

Welcome

This is the fortieth Newsletter in the current format. It covers the mid-way point of the 2023-24 season, including a renewed invitation the Gala Dinner to be convened on Saturday 3 February 2024 at Balls Brothers in Austin Friars, London EC2N 2HG, to which all are warmly invited.



And, in tabloid format once more, the highlights for the season so far (and in no particular order) are:

- Goalkeeper Toby Reynolds Cotterell wins his first Great Britain cap
- Marco Riley and Lucas Smart are selected for the England U18 squad
- Both make their debuts, along with Freddy Pettifer, for the Men's 1st XI in the Premier Division
- Carys Isherwood of the Hampstead Talent Academy is selected for the England Women's U18 squad
- Club President Richard Sykes is appointed Chairman of Middlesex County Cricket Club
- Rupert Shipperley and Sarah Robertson are appointed to vice captaincy roles with Great Britain
- James Oates recovers from an injury but is selected as a travelling reserve for Great Britain at the Olympic Qualifiers in Oman in January 2024. Rupert Shipperley is selected too.

- Both 1st XIs qualify for the top six competition in the Premier Division, starting in February 2024
- Madi Ratcliffe, the former Australian international, makes a superb goal scoring start for the women's 1st XI
- Brian Beaumont Owles, largely responsible for steering the club out of declining mediocrity at the start of the 1970s and now living in Sydney, makes his first visit to PRG
- Matt Guise-Brown helps South Africa qualify for the Paris Olympic Games
- Kei Kaeppler represents the US in the Pan American Games in Santiago, Chile
- Club teams largely find the going tough in the London Area leagues but the Zak Hond are second in the men's Division 2 North, the Thirsts XI lead the men's Division 4 North West and the Colts are currently second in the men's Division 5 North West, with the Spaniards XI in fifth place.

National League

At the half way stage (with frost and heavy rain having led to some games being postponed) the various divisions read as follows. In the Premier Divisions, there is a split between the top six and the rest to determine the second half of the season (and to lead to the play offs).

Men

Premier Division

Old Georgians	11	10	0	1	66	15	51	30 pts
Surbiton	11	10	0	1	61	14	47	30
Holcombe	11	9	0	2	54	12	42	27
Wimbledon	11	8	0	3	34	14	20	24
Hampstead	11	7	0	4	31	23	8	21
Southgate	11	5	1	5	40	33	7	16
Oxted	11	4	1	6	26	36	-10	13
Beeston	11	4	1	6	39	50	-21	13
East Grinstead	11	4	0	7	16	47	-31	12
Cardiff & Met	11	2	1	8	18	50	-32	7
Reading	11	1	0	10	11	48	-37	3
University of Nottingham	11	0	0	11	12	56	-44	0

Division 1 South

Richmond	9	7	1	1	27	17	10	22 pts
University of Exeter	10	6	2	2	27	18	9	20
Old Loughtonians	10	6	0	4	25	14	11	18
Canterbury	10	5	2	3	23	23	0	17
Old Cranleighan	9	5	0	4	24	18	6	15
Teddington	10	4	3	3	25	20	5	15
Sevenoaks	8	3	1	4	12	15	-3	10
Team Bath Buccaneers	10	3	1	6	21	25	-4	10
Havant	10	2	4	4	16	25	-9	10
Brighton & Hove	10	0	0	10	15	40	-25	0

Division 1 North

Bowdon	9	8	1	0	30	11	19	25 pts
Brooklands Manchester Univ	9	7	1	1	31	15	16	22
Loughborough Students	9	5	2	2	21	14	7	17
Olton & West Warwickshire	9	4	2	3	19	19	0	14
Durham University	9	4	1	4	20	16	4	13

