

*Keeping Vice Presidents and Friends in the know*

## **Welcome**

This is a brief dispatch following the recent Newsletter. Regrettably two deaths have occurred of well-known and respected former members of the Club. There is further news of the FIH World Cup in India and, back at home, the National Indoor Championships. Fortunately, the men's team survived relegation at Whitgift School and will continue in the Premier Division next January.

## **Colin Greenhalgh**

It is with deep regret that the Club has recently learnt of the death of Colin Greenhalgh on 19 December 2022 at the age of 91. Colin was the Club's Secretary for an unprecedented term of 11 years, in the days when that post covered virtually the entire administration of Club affairs.

Colin was a true gentleman in everything he did. He always had a smile. Almost single handedly, he navigated the Club through troublesome times at Hornsey, with both frequently waterlogged pitches and comparatively poor match results and when morale was often at a low ebb. Colin was found frequently engaged in struggles with the Hornsey Club, whose cricketer members were unwilling to expend funds in improving the playing surfaces in winter. The negotiations of tenancy agreements for the club's use of the ground in winter tended to be afflicted with the same sensations of quagmire.

Colin moved from Hampton to be closer to his daughter Sally near Liskeard in Cornwall seven years ago. Sally has reported that her father died peacefully in his sleep on the night of the FIFA World Cup Final, having enjoyed the evening watching the victorious Argentina, the team he had favoured to win. His funeral was held on 14 January 2023 in Hampton, where his ashes and those of his wife were scattered on the Thames at the end of the road where they had lived for many years.

Colin was elected a member of the Club on 14 November 1955. He was a moderate hockey player, predominantly a half back in the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, alongside John Chaumeton, who captained the side in the early 1960s. Sometimes Colin was called up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (for example against HAC on 10 March 1962) and was happy to drop down a team (such as agreeing to play for the 5<sup>th</sup> XI against Cheam on 27 October 1963 and to be a reserve for the 4<sup>th</sup> XI on 30 January 1966) when the need arose. He frequently volunteered as an umpire, conscious of the few that were willing to officiate. In October 1962, facing the usual initial enthusiasm generated by the optimism of a new season, the Club ran a Wanderers XI, in effect a sixth team and Colin played for them.

Under John Chaumeton, the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI went undefeated in the 1962-63 season at Christmas, with six wins and three draws, scoring 29 goals and conceding 15. This run could not be sustained however and a rude reminder was given by St Albans, who won 7-0 on 31 March 1963.

On 7 October 1957, Colin was appointed 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> XI Secretary and became a member of the Club's Committee upon taking up the post as Assistant Hon Secretary to Hugh Wickham, having been proposed by Morley Pecker at the AGM on 11 April 1958. He was busy straightaway, eager that something should be done about recruiting good College players to the Club for the forthcoming season. He also encouraged the formation of a 5<sup>th</sup> XI.

On 1 April 1960, Colin appointed Hon Secretary, in succession to Hugh Wickham, who was thanked at the AGM "for five difficult years". Hugh agreed to act as Fixture Secretary and Colin

found support from a trio of respected members, Stan Elgar as Treasurer, Noel Cardoza as captain of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and Hugh Avey as Match Secretary. Together they sought to revive the days of the mid 1950s when the Club had so rapidly restored its playing fortunes after it was reformed in 1951.

Almost immediately, Colin became involved in the search for additional pitches, especially if the Club was to expand with the formation of a fifth team. On 8 December 1960, he reported to the Committee that he was pursuing an extra pitch at St Aloysius' College and had made contact with Finchley Borough Council, Hornsey Borough Council, the London County Council and J F Lyons Sports Club to seek an additional ground. The only positive response was from London County Council that offered space at Victoria Park in Hackney.

Colin was prepared to risk favour by his suggestion of introducing a match fee, to cover the cost of teas, the post-match shandies and the first round of the beer kitty. The other members of the Committee were less than enthusiastic and regarded it as undesirable, suggesting instead that the responsibility for covering such matters should be left to team captains.

In March 1961, Colin agreed to act as Team Secretary for the Spaniards, then the Sunday team of mixed ability that usually toured to play varied opponents, not necessarily in the immediate vicinity. Colin was a significant supporter of the Spaniards and later, with Hugh Wickham, of the Puritans HC. As Secretary, one pleasure at the time was to convey the Club's congratulations to Jim Deegan upon his selection for England.

In January 1962, Colin devised the Club Bulletin, intended to notify members of team selections, replacing the postcard system that had operated for a few years. It would also provide an opportunity to relate current news of the Club. In the first edition he set out his thoughts:

*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 about Wednesday, or at the latest, Thursday, in place of the normal team selection cards. This could 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 own team but also the whole club is going from week to week, who is winning and who is losing, who is being promoted et cetera. And it also provides a useful vehicle for getting odd snippets of news to you which do not warrant a circular of their own. I hope I shall be able to make this bulletin business work: if you have any suggestions for improving it (without adding to the workload involved) please let me know.*

This set in train a sequence of Bulletins that were continued in regular form throughout Colin's stewardship and continued by Richard Shaw, Dave Teale and Norman Borrett, before they began to decline in influence.

