	20	9	16
Eastcote 3	9	4	2	3	17	18	-1	14
Ealing 1	10	3	1	6	17	36	-19	10
Richmond 4	9	2	1	6	15	23	-8	7
East London 6	8	2	1	5	20	29	-9	7
PHC Chiswick 4	10	1	1	8	12	38	-26	4
Ealing 2	8	0	1	7	4	40	-36	1

#### LONDON WOMEN'S DIVISION 5 NORTH WEST

Eastcote 4	10	6	3	1	26	7	19	21
Old Uxonians 1	9	6	0	3	14	15	-1	18
Southgate 5	10	5	2	3	30	24	6	17
Old Merchant Taylors 2	9	5	2	2	16	11	5	17
West Hampstead 5	10	4	2	4	17	10	7	14
Imperial College SM 1	8	4	1	3	28	31	-3	13
Winchmore Hill & Enfield 2	10	4	0	6	26	24	2	12
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster 7</b>	9	3	3	3	12	17	-5	12
Hendon & Mill Hill 2	9	3	1	5	8	17	-9	10
Harrow 2	10	2	1	7	10	20	-10	7

#### *Men*

#### LONDON MEN'S DIVISION 1

Spencer 2	11	10	1	0	41	5	36	31
Barnes 1	11	8	1	2	41	21	20	25
Croydon & Old Whitgiftian 1	11	7	1	3	34	19	15	22
Bromley & Beckenham 2	11	7	0	4	27	19	8	21
London Wayfarers 2	11	6	2	3	29	17	12	20
Richmond 2	11	4	2	5	30	33	-3	14
Old Merchant Taylors 1	11	4	2	5	20	23	-3	14
Croxtyn 1	11	4	1	6	19	25	-6	13
Ashford (Middlesex) 1	11	3	2	6	16	24	-8	11
Surbiton 3	11	2	2	7	19	27	-8	8
Kings & Alleyns 1	11	2	0	9	20	48	-28	6
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster 3</b>	11	2	0	9	14	49	-35	6

## LONDON MEN'S DIVISION 2 NORTH

Wanderers 1	11	9	0	2	38	12	26	27
London Wayfarers 3	11	8	0	3	50	18	32	24
Indian Gymkhana 2	11	8	0	3	46	16	30	24
Southgate 3	11	7	1	3	44	18	26	22
Richmond 3	11	7	0	4	29	23	6	21
West Hampstead 2	11	6	0	5	27	19	8	18
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster Zak Hond</b>	10	6	0	4	30	23	7	18
Wapping 4	11	4	2	5	18	29	-11	14
East London 2	11	3	2	6	17	21	-4	11
West Herts 2	11	2	2	7	27	41	-14	8
Harrow 1	10	1	1	8	9	64	-55	4
East London 3	11	0	0	11	4	55	-51	0

## LONDON MEN'S DIVISION 3 NORTH

<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster 5</b>	9	7	1	1	34	14	20	22
Southgate 4	10	6	0	4	32	26	6	18
PHC Chiswick 2	10	5	2	3	27	20	7	17
London Wayfarers 5	10	5	2	3	28	22	6	17
Barnes 2	10	4	2	4	21	20	1	14
Old Merchant Taylors 2	9	3	3	3	15	14	1	12
London Royals 1	8	2	5	1	15	17	-2	11
Croestyx 2	10	3	1	6	17	23	-6	10
Wapping 5	10	2	3	5	15	25	-10	9
Wapping 6	8	2	1	5	13	21	-8	7
West Herts 3	8	2	0	6	12	27	-15	6

## LONDON MEN'S DIVISION 4 NORTH WEST

West Hampstead 4	9	5	2	2	27	12	15	17
PHC Chiswick 3	9	5	2	2	27	14	13	17
Osterley 1	9	5	1	3	33	21	12	16
West Hampstead 3	8	5	1	2	24	16	8	16
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster Thirsts</b>	9	5	1	3	23	19	4	16
Indian Gymkhana 3	7	4	2	1	27	19	8	14
East London 4	7	2	1	4	8	21	-13	7
Winchmore Hill & Enfield 1	9	1	3	5	15	27	-12	6
Richmond Griffins	8	1	1	6	19	32	-13	4
Wapping 7	7	0	2	5	8	30	-22	2