Harborne	9	4	1	4	27	24	3	13
University of Birmingham	9	2	2	5	28	32	-4	8
Deeside Ramblers	9	2	1	6	19	25	-6	7
Cambridge City	9	1	2	6	13	34	-21	6
Leeds	9	1	1	7	17	35	-18	4
Conference West								
University of Bristol	10	7	1	2	26	12	14	22 pts
Oxford Hawks	10	6	1	3	25	17	8	19
Clifton Robinsons	10	6	0	4	34	23	11	18
Isca	10	5	2	3	27	18	9	17
Chichester	10	4	2	4	22	18	4	14
University of Exeter 2	10	4	1	5	20	20	0	13
Ashmoor	10	4	1	5	14	20	-6	13
Fareham	10	4	1	5	19	32	-13	13
Cheltenham	10	3	1	6	18	26	-8	10
Plymouth Marjon	10	1	2	7	22	41	-19	5
Conference North								
Lindum	9	8	1	0	45	15	30	25 pts
Timperley	9	7	1	1	43	12	31	22
Doncaster	9	7	9	2	35	18	17	21
Ben Rhydding	9	5	0	4	19	18	1	15
Wakefield	9	4	0	5	18	19	-1	12
Beeston 2	9	4	0	5	16	28	-12	12
Oxton	9	3	0	6	27	29	-2	9
Brooklands Manchester Univ 2	9	3	0	6	18	26	-8	9
Sheffield	9	2	2	5	15	21	-6	8
Belper	9	0	0	9	6	56	-50	0
Conference East								
Indian Gymkhana	10	7	3	0	46	15	31	24 pts
Spencer	9	6	1	2	26	18	8	19
Surbiton 2	8	4	2	2	14	15	-1	14
Guildford	8	4	1	3	19	16	3	13
London Wayfarers	8	4	1	3	14	14	0	13
Hampstead 2	9	2	3	4	18	22	-4	9
Bromley & Beckenham	9	2	3	4	17	22	-5	9
Wimbledon 2	8	3	0	5	15	23	-8	9
Ipswich	9	2	1	6	19	28	-18	7
Old Georgians 2	8	1	1	6	9	15	-6	4
Conference Midlands								
University of Nottingham 2	10	8	1	1	32	18	14	25
Stourport	9	6	2	1	22	10	12	20
Barford Tigers	10	5	2	3	30	22	8	17
Norwich City	8	4	1	3	26	20	6	13
Harleston Magpies	9	4	1	4	22	19	3	13
Banbury	10	3	4	3	24	25	-1	13
University of Birmingham	9	3	1	5	19	26	-7	10
St Albans	9	2	3	4	13	18	-5	9

Bedford	8	1	2	5	14	32	-18	5
City of Peterborough	10	1	1	8	22	34	-12	4
<i>Women</i>								
Premier Division								
Surbiton	11	10	0	1	40	9	31	30 pts
Reading	11	8	1	2	26	15	11	25
East Grinstead	11	6	1	4	31	21	10	19
Hampstead	11	5	3	3	23	14	9	18
University of Nottingham	11	4	4	3	24	28	-4	16
Bowdon	11	3	6	2	17	19	-2	15
University of Birmingham	11	3	5	3	17	18	-1	14
Wimbledon	11	3	5	3	14	16	-2	14
Clifton Robinsons	11	3	4	4	17	26	-9	13
Loughborough Students	11	2	2	7	11	23	-12	8
Beeston	11	2	1	8	10	18	-8	7
Isca & University of Exeter	11	1	0	10	6	29	-23	3
Division One North								
Buckingham	10	6	3	1	24	13	11	21 pts
Sutton Coldfield	9	6	2	1	23	10	13	20
Durham University	8	4	3	1	16	10	6	15
Ben Rhydding	9	4	2	3	16	10	6	14
Gloucester City	9	4	2	3	19	15	4	14
Leicester City	9	4	1	4	14	20	-6	13
Olton & West Warwickshire	9	2	2	5	19	23	-4	8
Stourport	9	2	2	5	13	22	-9	8
Wakefield	9	2	1	6	9	22	-13	7
Swansea	9	0	4	5	3	11	-8	4
Division One South								
Surbiton 2	9	9	0	0	30	9	21	27 pts
Holcombe	9	6	1	2	33	16	17	19
Barnes	8	6	1	1	21	13	8	19
Slough	10	4	3	3	16	16	0	15
Sevenoaks	10	4	2	4	14	15	-1	14
Canterbury	8	3	1	4	9	16	-7	10
Wimbledon 2	9	2	1	6	16	26	-10	7
Team Bath Buccaneers	10	2	1	7	15	25	-10	7
Southgate	8	2	0	6	10	17	-7	6
Harleston Magpies	9	1	2	6	12	23	-11	5
Conference West								
Witney	10	5	3	2	25	17	8	18 pts
Bristol Firebrands	9	5	3	1	23	15	8	18
Trojans	9	5	1	3	25	15	10	16
Clifton Robinsons 2	8	4	2	2	18	12	6	14
Oxford Hawks	9	4	1	4	14	14	0	13
Reading 2	8	4	0	4	18	17	1	12
Exeter	8	4	0	4	24	24	0	12