Colin was also a supporter of the Spaniards on their visit to the NPL Easter Hockey Festival at Teddington, when the Spaniards B XI represented the Club. Colin took part in at least four consecutive events.

Some of the most challenging aspects of Colin's tenure were his dealings with the Hornsey Club. The state of the grass pitches in winter bedevilled the Club for almost 30 years before artificial surfaces began to appear and ease the burden. The cricketer members of the Hornsey Club tended to benefit from the dry conditions of the summer, possibly unaware of the effects of autumn rains and the underlying London Clay geology in autumn and winter months. Or, if they were aware, they were ill prepared to accept a burden of expenditure to make the grass pitches usable in winter. It may have been an unwillingness to accept interference in the sustainability of the ground for summer's cricket.

The Club had moved to Hornsey after a few torrid years of finding a home ground in the mid-1950s and was eager to establish something a little more permanent. As an example of the rather awkward dealings with the Hornsey Club that were to predominate affairs for the next few years, in November 1962, Colin reported to the Committee his correspondence and conversations with the Hornsey Club officials since the preceding August.

These were to the effect, first, that the Club was to be given notice to leave the Hornsey Club at the end of the current season because of the continuing deterioration of the outfield but, second, (and rather mercurially) because a full time groundsman had been appointed and had started work, this notice was withdrawn. Instead, the Hockey Club's tenancy was assured to the end of the 1963-64 season (at the existing rent of £150 for the season but to be renegotiated for 1963-64) and then to be reviewed in the light of the state of the outfield. After discussion about this and long term future, the Hockey Club's Committee agreed to offer the previous negotiated rent of £175 for that season and to ask the Hornsey Club to meet a negotiating sub Committee to discuss next season and thereafter.

In light of the threat of eviction, the Sub Committee began to explore other options. One that was negotiated at some length was to play at the Oval. In February 1965, Colin reported that Surrey County Cricket Club had finally rejected the Club's application, despite the intervention of Cyril Wilkinson, CBE, a former Hampstead Hockey player and 1920 Olympic Gold Medal winner, who had also captained Surrey CCC.

Colin added that the Sub Committee had carried out an extensive search of North London, which had not been very encouraging. Many other grounds large enough already accommodated football or rugby. There were one or two possibilities, including Finchley Cricket Club and South Hampstead Cricket Club. It was agreed a 12 months' extension at Hornsey would help in investigating these possibilities thoroughly. Colin was asked to approach the Hornsey Club accordingly but in the meantime, the Sub Committee was given *carte blanche* to make other approaches felt desirable.

In November 1966, Colin was able to report that a five-year Agreement had finally been exchanged with the Hornsey Club. The promised perimeter drainage was due to be installed within a week or so. However, that good news was rather quickly dissipated, as frequently seemed to be the case.

As a grant from the Ministry of Education was now unlikely to materialise for a year, the Hockey Club would need to fund the £50 balance of the cost of the drain. At least turf had now been laid on the second pitch extension to make possible its enlargement for viable hockey in the new year. Frustratingly, it was believed that the Hornsey Club had increased the price of teas to 2/6, contrary to the recently signed Agreement (in which prices were quoted at 2/-). The Hockey Club had reluctantly agreed that if this price increase were confirmed, the Hockey Club would need to ask for lower quality teas to keep the price of 2/- to keep the matchday *kitty* within its previously accepted level. However, in view of the likely £50 (for the perimeter drainage) it was agreed the Hockey Club ought not to run a deficit again. It therefore accepted the need to raise the matchday *kitty* to 7/6 per game, leaving 3/- per game as a contribution to club funds.

In September 1969, Colin reported to the Committee his discussions with the Hornsey Club over the Hockey Club's request to renew the mole drainage beneath the playing surface. The groundsman was reported to be resolutely opposed, as he reckoned that it could not be done by him at economic cost. Colin felt that this advice had to be accepted, provided the groundsman agreed to explore how the renewal could be carried out economically next year. Unabashed, the Hornsey Club then demanded a contribution towards the estimated cost of £40 to fertilise the ground that autumn. The Hockey Club agreed not to accede, given the Hornsey Club's contractual obligation to provide adequate hockey pitches. Instead, it was agreed to try to

purchase a self-propelled spiker that the groundsman felt would be valuable (even if providing it might exceed the budget of £100 set by the Hockey Club).

Perhaps the best example of the tortuous nature of the negotiations is the summary provided by Colin to the Committee on 1 June 1970. At a meeting with the Hornsey Club representatives, it had been agreed:

- To enter into a contract with Sherwoods for ploughing, levelling and re-seeding one half of the outfield in the coming autumn;
- To instal the necessary land drains for effective mole drainage at the same time;
- To provide mole drainage equipment and a suitable tractor for moling this autumn and whenever necessary later; and
- To plough, level and re-seed the other half of the outfield in the following autumn, or as soon as the first half was ready to accommodate hockey again.

