

Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club

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Keeping Vice Presidents and Friends in the know

Welcome

This is the thirty sixth Newsletter in the current format. It covers the mid-way point of the 2022-23 season, just as the World Cup is about to start and at the half-way stage of the Men's Premier Division Indoor Championship at Whitgift School. The FIH World Cup sees an unsurpassed representation by the Club, with Wales making their debut in the competition.

In continuing descent to the tabloid, the highlights (in no particular order) are:

- Richard Chapman leads Wales O70 to win the World Cup in Japan
- Three Hampstead players Freddy Pettifer, Marco Riley and Lucas Smart, are selected for England U16 squad
- 57 Club Juniors successfully progress to Academy Centre
- A further 13 players in U15-U18 age groups are selected for Talent Academy, which replaced Performance Centre this season
- In the FIH Pro League, Rupert Shipperley, Will Calnan and Jacob Draper help Great Britain to remain undefeated after four matches in Argentina
- Wales select six players and their team manager from the Club for the World Cup in India
- Will Calnan is selected for England
- England will meet Wales in Rourkela on 13 January 2023 in the latter's inaugural match in the FIH World Cup
- The Women's XI are in third place in the Premier Division as it splits in December
- The Men's 1st XI are in fourth place in the corresponding division and the only team to have held leaders Old Georgians to a point
- As Matt Guise Brown recovers from a knee injury sustained early in the campaign, the Men's 1st XI defy the critics in his absence and score 41 goals over 11 games
- Women's 2nd XI are in third place in the National League East Conference at the half way stage
- The Women's 4th and 7th XIs head their divisions in the London Area leagues at the season break
- Men's 2nd XI field a young team to provide National League experience but pull off two late wins to move to eighth in the Conference East, also at the half-way stage.
- The Thirsts XI lead London Area Division 5 North West at the season's break
- Five Hampstead players appear in a Great Britain shirt in a training camp match against Ireland at Bisham Abbey
- Fielding a relatively inexperienced team, owing to international calls, Hampstead secure a win in the final game of the first weekend of the Premier Division Indoor competition to move off the foot of the table at the half-way stage
- Under 16 and Under 18 Girls and Boys teams compete indoors in the Super 6s tournament for the first time

Masters World Cup





We start with the gold medals won by the Welsh O70 team, under the captaincy of Richard Chapman. He was able to file a brief report before taking advantage of the location to enjoy a short holiday after the hockey.

A total of six HWHC Masters players represented their countries in various age groups over summer but Richard saved the best for last, with the first such win for a Welsh team.

“The Wales Over 70s campaign in the Hockey Masters World Cup in Tokyo started poorly with a 2-1 defeat to South Africa in the pool stages. In the other pool, Japan surprisingly beat Australia to set up semi-finals in which Wales played Japan and South Africa played Australia. In their semi-final, South Africa came back from 3-0 down to finish 3-3 and then beat the Australians on penalties. In the other semi-final, Wales gave Japan a two-goal lead but managed to dig deep and win 3-2 with a late deciding goal. In the final, Wales shrugged off their nerves and played a tired South Africa out of the game, running out comfortable 2-0 winners”.

Richard added that this was the first time a Welsh hockey side in any age group, male or female, had won a gold medal at a World Cup. “The occasion and the celebrations were momentous”. Wales also prevented a clean sweep by Australia, who won the Over 60 and Over 65 events.

More about Richard’s dedication to the Club over many fruitful years can be found online at <https://hw hockey.co.uk/influential-members.html>

Women

Vitality Premier Division

Hampstead 5 Buckingham 0

Holcombe 3 Hampstead 3

Hampstead 1 Wimbledon 3

East Grinstead 2 Hampstead 2

Hampstead 3 Loughborough Students 0
 Hampstead 8 Nottingham University 2
 Birmingham University 0 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 0 Surbiton 2
 Reading 0 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 5 Clifton Robinsons 1
 Beeston 0 Hampstead 3

Surbiton	11	10	0	1	43	4	30
Wimbledon	11	7	4	0	21	9	25
Hampstead	11	7	2	2	35	13	23
East Grinstead	11	6	3	2	28	16	21
Beeston	11	5	3	3	18	18	18
Clifton Robinsons	11	4	2	5	17	21	14
Reading	11	4	1	5	15	20	13
Loughborough Students	11	3	3	5	16	25	12
University of Birmingham	11	2	3	6	13	25	9
University of Nottingham	11	2	3	6	27	41	9
Holcombe	11	1	4	5	15	28	7
Buckingham	11	1	0	10	10	38	3

2023 Fixtures; Top 6

11 February 2023	Clifton Robinsons (h)	1600h
18 February 2023	Beeston (h)	1400
25 February 2023	East Grinstead (h)	1400
26 February 2023	Wimbledon (a)	1300
5 March 2023	Surbiton (a)	1400

2nd XI; East Conference

Ipswich 1 Hampstead 3
 London Wayfarers 1 Hampstead 1
 Horsham 2 Hampstead 4
 Hampstead 4 Spencer 1
 Hampstead 2 East London 1
 Guildford 4 Hampstead 2
 Bishops Stortford 0 Hampstead 5
 Hampstead 0 Southgate 3
 Chelmsford 0 Hampstead 2

Southgate 1	9	9	0	0	32	5	27
Guildford 1	9	8	0	1	37	9	14
Hampstead 2	9	6	1	2	23	13	19
London Wayfarers 1	9	5	1	3	17	13	16
Ipswich 1	9	4	0	5	15	16	12
Spencer 1	9	4	0	5	18	22	12
East London	9	3	1	5	15	21	10
Horsham 1	9	2	2	5	11	22	8
Chelmsford	9	1	0	8	4	33	3
Bishops Stortford 1	9	0	1	8	13	32	1