Cheltenham	8	3	2	3	10	9	1	11
Basingstoke	8	2	0	6	6	26	-20	6
Fareham	9	0	2	7	7	21	-14	2

Conference Midlands

Repton	9	7	2	0	25	9	16	23 pts
Cambridge City 2	9	6	1	2	23	13	10	19
Beeston 2	9	5	3	1	28	10	18	18
St Albans	9	5	2	2	24	11	13	17
Doncaster	9	4	1	4	15	17	-2	13
University of Birmingham	8	3	1	4	21	18	3	11
Cannock	8	3	1	4	15	18	-3	10
Bedford	9	2	3	4	10	14	-4	9
Belper	10	1	1	8	8	34	-22	4
Oxford University	9	0	2	7	9	38	29	2

Conference North

Pendle Forest	8	6	1	1	23	9	14	19 pts
Newcastle University	10	4	5	1	17	10	7	17
Leeds	9	4	3	2	21	10	11	15
Fylde	8	4	2	2	10	12	-2	14
Bowdon 2	10	3	4	3	15	13	2	13
Didsbury Northern	9	2	5	2	13	15	-2	11
Durham University 2	9	3	1	5	9	15	-6	10
Timperley	9	1	4	4	10	15	-5	7
Harrogate	9	1	4	4	13	23	-10	7
Brooklands Poynton	9	1	3	5	9	18	-9	6

Conference East

Guildford	8	7	0	1	30	14	16	21 pts
London Wayfarers	9	6	2	1	25	11	14	20
Spencer	9	5	1	3	19	12	7	16
Teddington	8	4	1	3	23	21	2	13
Old Loughtonians	8	3	3	2	12	11	1	12
Hampstead 2	8	3	4	1	25	11	14	11
Old Georgians	9	3	1	5	15	16	-1	10
East London	9	2	1	6	12	22	-15	7
Horsham	9	2	0	7	13	28	-15	6
Ipswich	9	1	1	7	9	37	-28	4

Results

Men

Premier Division

In the opening game against Surbiton, youth players Freddy Pettifer and Lucas Smart were given their debuts for the 1st XI, when the team was missing a few of its regular players. The game was evenly matched until the last ten minutes when Matt Guise Brown was awarded a yellow card and Surbiton then scored goals in the 62nd and 66th minutes to pull away. The team initially struggled against Nottingham University in the first 20 minutes but then found its way to win convincingly. This was repeated to the next match at Sonning Lane with a comfortable win. The team struggled with the pace of the ball against Oxted on the sand based pitch at Caterham School and having taken the lead were pegged back twice before late goals secured the win.

A spicy match under the lights against Southgate followed, witnessing the return of Kwan Browne, Huw Stevens (assistant coach) David Stevens (as manager) and Will Calnan in midfield for the visitors. Kwan converted a penalty stroke for Southgate, to which Matt Guise Brown replied and a cracking shot after a swivel at the top of the heavily populated circle from James Oates led to the win, in a game with much atmosphere generated by both sets of supporters.

Perhaps the best win of the season followed at Wimbledon in driving rain, when Hampstead were two goals down at half time. A purple patch in the second-half led to three goals and three points. By contrast, this was immediately followed next day by a most frustrating afternoon against East Grinstead, who scored from a deflection and then maintained a robust defence for the remainder of the game, frustrating Hampstead's forwards time and time again.