The Hornsey Club had also agreed a method of financing these works that would involve:

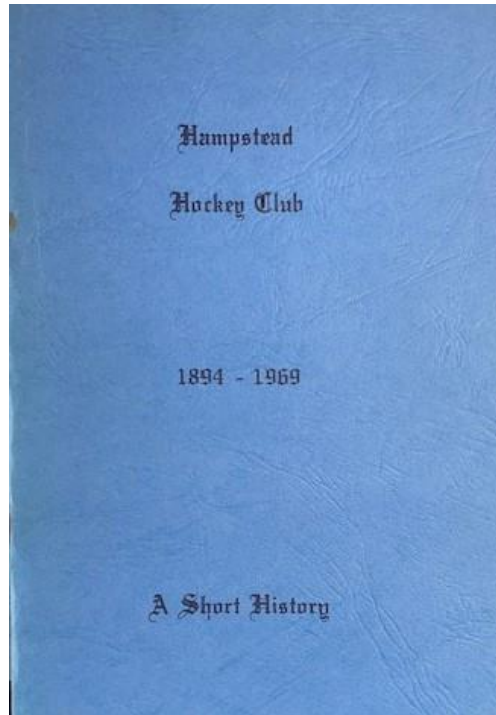
- The Hockey Club contributing £500 to the total estimated cost of £1,300;
- The Hockey Club extending a loan to the Hornsey Club by putting up an initial £600 of the £900 investment that autumn;
- The Hornsey Club granting the Hockey Club a ten-year tenancy, of which the first five years' rent would be £400 (for winter and summer play) and the remainder of the term at a "slightly higher" rent, to be agreed; and
- The loan to the Hornsey Club to be repaid by a rebate in the first five years' rent in the order of £110 per annum.

In addition, while only one pitch was available at Hornsey, the rent would be reduced by the cost of hiring a replacement pitch (but at the cheapest rate, for the benefit of the Hornsey Club). Colin understood that the Hornsey Club Committee has agreed this outline proposal (including that of the Treasurer regarding the capital expenditure) and on that basis it was also approved by the Hockey Club's Committee.

On 6 August 1970, Colin was able to report that the order for the groundworks agreed with the Hornsey Club and recorded in the Minutes had been placed. However, he had learnt that the Hornsey Club had (apparently without notice) sought the advice of the Bingley Sports Turf Research Institute, who had advised that sub-soil cultivation and heavy sanding would provide better drainage than mole drains, though their recommendation on the quantity of sand would involve considerably higher cost. As a result, it was recognised that a further meeting was needed with the Hornsey Club to agree a revised scheme – provided the cost of the sanding would be similar to the amounts in the original agreement.

Colin also had a pivotal role in agreeing the date of the Club's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1969 and how it should be celebrated. Odd though it might seem, the anniversary date was in some doubt, with suggestions that it should take into the account the start of hockey played as a section of Hampstead Cricket Club, which, at its latest, was in 1890 – and not the date when the hockey players seceded from Hampstead Cricket Club in 1894 to form their own hockey club.

To mark that anniversary Colin wrote and published *Hampstead Hockey Club 1894-1969: A Short History* drawing upon archive material that had been passed to him as Secretary (and that at one time was thought to have been lost). Its 41 pages include a succinct narrative of the 75 years, a tailpiece containing the reminiscences of former players and members Jack Bennett, Ruari Milsted and John Sankey, as well as schedules listing Representative Honours, Administrative Honours and the Officers of the Club.



A postscript to book added,

*The best works of scholarship always have a contribution by that well-known busybody, Another Hand. This one is necessary to point out a grave omission. The lynchpin of Hampstead Hockey Club for the past decade is someone who has barely received a mention in this otherwise excellent history. Colin is coming up for his tenth year as a devoted and indefatigable Honorary Secretary. The amount of time he gives to Club affairs is heroic. His annual intervention at the Club Dinner, if not always printable, is a highlight of the London season. No one in the last 75 years has deserved the praise and thanks of members more.*

Another significant achievement for Colin was in persuading Peter Boizot to join the Club when he enquired in 1967, having been rebuffed by two other leading London clubs. That connection was something that Peter frequently mentioned and made evident the respect that he had for Colin. Peter's benevolence to the club and hockey (and things Peterborough related) is, of course, the stuff of legend.

Colin retired as the Secretary of the Club at the AGM on 1 April 1971. The Chairman, Jeremy Potter announced that on Colin's retirement after 11 years in office, he, the Vice Presidents and members wished to mark their appreciation by the presentation of a pair of decanters. The minutes read, "Mr Greenhalgh, who was specifically instructed by the meeting to minute these sentiments, coupled with gratitude to Mrs Greenhalgh for her tolerance, thanked the club for the elegance and totally unexpected munificence of their gift and, in outlining the achievements (and some of the minor disappointments) of the Club's last 11 years, said that the pleasure of serving such an admirable membership had been reward enough in itself."

Colin did agree to remain a member of the Committee, which he did until standing down in 1974, at the same time as Peter Boizot, in the latter's case as he was about to launch a campaign to become an MP for Peterborough.