To play:

4 February 2023	Ipswich 1 (h)	1200h
11 February 2023	London Wayfarers 1 (h)	1200h
18 February 2023	Horsham 1 (h)	1200h
25 February 2023	Spencer 1 (a)	-
4 March 2023	East London 1 (a)	1800h
11 March 2023	Guildford 1 (h)	1200h
18 March 2023	Bishops Stortford 1 (h)	1200h
25 March 2023	Southgate 1 (a)	1530h
1 April 2023	Chelmsford 1 (h)	1200h

London Area Leagues

Division 1

The Women's 3rd XI are in fifth place, after five wins, two draws and four defeats. The Division is led by Barnes 2nd XI with 27 points, then Old Cranleighans with 26 points and Surbiton 4th XI with 19 points.

Division 2N

The Women's 4th XI top the division, after nine wins, one draw and one defeat, with 28 points. They are followed by Harrow 1st XI, with 27 points and Southgate 3rd XI with 26.

Division 3NW

The Women's 5th XI are in second place in the division on a goal difference (of 10) to West Hampstead 3rd XI, in third place. The leaders are the undefeated Spencer 5th XI with a 12 point lead. Hampstead and West Hampstead 3rd XI have 21 points. The latter have lost two fewer but drawn three.

Division 4 NW

The Women's 6th XI are fourth in the division, after seven wins one draw and three defeats. The Division leaders are West Hampstead 4th XI on goal difference (of 9) with Hendon/Mill Hill 1st XI, both with 30 points, followed by Ealing 1st XI in third.

Division 5 NW

The Women's 7th XI are leaders of the division after nine games, having lost only once and have a six point advantage over West Herts 4th XI in second place.

Men

Premier Division

Hampstead 2 Wimbledon 4
Holcombe 3 Hampstead 1
Hampstead 6 Beeston 1
East Grinstead 1 Hampstead 3
Hampstead 7 Brooklands MU 1
Old Georgians 2 Hampstead 2
Exeter University 3 Hampstead 4
Hampstead 2 Surbiton 2
Nottingham University 0 Hampstead 6
Hampstead 4 Oxted 1
Reading 3 Hampstead 4

Old Georgians	11	10	1	0	52	12	31
Surbiton	11	8	2	1	41	15	26
Wimbledon	11	8	1	2	42	17	25
Hampstead	11	7	2	2	41	21	23
Holcombe	11	6	3	2	36	25	21
Reading	11	4	1	6	24	25	13
Beeston	11	3	2	6	16	31	11
Oxted	11	3	2	6	18	34	11
East Grinstead	11	3	1	7	12	28	10
University of Nottingham	11	3	1	7	15	45	10
University of Exeter	11	2	1	8	20	43	7
Brooklands Manchester Univ	11	0	1	10	19	40	1

2023 Fixtures; Top 6

11 February 2023	Reading (h)	1800h
25 February 2023	Old Georgians (a)	-
26 February 2023	Surbiton (a)	1630
4 March 2023	Wimbledon (a)	1600
5 March 2023	Holcombe (h)	1400

2nd XI; East Conference

Hampstead 1 Wapping 2
 London Wayfarers 3 Hampstead 1
 Indian Gymkhana 5 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 1 Spencer 3
 Hampstead 0 Richmond 6
 Guildford 3 Hampstead 1
 Hampstead 3 Bromley & Beckenham 0
 Surbiton 2 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 1 Oxford University 0

Spencer 1	9	8	0	1	34	14	24
Richmond 1	9	7	0	2	43	22	21
Guildford 1	9	6	1	2	26	13	19
London Wayfarers 1	9	5	2	2	26	13	17
Indian Gymkhana 1	9	3	1	4	26	26	10
Surbiton 2	9	3	1	4	16	23	10
Wapping 1	9	2	3	4	17	28	9
Hampstead 2	9	2	1	6	12	24	7
Oxford University 1	9	1	1	7	9	25	4
Bromley & Beckenham 1	9	0	4	5	13	31	4

To play

5 February 2023	Wapping 1 (h)	-
11 February 2023	London Wayfarers 1 (h)	-
19 February 2023	Indian Gymkhana 1 (h)	-
26 February 2023	Spencer 1 (a)	1330h
5 March 2023	Richmond 1 (a)	1330h
12 March 2023	Guildford 1 (h)	-
19 March 2023	Bromley & Beckenham 1 (a)	-

26 March 2023	Surbiton 2 (h)	-
2 April 2023	Oxford University 1 (a)	1400h

London Area Leagues

Division 1

Zak Hond XI are ninth, after promotion last season and have won twice, drawn five times and lost four, with 11 points. The division is led by Surbiton 3rd XI, with 28 points, Croydon & Old Whitgiftians 1st XI with 25, and London Wayfarers 2nd XI with 23.

Division 2N

The 3rd XI are second, by a single goal difference, to Crostyx 1st XI, both having won nine, drawn once and lost once. Richmond 2nd XI are third, a point behind. The 4th XI are ninth, after three wins, one draw and seven defeats (and 10 points).

Division 4NW

The Thirsts XI are the division leaders, by two points from Indian Gymkhana 3rd XI and PHC Chiswick 3rd XI in third place, also two points fewer.

Division 5NW

The Spaniards XI are third, behind undefeated leaders PHC Chiswick after ten matches and Indian Gymkhana 4th XI in second position. The Colts XI are ninth after two wins, one draw and six losses. West Hampstead's 7th XI are tenth and their 6th XI are eleventh in the division.