Hampstead took the lead against the fancied Old Georgians with an early goal from Sam Apoola and then came under increasing pressure from the home team. However Toby Reynolds Cotterell was in scintillating form in goal and frustrated all the short corners thrown at him, particularly a dozen from Great Britain international Sam Ward. Hampstead's pressed defence could not hold out and OG scored late on for a result that did not reflect Hampstead's challenge, not assisted by injuries in the second half to Rupert Shipperley and James Oates (nor one rapid Hampstead counter attack with four passes from one goal line to the other, and which just flew past the post).

Marco Riley made his debut in the match against Cardiff and Met that ended in a comfortable win. Hampstead also looked comfortable in the game against Beeston, settled by an early short corner goal from Matt Guise Brown but were pegged back twice. Josh Kelly scored the third goal with a remarkable tap in, following an aerial from Matt Guise Brown that dropped over the head of the advancing goalkeeper, landing in the circle and rather mesmerised the *ball watching* home defence, only for the alert Josh to nip in and divert the ball into the goal.

Holcombe executed two well worked short corners after Nick Bandurak had converted a penalty stroke following a foot stop in the Hampstead goal and, try as they might, Hampstead were unable to get back into the game, which featured at least two world class saves from Great Britain goalkeeper Ollie Payne. This was another instance where the score did not reflect the true nature of the game.

Surbiton 5 Hampstead 2	Guise-Brown Apoola
Hampstead 5 Nottingham University 0	Guise-Brown (2) Kaepeller (3)
Reading 1 Hampstead 5	French (2) Apoola (2) Guise-Brown
Oxted 2 Hampstead 4	Guise-Brown French (2) Kaepeller
Hampstead 2 Southgate 1	Guise-Brown Oates
Wimbledon 2 Hampstead 3	Shipperley (2) Hutchinson
Hampstead 0 East Grinstead 1	
Old Georgians 4 Hampstead 1	Apoola
Hampstead 4 Cardiff & Met 0	Apoola, Crowson, J Kelly French
Beeston 2 Hampstead 4	Guise-Brown (2) J Kelly Morgan
Hampstead 1 Holcombe 5	Guise-Brown

East Conference

Indian Gymkhana 4 Hampstead 4	Hincks Spencer Brownill Buddle
Hampstead 6 Wimbledon 2	Spencer (4) Buddle Steffens
Surbiton 3 Hampstead 1	Sutcliffe
Ipswich 0 Hampstead 2	J Kelly Steffens
Hampstead 2 Bromley & Beckenham 2	J Kelly Spencer
Old Georgians 1 Hampstead 1	Buddle
Hampstead 0 London Wayfarers 3	

Spencer 2 Hampstead 1
Hampstead 1 Indian Gymkhana 5

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Women

Premier Division

Birmingham University 1 Hampstead 1	[]
Hampstead 4 Nottingham University 1	Elliott Burge Davey H Hunt
Reading 1 Hampstead 1	Ratcliffe
Surbiton 3 Hampstead 1	Ratcliffe
Hampstead 3 Isca & University of Exeter 0	Wilkinson Greenwood Ratcliffe
Wimbledon 2 Hampstead 1	O'Flanagan
Hampstead 1 East Grinstead 5	O'Flanagan
Loughborough Students 0 Hampstead 4	Ratcliffe (2) Greenwood Owsley
Hampstead 5 Clifton Robinsons 0	O'Flanagan (2) Owsley Ratcliffe (2)
Beeston 0 Hampstead 1	Ratcliffe
Hampstead 1 Bowdon Hightown 1	Burge

East Conference

Guildford 2 Hampstead 1	Murdoch
Hampstead 7 Horsham 1	Burns Greenwood (3) Eggink de Breij Hastings
East London 1 Hampstead 1	de Breij
Ipswich 0 Hampstead 6	Eggink (3) Burns Wilkinson Hastings
Hampstead 3 Teddington 3	Greenwood Burns (2)
Old Georgians 1 Hampstead 1	de Breij
Hampstead 1 London Wayfarers 1	de Breij
Spencer 2 Hampstead 5	Elliott (2) Eggink Moore

Fixtures

In the Premier Division, matches for the second part of the season are as follows.