In later years, Colin was instrumental in maintaining a dialogue between the club and its former players and members, especially through his regular newsletters to those he called Old Members or OMs. He was already on hand to include past Presidents and stalwarts when in

poor health and to pay them visits to boost morale. In March 1989, after the death was announced of John Sankey, renowned as one of the three who managed the Club's revival in 1950 after the dispersal of members at the end of the Second World War, his daughter discovered two whistles that John had used and donated them to the Club. They were mounted and framed by Colin and presented to the Club. Colin requested that they be named the *Sankey Siffleurs* and awarded for some extraordinary commitment to umpiring in the Club.

The Club tended to turn to Colin for anecdotes. One of the more entertaining was of the events that gave rise to the dents in the original Barnard Cup on hitting the tarmac when thrown at speed from a car on the A3 Kingston By Pass by a disgruntled non player, fed up with the disproportionate attention given by the other occupants to hockey. Soon after the same Barnard Cup was stolen in broad daylight from the Carlton Tavern, an insurance claim was successfully made, despite there being no photograph of the Cup. Colin made a sketch drawing of it from memory, which proved sufficient to support the claim.

Colin was also a significant contributor to the debate over the expansion of Vice Presidents of the Club, promoted at the time by Peter Boizot. Colin provided a valuable oversight and measure of proportionality, conscious of the roles of past Vice Presidents when far fewer in number. He encouraged the formation of cohorts of similar aged former players in four distinct groups, conscious of the differing experiences of the Club within those age groups and for the better (or more informed) understanding of how to communicate with them.



From L to R, in the centre: Vice Presidents Anthony Swing, Colin Greenhalgh, Alan Kurtz and Peter Boizot

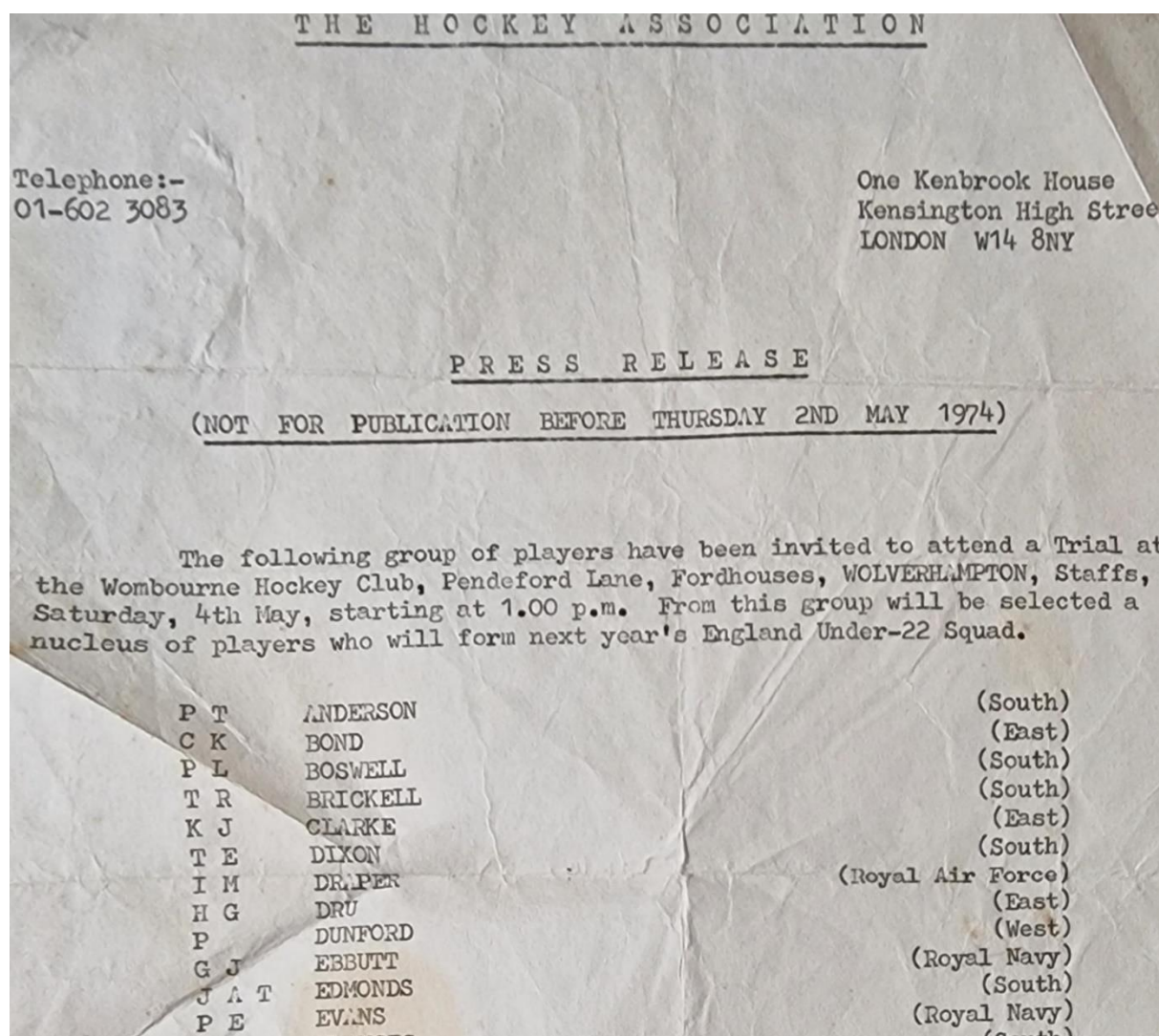
As the Club grew and prospered in later years and in particular after its move to Paddington Recreation Ground (that brought with it the consolidation of a women's section and greater success on the pitch) there is no doubt that this came about, in no small measure, through the dedication of Colin Greenhalgh in the Club's earlier years and his remarkable leadership and other attributes.