South Over 40 Premier Division

The O40 XI is in fifth place, with three wins, two draws and two defeats. The leaders are Old Cranleighans with 17 points, followed by Epsom Embers, with 16 and Old Georgians Fire with 15.

South Over 50 Premier Division

The Supervets are eighth, with a record of two wins and seven losses. Old Georgians Phoenix lead the division by two points from Reading Redsox and Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers in third, a further point behind.

South Over 60 Premier Division

The Grand Masters are sixth in the division led by Spencer GMs with 21 points, Indian Gymkhana GMs with 18 and Bromley & Beckenham in third, with 15 points.

Youth Hockey

The Club's Youth section continues to flourish. The 57 Junior players mentioned earlier, who have successfully progressed to Academy Centre stage are:

U13 Boys

Fox Bramall, John Carrick, Matteo Carriere (GK), Raif Ceric (U12) Max Heinlein (U12), Dominic Herrey and Sahil Prasad

U13 Girls

Bella Bunn (U12), Sierra Cockrell, Marianna Dimitrou, Sofia Harwood, Zoey Scrutton and Isabella Turner-Samuels

U14 Boys

Thomas Bignone, Fred Butler, Philipp Heinlein, William Murray-Bruce, Lewis Papworth, Oscar Price and Alexander Walker

U14 Girls

Jemima Bowman, Martina Brechner, Izzy Goldblatt (Herts), Julia Johnson, Hollie Smart, Lola Smith (Herts), Izzy Walsh and Kalli Ziegler (GK) (Herts)

U15 Boys

Miles Cooper Jones, Calvin Cockrell, Ishan Mathur, Maks Mumford, Lloyd Pritchard (Herts), Milo Sharland and Emiliano Yanez (GK)

U15 Girls

Ruby Baird (GK), Imogen Brown, Florence Byrne, Alice Dierick and Honor Shingles

U16 Boys

Ivan Domingo, Leo Dux, Luca Knorr, Ben Mendelsohn, Sebastian Michel and Troy Strawbridge

U16 Girls

Toulla Harris, Alix Lecat, Clementina Malpica and Rebeca Moro

U17 Boys

Caspar Oke, Calum Papworth and Adam Scott

U17 Girls

Julia Herrey, Ashana McClunie, Emma Panchen and Anna Pritchard

A further 13 players in U15-U18 age groups were selected for Talent Academy, which replaced Performance Centre this season:

Talent Academy Boys

George Davison, Max Griffiths (GK), Aidan Hincks, Shareef Okoya, Orlando Ridgwell, Oscar Sharland and Toby Whittaker

Talent Academy Girls

Dakota Cockrell, Saskia de Koster, Chloe Dickin, Lauren Dickin, Gabriella Giles and Rosie Perry

Four boys trialled for England U16 Boys and three reached the most recent selection stage:

England U16 Boys

Freddy Pettifer, Marco Riley and Lucas Smart.

2023 Men's World Cup

The Pools for the 2023 Cup to be held in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela are as follows. As mentioned before, Australia, Belgium and the Netherlands were seeded through their FIH World Rankings.

Pool A: Australia, Argentina, France and South Africa

Pool B: Belgium, Germany, Korea and Japan

Pool C: Netherlands, New Zealand, Malaysia and Chile

Pool D: India, England, Spain and Wales

The matches are to be played at two stadia, the Kalinga at Bhubaneswar and Birsa Munda International Hockey Stadium at Rourkela, named after the tribal leader Birsa Munda, a famous freedom fighter. The latter is newly built with a capacity of 20,000 and is the largest all seater hockey-specific stadium. This will be the fourth time India will host this event and it will also be the second time the World Cup will be held in Odisha.

Pool A

13 January 2023	Argentina v South Africa Australia v France
16 January 2023	France v South Africa Argentina v Australia
20 January 2023	Australia v South Africa France v Argentina

Pool B

14 January 2023	Belgium v Korea Germany v Japan
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17 January 2023	Korea v Japan Germany v Belgium
20 January 2023	Belgium v Japan Korea v Germany
Pool C	
14 January 2023	New Zealand v Chile Netherlands v Malaysia
16 January 2023	Malaysia v Chile New Zealand v Netherlands
19 January 2023	Malaysia v New Zealand Netherlands v Chile
Pool D	
13 January 2023	England v Wales India v Spain
15 January 2023	Spain v Wales England v India
19 January 2023	Spain v England India v Wales
27 January 2023	Semi Finals
29 January 2023	Bronze Medal Final

The Welsh squad includes, from H&W, Toby Reynolds-Cotterill (9 caps), Hywel Jones (48 caps), Steve Kelly (70 caps), Jacob Draper (65 caps), Rupert Shipperley (90 caps) and Jolyon Morgan as a travelling reserve. Will Packer is the manager.

The England squad comprises James Albery (Old Georgians), David Ames (Holcombe), Liam Ansell (Wimbledon), Nick Bandurak (Holcombe), Will Calnan (Hampstead), David Condon (Wimbledon), David Goodfield (Surbiton), Harry Martin (Rotterdam), James Mazarelo (Surbiton) (GK), Ollie Payne (Holcombe) (GK), Phil Roper (Holcombe), Stuart Rushmore (Surbiton), Liam Sanford (Old Georgians), Tom Sorsby (Surbiton), Zach Wallace (HGC), Jack Waller (Wimbledon) and Sam Ward (Old Georgians). Travelling Reserves; Brendan Creed (Surbiton) and Ian Sloan (Wimbledon).