## LONDON MEN'S DIVISION 5 NORTH WEST

West Hampstead 5	9	6	1	2	27	15	12	19
Southgate 5	9	6	0	3	28	16	12	18

West Hampstead 6	9	5	3	1	21	14	7	18
Indian Gymkhana 4	8	5	1	2	37	26	11	16
PHC Chiswick 4	8	3	3	2	23	17	6	12
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster Spaniards</b>	9	3	2	4	22	20	2	11
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster Colts</b>	8	3	1	4	29	23	6	10
West Herts 4	9	1	4	4	18	29	-11	7
PHC Chiswick 5	9	1	2	6	8	36	-28	5
Imperial Medicals 1	8	1	1	6	19	36	-17	4

#### LONDON MEN'S O40 PREMIER

Wimbledon Masters 1	7	4	2	1	17	11	6	14
Old Cranleigh Stormers	7	4	1	2	17	11	6	13
Reading Rustlers	7	3	3	1	16	13	3	12
Spencer Masters	7	3	2	2	19	16	3	11
Guildford Masters Mens O40	6	3	1	2	19	14	5	10
Epsom Embers	6	3	1	2	16	13	3	10
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster Masters</b>	7	2	1	4	9	14	-5	7
Old Georgians Fire	7	1	1	5	15	25	-10	4
East Grinstead Masters Mens O40	6	1	0	5	4	15	-11	3

#### LONDON MEN'S O50 PREMIER

Spencer Supervets	9	6	1	2	22	15	7	19
Old Loughtonians Supervets	8	5	1	2	22	22	0	16
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers	7	5	0	2	19	9	10	15
Southgate Titans	8	3	4	1	25	15	10	13
Indian Gymkhana Tigers	8	4	1	3	31	26	5	13
Chelmsford Supervets Mens O50	8	3	2	3	15	17	-2	11
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster Supervets</b>	8	2	1	5	19	23	-4	7
Epsom Old School	6	1	1	4	10	15	-5	4
Reading Redsox	6	1	1	4	15	27	-12	4
St Albans Praetorians	6	0	2	4	5	14	-9	2

#### LONDON MEN'S O60 PREMIER

Bromley & Beckenham O60	9	8	1	0	40	4	36	25
Indian Gymkhana Grandmasters	8	6	0	2	37	19	18	18
Reading Rustics	9	4	2	3	21	12	9	14
Surbiton Vintage	8	4	1	3	18	29	-11	13
Southgate Magnums	9	4	0	5	20	17	3	12
Chelmsford Evergreens	10	3	3	4	15	25	-10	12
Spencer Grandmasters	8	3	2	3	18	19	-1	11
Eastcote Past Masters	7	3	2	2	16	17	-1	11
<b>Hampstead &amp; Westminster Grandmasters</b>	9	2	2	5	11	23	-12	8
Amersham & Chalfont Grandmasters	10	2	2	6	14	33	-19	8
St Albans Centurions	9	0	3	6	12	24	-12	3

## GMS

It has been problematic to follow the results of matches this season, as the Game Management System being devised by England Hockey to record all hockey matches in England is still not fully operational. First steps are being taken to introduce a common platform for fixtures and results.

The GMS is designed to hold all club team and player records as well as game data entered by the team captains or managers. It is focused on streamlining competition administration for clubs and administrators but will not replace the club management systems that clubs use.

England Hockey say that it is the start of the future for hockey. It will be the home of player profiles and will hold a digital history of games played, match reports and more.

The initial launch of GMS has been focused on making sure that the basic requirements are all in place. England Hockey will be rolling out more functionality and improvements in the planned development phases. It is intriguing that there are already 25 pages containing answers to Frequently Asked Questions about the GMS....

## Indoor Hockey

None of these problems are expected, however, for the Indoor Hockey programme this January. News of teams, officials, scores, results, goalscorers and tables are expected to be available online and in real time via the Altius RT platform. <https://englandhockey.altiusrt.com/competitions/276>

# Altiusrt

There are two venues this year in the Premier Division, one at Repton School and the later at Whitgift School in South Croydon.

This season's teams in the Premier Division are Brooklands, Reading, Repton, Wimbledon, Surbiton, East Grinstead, Sevenoaks, Holcombe and Hampstead.