## Tim Dixon

News has also reached the Club that Tim Dixon died on 18 January 2023, having suffered from cancer. He was the younger brother of Dave, who somehow managed so soon to commit to print some words about his brother, for which the compiler is very grateful.

Tim was an outstanding hockey player in his youth. He was a classic centre half in a 5-3-2 formation. He was 6' 4" tall and deceptively quick and very strong. At one point he had thought of specialising as an athlete in the 400m event. As a schools' hockey player he represented Kent. At the age of 18 he was selected for Cliftonville men's first eleven, rather to Dave's chagrin as elder brother and in the Cliftonville 2nd XI (and three years his senior!).

When still 18, Tim was called up for an England under 22 trial in Wolverhampton on 4 May 1974. Dave has little doubt that had Tim stayed with hockey he might well have become an international.



However, Tim's first love was always Karate which he talked of pursuing from an early age. His motivation for doing so remains a mystery but he followed Sensei Sugawara for 45 years and became a 6th Dan black belt in Wado Ryu.



His Hampstead career was concentrated in two seasons, 1978-79 and 1979-80. There is a record of Tim's two goals for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI in January 1978 in a double header weekend when the team enjoyed two wins against Reading and Southgate by the same 3-0 score. In the latter match an early injury to Raj Toor, who was an effective passenger on the right wing, left the team effectively with ten men for almost the whole of the match. On 21 January 1978, the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI beat Hendon 11-0, including four goals from Abe Hillel and two apiece from Tim and John McDougall.

At the start of the next season, on 30 September 1978, Tim scored two goals for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in the warm-up game against Welwyn Garden City and had a hand in the third. His first was from a short corner initially credited in reports to Stewart Waugh and the second "a brilliant shot into the top corner from the edge of the circle". Brian Guest scored the third following up Tim's lob over the goalkeeper, said by Dave Teale to be a just reward for Brian's fine display. This match was followed by a win 3-1 against Old Kingstonians, the first for eleven seasons!

On 28 October 1978, Tim scored the second goal for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI but the team lost its unbeaten run in a 3-2 defeat by Cheam. They had the ball in the Cheam goal on six occasions but only two were allowed (and they felt that they should have been awarded two penalty flicks).



A week later against Maidenhead, Tim played in what Dave Teale described as the unaccustomed position of full back “but still managed to trot upfield to convert a short corner”. Norman Borrett scored the other goal in what was a 2-1 win, attributed to a “scintillating first half display”.

On 2 December 1978, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI met Oxford University in the Parks and the game ended in a 3-3 draw, with goals from Norman Borrett, Richard Chapman and Dave. The brief report said that defensive lapses meant that it was a draw rather than a win.

Throughout the rest of the season Tim was regularly selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI and involved in the draw with Southgate on 11 February 1979 that ended in a 1-1 draw, with Southgate’s equaliser scored with only three minutes left in the match. Their playing record before then was W15, D1, L0. On 26 February 1979, Tim’s defensive skills were to the fore (along with Dave’s) in an unexpected win against high flying Guildford, gleefully reported by Dave Teale.

<u>HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB</u>		<u>BULLETIN n0.23</u>				<u>MONDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY 1979</u>		
<u>RESULTS</u>	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	6thX1	Vets	
Guildford	1-0	Canc	1-4	Canc	0-1	1-3	2-0	
<u>REPORTS</u>	<p>The 1stX1 (Stewart Waugh 1) added the scalp of European Cup Guildford to their league record. We were ahead after ten minutes through a well struck short corner from Stewart and had a few opportunities to increase the lead. However as the match progressed it became a defensive battle with the Dixon (Dave and Tim) brothers outstanding.</p> <p>The 3rdX1 (Abe Hillel 1) enjoyed a first half which found the teams level. After the interval we deteriorated badly with poor passing (and the lack of it) and</p>							

On 11 March 1979, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI met Enfield in the quarter finals of the Middlesex Cup and defeated them 2-0. Dave Teale’s report makes an oblique reference to Tim’s favoured sport of Karate:-

spot. We had numerous other chances but too many shots were a danger to low-flying aircraft., though apparently Viji found an 'excuse' for this. Adrian Rice had a fine game, and Tim Dixon played throughout with a badly swollen hand having damaged it earlier in the week impersonating the late Bruce Lee. The side meet Teddington or Southgate Adelaide in the semi-final.