FIH



The FIH has elected its 13th President in Tayyab Ikram with a tenure until November 2024. As a member of the Olympic Solidarity Commission, the Association of National Olympic Committees

Events Commission, the Athletes Commission and Coordination Commission of the Olympic Council of Asia and CEO of the Asian Hockey Federation, Tayyab Ikram has a long association with hockey and international sport. He has been a member of the FIH Development and Coaching Committee, FIH High Performance Panel and is a FIH Master Coach. He has been an FIH Executive Board member since 2016. He has coached Pakistan and China.

Observing the Congress was the indefatigable Morley Pecker. He commented that the event was well organised internally (and with regard to the live streaming). Narinder Batra had resigned as President for personal reasons on 18 July 2022, after the Delhi High Court asked him to stop functioning as the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) chief.

The most interesting aspect of the Congress was the voting for Batra's successor, which Morley commented was well conducted and went very smoothly – much better than the paper voting in the past. Out of 129 national associations, 126 casted valid votes. The duration of Ikram's term will be for two years, in order to complete Batra's mandate, following his resignation.

Marc Coudron of Belgium failed in his bid to become President. Ikram, his Macau-based Pakistani opponent, "is well-known in the international world of hockey and has been around for a long time". Morley suggested that "the Asian machine was at work as usual but Coudron did himself no favours in his recorded speech (that all candidates had to produce), repeating what we had heard from him in the past on finding a replacement for water-based pitches etc and using generalisations such as *development*".

Coudron, the former Belgium international and ex president of the Royal Belgian Hockey Association, who is also a private banker, had championed greater transparency and, in the short term, instilling sound financial grounds as the foundations of his candidacy. He also put the future threat of water-based pitches at the forefront and the need to change and put pressure on manufacturers on non-water pitches, as he had in the previous election, in which Narinder Batra defeated him by 63 votes to 61.

Tayyab Ikram has worked with the likes of Formula Three and the Beach Volleyball World Tour, as well as the International Olympic Committee on several Olympic Games and in particular, procuring hockey at the Tokyo Games. His mandate was to bring top level hockey to smaller nations so that they are not isolated. "Athletes come first, it is not just a slogan," he has said, with his aim for players to have a development path after their careers end. He identified presenting hockey broadcasting it and satisfying commercial partners better as immediate challenges.

Morley felt, furthermore, that Coudron's soft-voice, sound-volume was very low (as it had been in other videos that he had put out in support of his bid to become President). He failed, with only 47 votes against 79. Morley reckoned that the hockey world did not want a European President (with the exception of the last, all predecessors had been European). Similarly, although Simon Mason spoke very well, which should have been persuasive, there remained, he felt, a generally anti-British (or English?) attitude, as well as a desire not to elect from the major countries, which obviously went against Simon. He secured a *middle-of-the-road* number of votes but 12 fewer than the third successful candidate, where voting was for three out of six.

FIH Pro League

This season's Pro League sees the return of Great Britain participating in place of England. The tournament runs from 28 October 2022 to 5 July 2023. The venues are:

- Australia: Newcastle, Hobart
- Argentina: Mendoza, Santiago del Estero

- Belgium: Antwerp
- England: London
- India: Bhubaneswar, Rourkela
- Netherlands: Eindhoven, Amsterdam
- New Zealand: Christchurch, Wellington

There is a new schedule, based on a series of “mini-tournaments” where several teams gather in one venue to play two matches against each other. The FIH claims that the format will have a major positive impact on players’ welfare and the environment, as it will provide a reduction in the amount of travel for each team and officials. It will also increase the number of dates available for players to compete in domestic leagues and club competitions.

For Great Britain, its first such mini tournament was in Santiago del Estero in December 2022.

Men

13 December 2022	Great Britain 3 Netherlands 0 [Wallace (2), Roper]
15 December 2022	Argentina 1 Great Britain 1 [Ward] Shoot Out 1-2 [Roper and Shipperley]
16 December 2022	Netherlands 1 Great Britain 1 [Bandurak] Shoot out 0-2 [Albery and Ansell]
18 December 2022	Argentina 2 Great Britain 2 [Roper, Sanford] Shoot Out 2-4 [Calnan, Wallace, Roper and Ansell]

These results place Great Britain in first place in the League (but the programme has not yet delivered a consistent number of matches).

Earlier Pro League Results

28 October 2022	India 4 New Zealand 3	Bhubaneswar
29 October 2022	New Zealand 2 Spain 3	Bhubaneswar
30 October 2022	India 3 Spain 3	Bhubaneswar
4 November 2022	India 7 New Zealand 4	Bhubaneswar
4 November 2022	Belgium 2 Germany 3	Mendoza
5 November 2022	Spain 1 New Zealand 1 (0-1 shoot-out)	Bhubaneswar
5 November 2022	Argentina 2 Germany 2 (3-4 shoot-out)	Mendoza
6 November 2022	India 2 Spain 2 (3-1 shoot-out)	Bhubaneswar
6 November 2022	Argentina 2 Belgium 1	Mendoza
7 November 2022	Germany 0 Belgium 1	Mendoza
8 November 2022	Argentina 0 Germany 3	Mendoza
9 November 2022	Argentina 2 Belgium 4	Mendoza

Women

13 December 2022	Great Britain 1 Netherlands 2
15 December 2022	Argentina 3 Great Britain 0
16 December 2022	Netherlands 6 Great Britain 0
18 December 2022	Great Britain 0 Argentina 1

The League is led by Argentina with 14 points but they have played four more matches than second placed Netherlands, who are undefeated. Belgium are third, having also played four matches but with five points. Great Britain are in last place at the moment. Hampstead's Sarah Robertson, Grace Balsdon and Lily Owsley have played for Great Britain.