Hampstead's fixtures are:

### *Repton School*

8 January 2022	1130	Wimbledon	1530	Brooklands
9 January 2022	0900	Reading	1300	Repton

### *Whitgift School*

15 January 2022	1130	East Grinstead	1630	Holcombe
16 January 2022	1400	Sevenoaks	1700	Surbiton

## Miscellaneous Snippets

- Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI goalkeeper Toby Reynolds-Cotterell was the star for Wales in a penalty shoot out against Ireland in Cardiff on 23 October 2021, saving from Lee Cole, to win the shoot-out 2-1, after the scores were level at 1-1 in normal time (Rupert Shipperley having scored for Wales). This gave Wales a place in the FIH World Cup competition in 2023. On the following day in the final, Wales defeated France (who had also qualified) 2-1. The winning goal was scored by Rupert, who was then yellow-carded four minutes later!
- Another photograph has emerged of the great Stanley Shoveller, who in 1920 helped compile a volume entitled *Hockey for Men & Women*. It contained brief chapters on specific positions in a hockey team, written by some of the most respected players of the time,

including *Shove* and Hampstead's Jack Bennett and Cyril Wilkinson. It was published to raise funds for the St Dunstan's Hostel to assist soldiers and sailors blinded in the first World War.



*(From a photo specially taken by P. F. Wright)*

S. H. SHOVELLER  
(England and Hampstead H.C.)



- The Carlton Tavern is progressing well and has offered post-match facilities to teams playing at PRG and for mid-week training for the elite teams. A tent has been erected on the external area of the southern elevation to provide tables and chairs that helps reduce congestion in the remainder of the pub.

New artwork has been installed that transforms the dining room into a fresh new space...



- The *Father of the Club* Morley Pecker had been unwell recently and unable to attend as many 1<sup>st</sup> XI games as he had hoped but thanks to a trio of Belgian specialists (including a pulmonologist, no less) he is now free of a tiresome lung infection.
- Helen and Kate Richardson-Walsh have published a new book *Winning Together*, in which they relate lessons from the Great Britain women's hockey team journey to the gold medal in Rio in 2016. They demonstrate how to create a winning culture in any environment and in any industry and draw upon their vast experience both in and out of sport, providing a behind-the-scenes story of how a team from the lower rankings forced its way to the top.



## Yesteryear

### 120 years ago

There were three wins for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in January 1902 against teams not encountered today. On Wednesday, 8 January 1902, there was a 9-3 success away to Woolwich Garrison, followed three days later with a 4-0 win at home to Lessness Park and on the next Saturday, 18 January 1902, it was a 5-0 victory at home to Ealing.

### 60 years ago

From Colin Greenhalgh

*For the week ending 7 January 1962*

Dear Member,

This bulletin comes to you by way of an experiment. I am hoping that it might prove possible to get a bulletin like this to you every week by about Wednesday or, at the latest, Thursday in place of the normal selection cards.

This should have several advantages, not the least of which, I hope, will be that you will have a much clearer idea of where not only your team but also the whole club is going from week to week – who is winning and who is losing, who is being promoted etc. And it will also provide a useful “vehicle” for getting some odd snippets of news to you which do not warrant a circular of their own. I hope that I shall be able to make thus *bulletin business* work: if you do have any suggestions for improving it (without adding to the work involved) do please let me know.

#### Last Week's Results

1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Old Cranleighans	CANCELLED
2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Old Cranleighans	CANCELLED
3 <sup>rd</sup> XI v Old Cranleighans	CANCELLED
4 <sup>th</sup> XI v Hendon	CANCELLED

Wimbledon's proposed trip to an International Festival at Barcelona (which we had been invited to join) has been scratched. As a result, our normal 1<sup>st</sup> XI fixture will stand next Saturday.

We have been asked by Middlesex CHA to experiment with the new penalty stroke as from the New Year. Team captains and others to note, please.

#### *From the Minute Book*

At a Committee meeting held at Crown House Aldwych London WC2 on 8 January 1962, amongst other matters, Mr Avey reported, in answer to a question, that a small drain had been installed at Hornsey immediately above the cricket table. This had not been fully effective in keeping the top side of the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch drier. Mr Avey was asked to investigate with the Hornsey Club what else might be done.

Mr Wickham reported that he was still attempting several various *switches* to obtain the Oxford University fixture which had been offered. He would now make an unofficial approach to Hounslow, with whom the offered date clashed.

Subscriptions were still outstanding from some ten members who had been playing regularly and from about six others, who had helped out as *occasional members* or who had only just started to play regularly again. Team captains agreed to remind the members involved again. It was decided not to adopt the Secretary's suggestion that those who **had** paid should never be reserved at the

expense of those who had **not** paid, although the Selection Committee was at liberty to take this into account.