The 2ndX1 (Hugh Smith 1, Johnny Miller 1) gave one of their best performances against a strong Slough side. We were one down early on but the side showed tremend-

Tim also participated in the Club’s sponsored Marathon around North London on 2 June 1979. By July, approximately £2,000 had been raised as added funds for the much-demanded drainage of the pitches at Hornsey.

On 3 November 1979, playing in front of the cameras and some top hockey coaches, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI beat Maidenhead 4-1 with goals from Brian Guest, Bill Taylor, Geoff Smith and Tim, in what the Bulletin described as a “sparkling display”, the only blemish being the two yellow cards awarded against Hampstead.

At the start of the 1980-81 season, Dave had taken on the captaincy of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI. Tim was with the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in the traditional warm-up game at Welwyn Garden City.

<u>HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB</u>		<u>BULLETIN 3</u>			<u>MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 1980</u>	
<u>RESULTS</u>	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	
WELWYN GARDEN CITY	7-1	4-1	5-1	2-0	3-2	

The 1stX1 (Dave Dixon 3, Richard Chapman 2, Tim Dixon, Cyril Flajsner) destroyed the opposition in the first half with every attack seemingly resulting in a goal. The side ran out of steam and ideas in the second.

But for inspired goalkeeping the 2ndX1 (Alan Kenyon 2, Dave Mason, Revere) would have beaten the first team...

And he then scored in the Middlesex Cup win against Hayes on 19 October 1980

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB BULLETIN 6 MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 1980

RESULTS	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	Vets	6thX1
Teddington	0-1	1-4	0-1	1-2	6-0	0-3	St Albans 6-1
Middx Cup...	1stX1	3	Hayes	2			

In an entertaining match the 1stX1 (Tim Dixon, Brian Guest, Richard Chapman) overcame Hayes to have the pleasure of playing away to Southgate in the next round. On Saturday the side went down to a 'fluke' goal despite having the best of the play.

For the games against Surbiton on 2 February 1980, Tim was selected for the 2nd XI and Dave for the 1st XI. The 1st XI won 2-0 and the 2nd XI game was cancelled owing to the heavy rain. On 9 February 1980, both brothers played for the 2nd XI and each scored in a 2-1 defeat of Reading. Their participation coincided with two other 1st XI players. This was said to have affected adversely the cohesion of the 2nd XI. However, the report suggests that it was a spectacular goal from Tim.

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB BULLETIN MONDAY 11th FEBRUARY 1980

RESULTS	1stX1	2ndX1	3rdX1	4thX1	5thX1	Vets
Reading	1-4	2-1	2-1	1-0	3-1	Mill Hill 3-1
Southgate	0-4	0-1	0-2			

The 1stX1 continue to concede far too many goals and must seriously rethink their defensive system. Brian Guest scored our solitary goal.

The 2ndX1, with four players down from the first team, naturally found it difficult to play with their usual cohesion but still did enough to win. Dave and Tim Dixon scored the goals, the latter's being a brilliant effort, running almost the full length of the pitch to scoop Hugh Smith's cross one-handed into the roof of the net.

The 3rdX1 scored two superb goals from Steve Griffiths (individual run) and John McCabe. Geoff Wilnot let in a goal whilst he was thinking of his feet placing

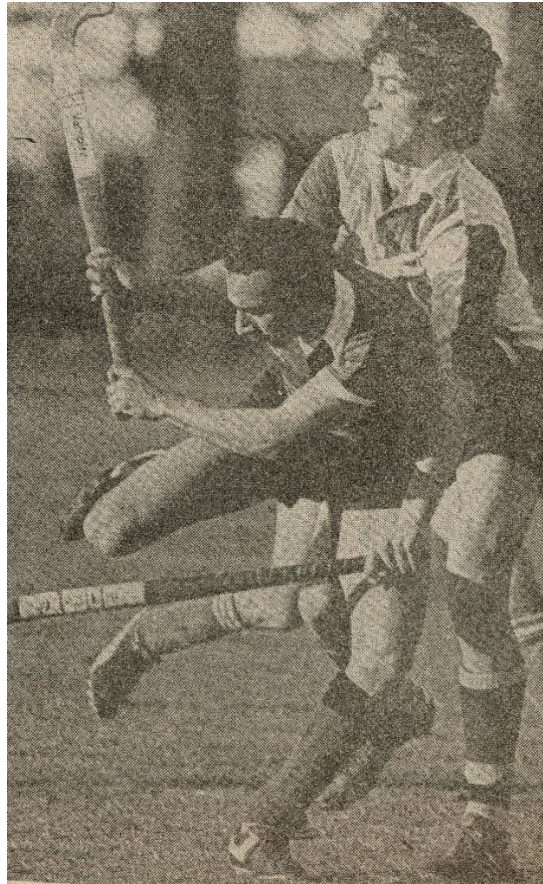
Whatever the circumstance, both Dixons were back in the 1st XI selection for the match on the following day against Southgate.