Indoor Hockey

The Men's 1st XI returned to Whitgift School last weekend for the first weekend of two to play in the Premier Division of the Super 6's competition. International calls along with a training weekend for the United States squad meant that the team was missing the players it usually relies upon indoors (and that has brought two appearances in the televised finals). It had to call upon young players, with very limited experience, including two at under 16 level (and apparently a recruit from Reading's 2nd XI!) This inexperience came to the fore in the first three matches against the leading teams in this season's competition. It did not help matters when captain Marc Edwards was forced to withdraw, with a dislocated shoulder injury. Ali Bray had taken up the coaching role and stalwart Andrew Harrington stepped in as manager.

Old Georgians appeared eager to win, fielding a team against Hampstead that included Henry Weir, Nick Page, Tom Carson, James Tindall, Dan Shingles, Lee Morton. Edward Carson, Chris Griffiths and Ashley Jackson and having recruited Ollie Willars and Alan Forsyth. To have only been 2-0 down at half time was an achievement. Sadly this could not be maintained and OG won comfortably 10-2, James Sutcliffe having scored twice in two minutes to bring it back to 5-2 after 30 minutes.



Surbiton 3 Wimbledon 4
Old Georgians 9 Sevenoaks 4
Hampstead 2 East Grinstead 11
University of Exeter 3 Holcombe 4
Repton 4 Surbiton 7
Wimbledon 4 Old Georgians 5
Sevenoaks 8 Hampstead 2
East Grinstead 7 University of Exeter 0
Holcombe 3 Repton 4
Old Georgians 10 Hampstead 2
University of Exeter 3 Repton 4
Wimbledon 4 Sevenoaks 2
East Grinstead 9 Holcombe 5

Surbiton 4 Old Georgians 4
 Hampstead 7 University of Exeter 4
 Repton 0 Wimbledon 13
 Sevenoaks 2 East Grinstead 3
 Holcombe 5 Surbiton 7

In the final game of the weekend, Hampstead pulled away for a 5-1 lead against newly promoted University of Exeter but had to hang on, following a yellow card awarded against them. Joe Hillyer scored in the final minute for his second, in part repayment of the yellow card that left the final score 7-4. Senior players James Oates (featured below, on the right) and Toby Vaughan were not substituted during the game.



Team:

Lekan Ogunlana (GK), James Oates, Freddy Pettifer, Harry Benjamin, Joe Sharp, Toby Vaughan, James Sutcliffe (c), Joe Hillyer, Dewi Roblin (GK) Lucas Smart

East Grinstead	4	4	0	0	30	9	12
Old Georgians	4	3	1	0	28	14	10
Wimbledon	4	3	0	1	25	10	8
Surbiton	4	2	1	1	21	17	7
Repton	4	2	0	2	12	26	6
Sevenoaks	4	1	0	3	16	18	3
Holcombe	4	1	0	3	17	23	3
Hampstead	4	1	0	3	13	33	3
University of Exeter	4	0	0	4	10	22	0

Next Week?

14 January 2023	Repton v Hampstead	1430
14 January 2023	Hampstead v Surbiton	1830
15 January 2023	Holcombe v Hampstead	1000
15 January 2023	Hampstead v Wimbledon	1600

@ Haling Park, The Lodge Whitgift School, South Croydon CR2 6YT

Youth Indoor

In a first venture for the Club, and with only a handful of training sessions to prepare, both Girls' teams battled hard against tough competition. The U18 Girls beat West Herts, drew with Old Cranleighans, lost by one goal to Wimbledon and then to tournament winners, Surbiton. The U16 Girls beat Old Cranleighans, drew with Teddington and lost by one goal to both Southgate and Wimbledon. It gave plenty to build on for the next indoor hockey season.



For the Boys, having also only started training at the end of November, there was a seven-hour tournament. The U16 Boys finished their Super 6s competition in second place, scoring an impressive 24 goals, with matches against Wimbledon, Teddington, Wayfarers, Surbiton and Old Cranleighans. The U18 Boys had tough games against Surbiton, Wimbledon, Southgate and Wayfarers at their event.

Hockey Internationals

A few weeks ago, the *Hockey Paper* interviewed Hampstead's Joe Hillyer.

When Joe Hillyer talks about the "awesome" training environment at Hampstead & Westminster, with their abundance of international players, he is also one of them. For English-born Hillyer has now notched up over 30 caps for Poland after a chance encounter six years ago.

Hillyer, 29, was playing at the University of Birmingham in 2016 when he happened upon a Polish and, after a beer or two, soon had the national coach's number. Half Polish through his grandparents and after years of eating Polish food at home, Hillyer set out on a route to the international game.

Hillyer received the opportunity to trial with the Polish team in Terrassa, Spain and after a two-year wait for his passport. Joe had to prove he had Polish relations, which proved difficult after many government records were destroyed in the Second World War. But he made his debut at the 2018 Hockey Series Open in a home Test against Cyprus for the then world No 21-ranked side. "Standing for the anthem was surreal and I couldn't quite believe I was there!" he admitted.

Thanks to his PE and form teaching job at the University College School in north London, Hillyer had the flexibility to travel, train and play international hockey. Hillyer admits his Polish is also coming on and understands team talks and tactics. He said: "It's a tough language. My team-mates are very sympathetic and a lot of the younger guys want to learn English, so we feed off each other."