Men

10 Feb 2024	Hampstead v Wimbledon
17 Feb 2024	Southgate v Hampstead
24 Feb 2024	Hampstead v Old Georgians
2 Mar 2024	Holcombe v Hampstead (6.30pm)
9 Mar 2024	Hampstead v Surbiton

Women

10 Feb 2024	Hampstead v Surbiton
17 Feb 2024	University of Nottingham v Hampstead
24 Feb 2024	Hampstead v Reading
2 Mar 2024	East Grinstead v Hampstead
9 Mar 2024	Hampstead v Bowdon

In the Conferences for the 2nd XIs, which continue to be on an *home and away* basis throughout, the following are scheduled.

Men

25.1.24	Guildford (h) (3.45pm)
4.2.24	Wimbledon 2 (a)
10.2.24	Surbiton 2 (h)
18.2.24	Ipswich (a)

25.2.24 Bromley & Beckenham (a)
3.3.24 Old Georgians 2 (h)
10.3.24 London Wayfarers (a)
17.3.24 Spencer (a)
24.3.24 Guildford (a)

Women

21.1.24 Old Loughtonians (h) (2.15pm)
27.1.24 Guildford (h) (1.45pm)
3.2.24 Horsham (a)
10.2.24 East London (h)
17.2.24 Ipswich (h)
24.2.24 Teddington (a)
2.3.24 Old Georgians (h)
9.3.24 London Wayfarers (a)
16.3.24 Spencer (h)
23.3.24 Old Loughtonians (h)

England Hockey: London Area

[listing just the top three teams in each division]

London Men's Division 1

Teddington 2
Epsom 1
Bromley and Beckenham 2

Hampstead 3 = 11th

London Men's Division 2 North

Southgate 3
Hampstead Zak Hond
Crostyx 1

Hampstead 4 = 11th

London Men's Division 4 North West

Hampstead Thirsts
Richmond Griffins
Harrow 1

London Men's Division 5 North West

Old Merchants Taylors 3
Hampstead Colts
Winchmore Hill & Enfield 1

Hampstead Spaniards = 5th

South Masters O40 Premier Division

Old Cranleighans
Spencer
Old Georgians Fire

Hampstead = 11th

South Masters O50 Premier Division

Reading Redsox
Epsom Old School
Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers

Hampstead = 7th

South Masters O60 Premier Division

Bromley & Beckenham
Indian Gymkhana Grandmasters
Spencer Grandmasters

Hampstead = 5th

London Women's Premier Division

Wapping 1
Surbiton 3
London Wayfarers 1

Hampstead 3 = 8th

London Women's Division 1

West Hampstead 1
Surbiton 4
Spencer 2

Hampstead 4 = 11th

London Women's Division 2 North

Spencer 3
West Hampstead 2
Easr London 2

Hampstead 5 = 5th

London Women's Division 4 North West

PHC Chiswick 1
Hendon & Mill Hill 1
Hampstead 6

Hampstead 7 = 7th

Indoor Hockey

The Adult Super 6s Championships will be played over three weekends in January 2024. The Premier Division, Division One and Division Two North & South leagues across both genders begin on 6-7 January 2024, taking place at several venues across the country.

Division Two will be split into North and South divisions, with each league having six teams made up of four qualifiers from last season's competition and one qualifier from each of the eight Areas. They will contest matches on 6-7 January 2024, with the top three from each league then forming a separate Division Two division, where those games will be played on 20-21 January 2024.

In the Premier Division and Division One, each team will play the others in their league once over the course of three weekends. The top four teams from the Premier Division will qualify for the Super 6s Finals Day on Sunday 28 January 2024 at Derby Arena. The bottom two teams will be relegated to Division One.

The top two teams from Division One will be promoted to the Premier Division for 2025, while the bottom two will be relegated to Division Two. The top two teams from Division Two will be promoted to Division One for 2025 and the teams finishing 3rd and 4th will automatically qualify for Division Two North & South in 2025.