SELECTION FOR SATURDAY/SUNDAY 9TH/10TH FEBRUARY 1980 bot types of footwear  
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1stX1		2ndX1		3rdX1	
READING	SOUTHGATE	READING	SOUTHGATE	READING	SOUTHGATE
AWAY	AWAY	CORAMS	CORAMS	**AWAY(see	AWAY
2.45	2.45	2.30(n.b.)	2.30(n.b.)	2.45 below)	2.45
Pennington	Pennington	Soares	Soares	Wilnot	Wilnot
Wang	Dixon D	Masterton	Masterton	Taverner	Taverner
Guest	Guest	Jones R	Jones R	Dale	Dale
Asness	Dixon T	Dixon T	Viji	Coleman	Laven
Fletcher	Wang	Dixon D	Asness	McDougall	McDougall
Smith G	Fletcher	Fawley	Coleman	Jarris	Jarris
Ftajsner	Smith G	Ramsay	Ramsay	McCabe	McCabe
Chapman	Ftajsner	Viji	Stanyard	Nickson	Nickson
Borrett	Chapman	Stanyard	Fawley	Griffiths	Griffiths
Wescott	Borrett	Inglès	Inglès	Miller	Miller
Taylor	Wescott	Smith H	Smith H	Hunt	Hunt
	Taylor				
SCHUA	SCHUA	MCHUA	MCHUA	WICKERT	TEALE
Guest 444	7523	Flack	Soares 951	Dale 348	9338

The circumstances may explain Dave's recollection of having been asked to leave the pitch following "some verbal interplay with an umpire" in the preceding week. At that time, there was an unwritten rule that clubs should ban players who got sent off. In the changing rooms afterwards, skipper Brian Guest suggested that this would mean that the team would be missing Dave next week. Tim's fraternal support was immediate and said that if Dave was not to play then he would not do so either. This may have had an unintended consequence, for Tim was not

selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for the following week. Assuming there was a connection, Dave reciprocated the stance taken by his brother and stepped down from the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for that game.



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It was back to the settled pattern on 15 March 1980

SELECTION FOR SATURDAY, 15TH MARCH 1980 (PLEASE TAKE BOTH TYPES OF FOOTWEAR)

<u>1stX1</u>	<u>2ndX1</u>	<u>3rdX1</u>	<u>4thX1</u>	<u>5thX1</u>
BLACKHEATH	BLACKHEATH	BLACKHEATH	BLACKHEATH	HAVERING
HOME or CORAMS	AWAY	CORAMS	AWAY	CREIGHTON NORTH
2.45 or 2.00	2.45	2.45 or 3.15	2.45	2.45
Pennington	Soares	Wilmot	Starr	Nutè
Dixon D	Ashness	Taverner	Barker	Graham
Viji	Jones R	Dale	Earp(r)	Banting
Waugh	Stanyard	Nickson	Fleming (lb)	Elliott
Smith G	McDougall	Laven	Butcher	Grierson
Ramsay	Coleman	Walker	Törnley	Bansal
Guest	Griffiths	Mason D	Go-roeder	Edwards
Taylor	Miller	McCabe	Tipping	DaSilva
Borrett	Fawley	Wickert	Hillel	Morris
Dixon T	Hughes	Flack	Adelston	Davey
Wescott	Smith H	Hunt	Francis	Cross

At the end of the season, Tim was selected for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI for the usual end of season encounter with the RAF on 5 April 1980, after the last London League fixture of the season. An intriguing evening fixture against Finland at Coram's Fields was to follow.

SELECTION FOR SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 1980

<u>1stX1</u>	<u>1stX1</u>	<u>2ndX1</u>	<u>3rdX1</u>
FINLAND X1	RAF	BROXBORNE	BROXBORNE
MORAMS	VINE LANE(Uxbridge)	AWAY	AWAY
5.30 (Wed 9th)	2.45	2.00*(n.b.)	2.00*(n.b.)
Brian Guest will contact players when he has full availability for this game.	Pennington Dixon D Dixon T Waugh Viji Smith G Guest Stanyard Borrett Wescott Taylor	Soares Jones R Masterton Coleman McDougall Laven Griffiths Ashness Fawley Hughes Smith H	Wilmot Wierort Dale Nickson Walker Thornley Mason D McCabe Hillel Flack Hunt
TWO FINNISH UMPS	MCHUA Guest 444 7523	MCHUA Soares 951 0145	TEALE Dale 348 9338

Soon afterwards, Tim left the club to pursue Karate. In the last few years he turned out half a dozen times for the Supervets and enjoyed many years of Legends' games often playing with his son Wyatt.



### National Indoor Hockey

If one as well-versed in hockey matters as Morley Pecker admits to some uncertainty about the structures of indoor hockey in England, it might well be the proper time to try to clarify. As mentioned, the important aspect from the Club's perspective is that Hampstead kept their place

in the Premier Division after the second weekend, with a strengthened team. It survived on goal difference from Repton, who Hampstead defeated earlier 8-1, leaving Repton and the University of Exeter relegated (both having been promoted the season before).

Structurally, there are three divisions, Premier, Division One and Division Two. Division Two is split regionally into a Northern Division and Southern Division. Altogether they are called the Adult Super 6s Championships. They are played over three weekends in January.