He currently has 32 caps, but Poland didn't play a Test for two years through the pandemic and as a result have seen their rankings slip. "We have slipped down the rankings outdoor and indoor and a lot of older players retired at a similar time," said Hillyer. "That's how it is with hockey. We have a lot

of younger players and at 29 I am one of the older ones now. It's a good group of players, there is a lot of coverage for the sport in Poland and kids are getting involved which is awesome.

“Some of my team-mates put me to shame with how up to date they are with the game, not only with the English Premier Division, but we have guys who play in Germany, Netherlands and Belgium and they are very passionate about the game and know all the results.”

And Hillyer, who moved to London in 2018, knows all about the competitive nature of the team after getting the odd game over his first few seasons on the fringes of the 1s, during a period when the club won the title in 2018/2019. The Londoners are now eager to return to the summit. Hillyer said: “It took me a while to get anything and I'm one of those players in a very strong squad. The training environment is awesome here and that's the reason you come and make sure you do your bit when given the opportunity.”

The Hockey Museum

Club President Richard Sykes was recently approached by a collector of artwork enquiring if the Club might be interested in acquiring an original work featuring Stanley Shoveller. Concerned that the Club might find it difficult to house it safely (with recurrent reminders of the fateful partial demolition of the Carlton Tavern) he referred the possible acquisition to the Hockey Museum in Woking (THM). Mike Smith of the Museum takes up the story.

The collections within THM cover over 25 different subjects and they often service or contribute towards the thirty or so study subjects that we have going on.

Most of the objects and material within the Museum collections are donated by kind friends of hockey but occasionally we have to buy items that are rare or important. Sometimes items appear in auctions and we have to move pretty quickly to secure them!

Recently we were offered an original illustration of Stanley Shoveller that had appeared in Country Life in 1912. We had no hesitation in moving quickly to secure this unusual piece. Not only does this give us a valuable addition to our art collection, it also provides us with a rare illustration of this great player, probably the only British hockey player who will win two Olympic Gold Medals.



Kwan Browne

Kwan has been a frequent visitor to PRG this season as he continues to observe for the national teams. How has the first half of the season progressed in his new coaching role at Southgate? Rather well it seems! When he joined in the summer, Kwan admitted that Southgate were a 'sleeping giant.' It must be said that the club is now waking from its slumber. Both men's and women's 1st XIs are leading Division One South and the Vitality Women's Conference East, respectively, after nine straight victories. Southgate men sit six points clear of rivals Teddington at the halfway mark, Club secretary Alastair Whatley admitted that it was a "complete turnaround" from when the men were in a fight for survival last season.

Yesteryear

A few snippets from *The Times*...

23 January 1913

It was to be another ten years or so when Sholto Marcon was to join the Club, having won a gold medal at the Antwerp Olympic Games but here he is in action when at Oxford University.

This annual match at Beckenham yesterday resulted in an unexpectedly easy victory for the Oxford University Occasionals by 7 goals to 1. The Cambridge University Wanderers, whose wing forwards and several other members of the team have been chosen to represent the East in to-morrow's international trial match against the South, certainly appeared to be the stronger side on paper but they were outplayed at all points, A L F Smith did some excellent work at centre-forward for the Occasionals. One of the features of his play was the way in which he opened up the game for his inside men and A L Hosie and C S W Marcon seldom missed any of the chances that were presented to them. Marcon at inside left was particularly good and he scored three goals with well-placed shots, which gave the goalkeeper no chance.

Marcon opened the scoring for the Occasionals but a few minutes later, after some good passing between Goodwin and Saville, J K Matthews made the score level. This was about, the best piece of work accomplished by the Wanderers' forwards. Afterwards the Occasionals had nearly all the play and goals by Smith (2) and Marcon gave them a 4-1 lead at the interval. The three goals in the second half were shot by Hosie, Marcon and Smith.

8 January 1923

Jack Bennett, another Antwerp gold medal winner, comes in for praise in the 3-3 draw at Staines.

For the second Saturday in succession many hockey matches had to be scratched on account of the condition of the grounds. Rain followed by frost and then more rain had made the turf on most fields impossible for hockey. Among the more important matches which could not be completed on this account were those at Beckenham between the Royal Engineers and Beckenham; at Surbiton between Surbiton and Spencer and at Kent House, between Tulse Hill and Mid-Surrey.

A week earlier Richmond had been beaten by Beckenham to the general surprise by ten goals to two. On this form they had little or no chance of beating Southgate on the ground of the latter club but they did so and actually won by six goals to none. Richmond owed most of their success to their forwards, who played an exceedingly fast and hard game. The half-backs also spoiled well and never allowed the Southgate forwards to settle down. After such a display it is not fair to mention the play of any of the Richmond team individually, but it is doubtful whether Fawcett, Doherty, or Matthews, the Richmond forwards, have ever played a better game under conditions which were not really suited to hockey.

Hampstead and Staines played a drawn game on very treacherous turf at Staines, each side scoring three goals. Accurate stick work was impossible by the forwards and half- backs of both sides, but at the same time the game was not uninteresting and probably not unenjoyable. J H Bennett again played a great game for Hampstead at full back and it does not seem to matter to this veteran whether the conditions under which he plays are bad or good.

Bromley, for whom T W Mansergh played very well, beat Wimbledon at Bickley on Saturday by five goals to one. The score in this game might be taken to indicate that Bromley were always the better side but it was not until a quarter of an hour from the finish that there was anything to choose between the two sides. The Wimbledon defence then broke down and Mansergh ran through on three occasions, enabling his side to win in the end comfortably.

11 January 1933

Have the new rules gone far enough?