6-7 January 2024 - Premier Division, Division One, Division Two (North and South)

13-14 January 2024 - Premier Division, Division One

20-21 January 2024 - Division Two

28 January 2024 - Finals

Venues

- Men's Premier Division – Whitgift School
- Women's Premier Division – Repton School
- Men's Division One - Week 1, Nottingham Trent; Week 2, UWE
- Women's Division One - Week 1, Phoenix Telford; Week 2, Canterbury
- Men's Division Two - Week 1, Canterbury (South), Aldersley (North); Week 2, Repton School
- Women's Division Two - Week 1, UWE (South), Aldersley (North); Week 2, Phoenix Telford
- Finals - Derby Arena

The Premier Division teams are Ashmoor, East Grinstead, Hampstead, Holcombe, Old Georgians, Sevenoaks, Surbiton, Team Bath Buccaneers and Wimbledon.

Hampstead's matches are:

6 January 2024

1030h Hampstead v Holcombe

1430 Bath Buccaneers v Hampstead

7 January 2024

1300 Hampstead v Wimbledon

1700 Surbiton v Hampstead

13 January 2024

1330 Old Georgians v Hampstead

1830 Hampstead v East Grinstead

14 January 2024

1200 Hampstead v Ashmoor

1500 Hampstead v Sevenoaks

As a travelling reserve for the Olympic Qualifiers in Oman a week later, James Oates is forbidden by GB to play for the club indoors.

International Retirement



Steve Kelly is 31 and started his hockey career in Gloucestershire at Cirencester HC before moving to Oxford Brookes to study and play at Oxford Hawks HC. From there he played for three years at Surbiton, making his English Premier League debut, as well as appearing the playoffs finals for all three years. He then moved to H&W, under Kwan Browne in 2016, where he has played ever since, winning the championship in 2019. He played 85 times for Wales, beginning in June 2015 in a series with Scotland. His most recent appearances were with Wales at the Euro Championships in Mönchengladbach in August. He has now retired from international hockey, possibly linked to his leaving a teaching career at Dulwich College and moving into asset management in the City of London.

Further Welsh based news

Welsh international Ruper Shipperley was appointed to a vice-captaincy role in the Great Britain men's squad for the FIH 2023/2024 Pro League in Argentina. The 31-year-old forward is joined by fellow Wales international (and former Hampstead player) Jacob Draper in a squad of 23. Shipperley has 33 Great Britain caps.

"We have a great locker room and I hope I can continue to contribute both on the field and as one of the vice-captains," he said. Having scored on his debut in a thrilling 4-4 draw against Australia at the start of the 2020 FIH Hockey Pro League, Shipperley has gone on to take his GB tally to six, including scoring in the Tokyo Olympics. Defender Draper, 25, made his GB debut in 2019 and has 25 caps as well as 68 internationals for Wales.

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FIH Pro League

The FIH Pro League continues even in an Olympic year. Both Great Britain's men's and women's teams faced Argentina and the Netherlands in the first *mini tournament* in Santiago del Estero from 6-11 December 2023 to kick start the 2023-24 Pro League.

This is the table after the first four matches, with the other teams having yet to play.

Men

Netherlands	4	2	1	1	1	10	7	3	8
Argentina	4	1	2	1	1	6	8	-2	6
Great Britain	4	1	1	0	2	6	7	-1	4

Argentina 2 Great Britain 1

Great Britain 3 Netherlands 2

Argentina 0 Netherlands 3

Argentina 1 Great Britain 1 (2-1 shoot out)

Netherlands 2 Great Britain 1

Argentina 3 Netherlands 3 (6-7 shoot out)

Women

Netherlands	4	4	0	0	0	24	3	21	12
Argentina	4	1	1	1	2	4	12	-8	5
Great Britain	4	0	1	0	3	2	15	-13	1

Argentina 0 Great Britain 0 (2- 0 shoot out)

Great Britain 0 Netherlands 8

Argentina 1 Netherlands 4

Argentina 2 Great Britain 1

Netherlands 5 Great Britain 1

Argentina 1 Netherlands 7

There are further rounds in Buenos Aires (14-19 February 2024), Bhubaneswar and Rourkela, India (3-25 February 2024), Antwerp (22 May-2 June 2024), London (1-12 June 2024) and Utrecht and Amsterdam (22-30 June 2024).