In the Premier Division and Division One, each team plays the others in their division once, over the course of the three weekends.

The top four teams (see below) from the Premier Division qualify for the Super 6s Finals Day on Sunday 29 January 2023 (at the Copperbox in the Olympic Park). The bottom two teams are relegated to Division One. The top two teams from Division One are promoted to the Premier Division. The bottom two are relegated to Division Two.

The top two teams from Division Two will be promoted to Division One for 2024 and the teams finishing 3rd and 4th automatically qualify for Division Two North & South in 2024.

In Division Two, with its North and South divisions, each league has six teams, comprised of four qualifiers from last season's competition and one new qualifier from each of the eight regional Areas. They contested matches on 7-8 January 2023. The top three from each league then forming a separate Division Two division, where those games were played on 21-22 January 2023.

East Grinstead women and Wimbledon men are, respectively, the reigning champions following their success in the finals in January 2022.

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Top four [Men & Women] who qualified to the Copperbox Finals will play as follows:-

1030 East Grinstead v Buckingham

1145 Repton v Bowdon Hightown

1300 OG v Surbiton

1415 Wimbledon v East Grinstead

1540 Women's Final

1655 Men's Final

Premier Division **relegated** (to Div 1 in 2024)

Repton and Univ of Exeter

Premier Division **promoted** (from Div 1 in 2023)

Team Bath Buccaneers and Ashmoor (a team from the eastern edge of Dartmoor)

Division One **relegated** (to Division Two)

Doncaster and Ipswich

Division Two North (top three to qualify for Div Two finals)

Bowdon

Beeston

Khalsa Leamington

Deeside Ramblers

Belper

City of York

Division Two South (top three to qualify for Div Two finals)

Southgate  
 Guildford  
Univ of Bristol  
 St Albans  
 Trojans  
 Fareham

Division Two Finals

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Univ of Bristol 4 Bowdon 6

Beeston 7 Guildford 4

Khalsa 7 Southgate 14 [Q1: 1-2, Q2: 1-8, Q3: 7-8, Q4: 7-14]

Beeston 8 Univ of Bristol 3

Bowdon 8 Khalsa 4

Guildford 5 Southgate 4

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Univ of Bristol 6 Khalsa 4

Beeston 5 Southgate 9

Guildford 2 Bowdon 6

Southgate 7 Univ of Bristol 1

Khalsa 5 Guildford 6

Beeston 13 Bowdon 4

Univ of Bristol 5 Guildford 3

Southgate 7 Bowdon 3

Khalsa 7 Beeston 16

Beeston	5	4	0	1	27	12
<u>Southgate</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>12</u>
Bowdon	5	3	0	2	-3	9
Guildford	5	2	0	3	-7	6
University of Bristol	5	2	0	3	-9	6
Khalsa Leamington	5	0	0	5	-28	0

As mentioned, the top two teams, Beeston and Southgate are therefore promoted to Division One for 2024. The other teams [re-]qualify for Division Two North & South in 2024.

Teague Marcano, formerly of Hampstead, who joined Southgate this season was Division Two's top scorer, with 30 goals (16 field, 10 corners and 4 penalty strokes). Dan Fox was playing for Guildford, where he remains Director of Hockey.

### FIH World Cup

This year's competition has not lacked drama or surprise. Hopefully this Communiqué will arrive in time for the latter Quarter Finals.

So far:-

#### **Pool A**

Australia 8 France 0

Argentina 1 South Africa 0

France 2 South Africa 1

Argentina 3 Australia 3

France 5 Argentina 5

Australia 9 South Africa 2

### **Pool B**

Belgium 5 Korea 0  
Germany 3 Japan 0  
Germany 2 Belgium 2  
Korea 2 Japan 1  
Korea 2 Germany 7  
Belgium 7 Japan 1

### **Pool C**

New Zealand 3 Chile 1  
Netherlands 4 Malaysia 0  
Malaysia 3 Chile 2  
New Zealand 0 Netherlands 4  
Malaysia 3 New Zealand 2  
Netherlands 14 Chile 0

### **Pool D**

England 5 Wales 0  
India 2 Spain 0  
Spain 5 Wales 1  
England 0 India 0  
Spain 0 England 4  
India 4 Wales 2

### **Cross Overs**

Malaysia 2 Spain 2 (3-4 s/out)  
India 3 New Zealand 3 (4-5 s/out)  
Germany 5 France 1  
Argentina 5 Korea 5 (2-3 s/out)

### **Quarter Finals**

Australia 4 Spain 3  
Belgium 2 New Zealand 0  
England v Germany  
Netherlands v Korea

### **Other Places**

South Africa v Malaysia  
Wales v France  
Chile v Argentina  
Japan v India

### **Semi Finals**

Australia v England or Germany  
Belgium v Netherlands or Korea

**Congratulations** to Jacob Draper of Wales (and Hampstead!) for his goal against India that brought the scores to 2-2 and led to a hush about the usually tumultuous stadium.

### **Next edition**

As mentioned, all being well, the next Newsletter will cover the second part and end of the 2022-23 season.

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