The revised rules this season have proved a most distinct advance on anything done before but even now it is generally acknowledged that they have not gone far enough and further legislation must come within the next year or two. It would take too long now to enlarge upon the various controversial points in the rules but the play this season has proved that the revised rule regarding the hooking of sticks is not satisfactory, and every player- and umpire would welcome the entire abolition of hooking in any shape or form.

With regard to the question of *sticks*, there appears to be one solution only and that is to raise the limit above which the stick may not be raised to the head in place of the shoulder and enforce the least infringement drastically. At the present time it is perfectly reasonable to state that, with very few exceptions, all players, either in shooting at goal or taking a corner or free hit, raise the stick invariably to a point between the shoulder and top of the head and in very many cases well above the head. If the rule states that the stick at no time during the stroke should be raised above the shoulder, umpires must carry out the rule as it is, or else agitate for the revision of it.

The new offside rule has removed a distinct hardship to defences by not allowing a ball touching a defender to put an attacker onside, as used to be the case, for many undeserved goals were scored in this manner.

Southgate and Mid-Surrey are probably the two strongest sides in the metropolitan district and are closely followed by Old Kingstonians and Spencer. Spencer should really be given pride of place, for they have worked up a young and enthusiastic side during the past few seasons and are now not very far from the top of the tree.

11 January 1943

There was some hockey about...

SATURDAY'S HOCKEY RESULTS

Blackheath 1 Woolwich Polytechnic 3; Cheam 2 Army XI 3; London Fire Force 2 Weymann's 3; LMSR 1 Handley Park 1; Metropolitan Police 2 Richmond and Kingston Hill 0; NPL 1 Middlesex Hospital 2; Polytechnic 7 RAPC XI 0; Richmond and Kingston Hill II 1 Old Kingstonians 2; Slough 3 Ashford (Middx) 4; Tulse Hill 2 Guy's Hospital 4.

25 January 1953

More than 32,000 tickets have already been sold for the women's hockey international match between England and Belgium to be played at Wembley Stadium on March 14. It seems certain, therefore, that last year's Wembley attendance of 42,000 - a world record for women's hockey - which saw the England v Scotland game will be exceeded for the game against Belgium.

30 January 1963

The extreme winter weather was causing considerable disruption

In a drastically revised fixture list, the Hockey Association have decided that if the games between an England XI and the Combined Services (on Saturday) and the Midlands (on February 9) are not held, they will not be arranged for another date. H L Evans, assistant secretary (fixtures) of the HA states that the vital consideration is to ensure the HA selectors see as many potential England players as possible before international selection.

6 January 1973

From reporting doyen, Brian Lewis

Twenty-five players have been invited by the Hockey Association to take part in a training weekend at Henlow from January 12 to 14. This is the first indication that the England selectors are thinking of the heavy international programme this year, which culminates in the World Cup tournament in Amsterdam from 24 August to 10 September. Six of the English members of the Munich Olympic group are omitted. mainly because of retirement from international hockey. Seven Olympic players, however, are still in the party - Mills, Svehlik, Ahmad, Cotton, Crowe, Evans and French, a well-balanced nucleus for any international side.

The selectors have surrounded them with a fine blend of new players and those with experience. I am particularly pleased to see Neale, who has led Southgate so brilliantly this season, back at last and Purdy, too, makes a welcome return. There can be no quarrel with the young players selected. though I would like to think that neither Rawal, of Northumberland, nor Jenner, of the Army, has been forgotten. It looks as though England will play an orthodox formation this year. With the change in the offside rule, this must be the answer.

29 January 1983

National Club Championships

Thirty-two clubs begin their challenge tomorrow for the national championship sponsored by Rank Xerox with a place in Europe an added incentive. The 16 survivors will. go into a draw for the second round but the question of seeding ought to be considered. If Southgate, the holders and Slough, last year's runners-up, survive the first round, as is likely. they should be seeded in opposite halves of the draw.

Of tomorrow's teams, eight - Guildford, Southgate, Teddington, Richmond, Beckenham, Slough, Reading and Spencer - are from the London League. Southgate, with Craig's striking his corners beautifully, should beat Newcastle University. Slough, the London League champions, are away at Ford's but can expect opposition from a resourceful side, who also have a fair complement of Asian talent.

Guildford, who won the trophy in 1976-77, are a little unlucky to be drawn against Richmond, another strong club from the premier division of the London League. Neston, from the Northern Division, have never drawn a home match and they have to travel again to Marlborough. Isca, one of the strongest teams from the West, will have a testing time against Cambridge City, who are at home.. Two London League clubs who seem unlikely to survive the first round are Reading, who have an away match against a strong Leicester side and. Spencer, who travel to Southampton to meet Trojans.

Club Stuff

100 years ago (give or take...)

From HOCKEY WORLD

16 February 1923

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), Morphew and Terry, scored for Cambridge and Popham for Hampstead. Terry and Whichello played well together on the right wing.

70 years ago

The 2nd XI from 1953, with John Sankey suited on the right as you look at the photograph. Morley Pecker might be able to recognise others!



60 years ago

From Colin Greenhalgh's Newsletter of 13 January 1963

All Middlesex clubs have been asked for their views on proposed changes in the Rules of the Game but without much time to canvas all our members. Your General Committee therefore agreed that (a) they would like to see the *sticks rule* revert to its pre 1959 version but (b) they would not like to see the penalty corner rule revert to its old version. Instead, they have suggested several other ways in which five defenders could be kept out of the circle until a shot could be put in if umpires cannot control the present version.