The Treasurer reported that there has been a loss on the Annual Dinner but that this had only been about 10/6. Mr Cordoza agreed to organise a sweepstake in an attempt to pay off the last of the commitment for the mole drainage scheme, the draw to take place at the Club Dance on 10 March. He would call upon Messrs Sankey and Kurtz (who had both agreed to co-operate) for organisational and legal advice. A suggestion by Mr Wickham that we might again join in a *football pontoon* to be run by Surbiton HC was deferred as a longer-term proposition.

It was agreed that the Secretary should attend the Diamond Jubilee Dinner of Hounslow HC as the Club's representative.

A suggestion that, in common with the majority of other clubs, we might drop shandies after games was rejected.

## 50 Years Ago

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## 40 Years Ago

Bombay, 30 December 1981

England 2 Netherlands 6

The cherished hope that England might break the sequence of defeats by the Netherlands at hockey was unrealised today. The Dutch, though not establishing mastery, drew so far ahead that England, despite an improved second half display, could not catch them in this group B match of the World Cup tournament.

The Dutch led 4-1 at half-time. On the evidence of the day's play the Netherlands were not better by the margin the score suggests. The difference lay in their ability to penetrate suddenly and to take chances as they came. They were four goals up in 13 minutes and two players, Bouwmann and Van't Hek, were mainly responsible for their success.

England failed to profit from 10 short corners and a penalty stroke. In defence of Barber, who struck the corners, it must be said that except for one shot which was deflected, he was on the target every time but could not beat the goalkeeper. There were other things, too, which went wrong, such as Westcott's failure to convert a penalty stroke after the Dutch had scored their fourth goal. Then everything seemed to hinge on the short corner earned by England in the tenth minute of the second half.

Had Barber beaten the goalkeeper, the score would have been reduced to 4 - 3. The foundation for the Dutch victory was laid through goals by Litjens, two in succession by Bouwmann and one by Leefers. Then Bhaura reduced their lead to 4-1 and scored England's second goal in the ninth minute of the second half. Two goals by Van't Hek made the Dutch secure.

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11th January 1992

Dear Old Member,

I am just sending this note to Old Members who live within striking distance of London.

You'll remember my mention - in the early-season Newsletter - about the 'President's Day' - on Sunday, 19th January. Well, I understand that is going ahead and arrangements are being made. The 1st XI will be playing against the President's Invitation XI - composition as yet unknown. They'll be playing at 1.00 p.m. at the home ground (Paddington Recreation Ground - directions in the fixture card), with refreshment after the game. I shall try to be there myself, and it would be nice to chew the cud with some of you, so I hope you can make it.

At the same time, let me tell you about another vital 1st XI game - on the preceding day (Saturday, the 18th - isn't it always so!). They came within 5 minutes of pipping Surbiton for promotion to the PizzaExpress National League last season, but the new season brought us down to earth! My Newsletter was entirely wrong about the opening match against Purley: whether it was a misprint in the national press I don't know, but we actually lost (0-2) to them - our bogey team. And then, worse was to come in the third match with a 1-1 draw against Cheam. Since then it's been victories all the way (Cambridge, Maidenhead, Hawks (7-1), London University, Spencer, and Tulse Hill (7-0)), but those two early-season lapses may do for us - because the Old Kingstonians are unbeaten so far and, apparently, it's their turn to be very strong this year. And we play them (away) on Saturday! If we can make amends with a victory, then there is just a glimmer of hope - someone else might take points off them before the end of the season. So, this game is vital, and I'm sure your support would be very much welcomed.

Details: the game starts at 12.30, and it will be at the Kingston Grammar School ground. For those of you who have never been there, that is in Summer Road, Thames Ditton - very near Hampton Court Station. If you are driving, it's over Hampton Court Bridge, past the station on your left, then next left (after about 400 yds.) into Summer Road. The ground is then 100 yards on your left, immediately after the level-crossing. If you are approaching from the South - from Esher or the Kingston By-pass - along Hampton Court Way, over a roundabout (Ember Court Road), next main turning right into Summer Road - then as above. I certainly plan to be at that one so, again, I hope to see you supporting Greg Carr and his team.

Yours aye,



COLIN GREENHALGH

### Next edition

All being well the next Newsletter will cover the end of the 2021-22 season.

If you have any news or comment, please direct it to [disvelwell@gmail.com](mailto:disvelwell@gmail.com) (the relatively new address for these purposes).