Euro Hockey Men's KO16 2023-24

6 -8 October 2023

Waterloo Ducks 5 Banbridge 3

Old Georgians 5 Mannheimer 1

Racing Club de France 2 Holcombe 4

CA Montrouge 1 Real Club de Polo 4

Post SV 1 HC Rotweiss Wettingen 1

Banbridge 2 Mannheimer 7

Royal Leopold 1 Harvestehuder 0

Western Wildcats 3 TJ Plzeň-Litice 1

Racing Club de France 3 CA Montrouge 6

Bloemendaal 1 SV Kampong 2

Waterloo Ducks 2 Old Georgians 3

Harvestehuder 4 HC Rotweiss 1

Holcombe 0 Real Club de Polo 1

Royal Leopold 3 Post SV 1

Bloemendaal 17 TJ Plzeň-Litice 1

SV Kampong 11 Western Wildcats 0

Euro Hockey KO8 2023-24

28 March – 1 April 2024

Men

Old Georgians v Club Campo de Madrid

Pinoke v Real Club de Polo

Royal Leopold v Rot Weiss Koln

Gantoise v S V Kampong

Women

Loreto v Junior HC

Mannheimer v Club Campo de Madrid

SCHC v Gantoise

AH & BC Amsterdam v East Grinstead

Olympic Games 2024: Qualification

The Olympic hockey tournament will take place from 27 July 2024 until 5 August 2024. The venue is the stadium Yves du Manoir, located to the north west of Paris in Colombes. This was the main venue Olympic Games in 1924 where the opening ceremony took place and was followed by the athletics competition.

The refurbished stadium will house 15,000 spectators. It will become the home of the French Hockey Federation after the Games, as part of the legacy commitment.

The men's teams to have qualified for the Games are:

France as host country

Australia (Winners of the 2023 Oceania Cup)

Netherlands (Winners of the 2023 Euro Hockey Championship)

India (Winners of the 2022 Asian Games)

Argentina (Winners of the 2023 Pan American Games and

South Africa (Winners of the 2023 African Olympic Qualifier).

Six other places are to be decided at the 2024 FIH Hockey Olympic Qualifiers between 13-21 January 2024 to be held in Valencia and Muscat, Oman.

The women's teams to have qualified for the Games are

France as host country

Australia

Netherlands

China (Winners of the 2022 Asian Games)

Argentina and

South Africa.

Six other places are to be decided at the Qualifiers between 13 - 20 January 2024 to be held at Ranchi and Valencia.

The sixteen men's Qualifying teams are Ireland, Ukraine, New Zealand, Austria, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, China, Malaysia, Pakistan, South Korea, Japan, Canada, Chile and Egypt.

In Oman, Great Britain are in Pool A, along with Malaysia, Pakistan and China. Great Britain plays against Pakistan on 15 January 2024, against Malaysia on 16 January 2024 and China on 18 January 2024.

In Pool B are Germany, New Zealand, Canada and Chile.

In Valencia, the teams in Pool A are Belgium, Ireland, Japan and Ukraine. Ireland will play Ukraine on 14 January 2024, Belgium on 15 January 2024 and Japan on 17 January 2024. Pool B contains Spain, South Korea, Austria and Egypt.

The sixteen qualifying teams for the women's equivalent competition are Czech Republic, Ukraine, New Zealand, Belgium, Germany, Great Britain, Ireland, Spain, Italy, India, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Canada, Chile and United States.

In Ranchi, Pool A consists of Chile, Czech Republic, Germany and Japan. Pool B comprises India, Italy, New Zealand and United States.

In Valencia, Pool A consists of Belgium, Ireland, South Korea and Ukraine. Great Britain are in Pool B, along with Canada, Malaysia and Spain. Great Britain meets Canada on 13 January 2024, Spain on 15 January 2024 and Malaysia on 16 January 2024.