50 years ago

From Richard Shaw in the Bulletin of 13 January 1973

We have quite deliberately stretched our resources to the limit in carrying out the resurfacing of both our grass pitches at Hornsey, a total outlay of £1,400. The present result is a short term cash flow problem and I want every member to do his utmost to help the club through it. There are three practical ways of doing this: (a) those members have not yet paid their subscriptions should do so immediately (b) team captains should ensure that match fees are paid monthly to Ian Tomisson and (c) everyone should do his upmost to sell as many 300 Draw tickets as possible.

I don't want to spread feelings of panic when the position does not justify it but this the situation is serious and must be tackled seriously. We are counting on the 300 Draw to raise the balance of necessary capital for the groundwork, although we shall recover a substantial proportion of the cost from the Hornsey Club's contribution. This will however be spread over the next five years by way of a deduction from the rent which we pay them.

Results

1 st XI v Wimbledon	W 1-0
2 nd XI v Wimbledon	D 0-0
3 rd XI v Wimbledon	-
4 th XI v Wimbledon	L 2-3
5 th XI v Wimbledon	Canc

Congratulations to the 1st XI for their first League win – may this mark the turning of the tide!

40 years ago

5 February 1983

Hampstead 1 Reading 2

Another disappointment in the Hornsey mud. Why does it have to rain on Friday nights? Watson handed them a goal and Flajsner had a stroke saved, before Chapman coolly slotted home the equaliser after ghosting in at the far post a la Martin Peters. We should have taken them downhill in the second-half but it never clicked. Their winner came in the last 15 minutes and to be honest they deserved it.

30 years ago

From Colin Greenhalgh's letter to Old Members of 26 January 1993

The 1st XI has had a very good run in the Nationwide Anglia Cup (the national knockout competition). This year they beat Neston (a National League First Division side) in the last 32 and Northampton Saints in the last 16 and are now pitched against East Grinstead, one of the best five or six teams in the National League, in the quarter finals. We are the only non-National League side to get through to the quarter finals of the Cup. The match is to be played at home, at Paddington Recreation Ground, on 6 February 1993, starting at 1:00 o'clock.

The 1st XI is unbeaten at this stage of the season and is therefore challenging to win the Peroni South League. As you will remember, we did for three successive seasons in the London League which is now been absorbed into the South League. Yet again that could lead to promotion to the National League in time for our centenary next year. Had we not drawn four matches – some against very moderate opposition - we would be steaming away to promotion by now.

25 years ago

7 December 1997

Abbeydale Park

Sheffield 0 Hampstead 2

Hampstead secured their fifth league win against Sheffield and moved into eighth position in the league after a hard battle and in a game that objectively had little to commend in terms of quality.

Sheffield worked very hard throughout the game but had little luck and missed at least three scoring opportunities in the first half, hitting the foot of the post with one effort. Fortunately for Hampstead, Steve Dodson was in fine form and pulled off two crucial saves in the first half, the first after only two minutes.

Hampstead had opened brightly with Dave Grady prominent at the heart of the defence. However, too many passes went astray and the team was unable to generate any or rhythm. Three short corners were won but none was converted as Rob Thompson's drives were parried by the home goalkeeper without deflections that other attackers could latch on to. Hampstead could not take advantage of a yellow card awarded for a deliberate foul and then had to rely on Steve Dodson for another fine save when he blocked a flick one-on-one with the attacker, just before the half ended

Rob Thompson called for that extra effort at half time and in particular penetration into the opponent's circle. Leading by example he did just that in the 40th minute and when poleaxed, was awarded Hampstead's fifth short corner. From the stop, the ball was transferred to Dan Williams who slotted home the opening goal.

This worked comparative wonders for Hampstead, who grew in confidence. Ranjit Saggi came on for his Hampstead National League debut. Mike Williamson then began to go forward more often with his considerable skill and attacks began to build. A shot from him after a sharp Rob Thompson pass was just saved. The game opened up as Sheffield chased an equaliser.

Three further Hampstead short corners midway through the half were unsuccessful. After a late Sheffield flourish at the death, when they won a short corner, which Rob Carter cleared away, an incisive move started from a Mike Williamson run. He was fouled and the ball moved on to Lindsay Troy who squared it and there was Nigel Land at the top of the "dee", to crash the ball home for a score line of 2-0 in the 60th minute.

This was perspirational rather than inspirational for Hampstead, with good performances from Steve Dodson and Mike Williamson, who was later voted *man of the match* for the second week in succession. The team had set out to achieve a run of two wins up to Christmas and this puts the league record at W5 D1 L 4. A further win next week at Paddington will help, as we take on Loughborough Students.

TEAM; Dodson; Carter, Turner, Grady, Felton, Williams, Land, A Thompson, R Thompson, Williamson, Troy, Sub (used) Saggi

[20 years ago](#)

At the Committee meeting on 2 December 2002, Richard Chapman reported that he and Oz Rankin had met Gareth Jenkins, the newly appointed Manager at PRG. He appeared willing to accommodate the Club and hopefully would be able to provide additional training slots. The Club had requested four evening times on the water-based pitch for the 2003-04 season. New goals and nets had been ordered.

[15 years ago](#)

From the first of the new style Newsletters...

At the break in the season, the Men's 1's have had a mixed set of results after a promising start, when in their opening fixture against Reading the vaunted home team realised that they had a game on their hands and only pulled away in the final five minutes. The highlight has been the defeat of Surbiton in the Cup, with a golden goal in overtime, followed by a 4-4 draw in the League when Andy Cornick, who left H&W to join Surbiton in the close season, scored in the 66th minute to equalise.

Next edition

All being well, the next Newsletter will cover the second part and end of the 2022-23 season, including the progress of the Women's 1st XI adventures in European competition.

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