Celebrating Diversity

Hampstead was one of the original 21 London Clubs who formed the London Hockey League in 1969. It soon became recognised as having one of the more diverse memberships in the League, eager to embrace Asian hockey and in particular players from Kenya. Dil Bahra, the well-known researcher and writer of Sikh hockey is aiming to record all Asian players in the League throughout its existence and asked the Club for help.

Ramesh Seedher played in the very first match for Hampstead in the 1969-70 season. Ramesh came to the UK from Kenya. He had played for Sir Ali Muslim Club in Nairobi, Kenya to a very high standard.

In the following season, 1970-71, Kewal Seedher, his younger brother, played for Hampstead. He had also played for Sir Ali Muslim Club in Nairobi. He was shortlisted for Kenya's team for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome. In this second season, another Kenyan, Tarlok Mandair and Imitiaz Sheikh from Uganda played for the Club. Imitiaz had played international hockey.

Sukhpal (Suki) Rao joined the Club in the third London League season, 1971-72. Sukhi was also from Kenya. He was born in Mombasa, Kenya and had been in the UK since 1954. He had played for Slough, Teddington and London Indians before joining Hampstead. Suki went on to captain Hampstead in the 1972-73 and 1973-74 seasons. (Harvinderpal Gurmulk and Tochi all played for London Indians under Suki).

Ganesh (Mac) Madrira and Viji Vijendren also joined in this third season. Viji went on to captain Hampstead in 1978-79 season.

In the 1973-74 season, there was an influx of Asians at Hampstead. Harvinderpal Sibia, joined the Club. He had represented Kenya at the Munich Olympic Games in 1972, as well as the 1971 World Cup in Barcelona 1971 and in Amsterdam in 1973. Two other Kenyans, Gurmulk Soor and Tarlochan (Tochi) Panesar also joined.

The London Indians v Middlesex team sheet for the match on 20 October 1973 shows Sukhi Rao (Capt); Gurmulk Soor (Hampstead); Suti Khehar (Slough) and Jas Missan (Spencer) playing for London Indians and Harvinderpal Sibia (Hampstead) and Iky Kullar (London University) playing for Middlesex.

The London Indians v England team sheet for the match on 23 March 1974 at Northampton College shows Sukhi Rao (capt); Gurmulk Soor (Hampstead) and Harvinderpal Sibia (Hampstead) playing for London Indians and Suti Khehar (Slough) playing for England.


Indian internationals M P Ganesh and Govinda played for Hampstead after the 1973 World Cup in Amsterdam. These must have been friendly matches, as there is no mention of them in match reports.

In the 1977-78 season another Kenyan, Harvinder Kular joined the Club. Harvinder was a Kenya international and went on to represent Kenya at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1984.

Charan (Ben) Bewara, also from Kenya joined the Club in 1980-81 season as did Raj Rawal. Raj was also from Kenya and was a Great Britain and England international.

1894 Campaign

The fund raising campaign continues and has recently been refreshed. Lest memories may be fading here are the details of what the Club is aiming to achieve and why.



HWHC 1894 Campaign (Season 2023-24)


Securing the success and long-term future of Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club


- HWHC 1894 Club
- HWHC 1894 Society
- HWHC 1894 Network
- Annual Fundraising Dinner
- Other Charitable Donations
- Sponsorship
- Other ways to support HWHC
- HWHC Alumni



November 2023

How are funds from the HWHC 1894 Campaign used?






Coaching

Continued investment in top quality coaching and coaches at all levels within the Club.


Select Junior and Adult teams, Development and weekday and weekend Junior and Adult coaches.



Players

Attract and retain the best home grown and International players.

Accommodation subsidies and support to select International and ex-International Ladies and Men's team players.




Junior Club

Continue expansion of the Junior Club.

Investment in the Junior Talent Centre.

Supporting Juniors to transition into Adult hockey.


Club Administrators.



Junior Talent Academy

Talent Academy Licence and obligation to develop young talent in our catchment area (25 girls and 25 boys).


Deliver on the Club's obligations as an England Hockey Junior Talent Academy including 5-6 fully paid scholarships.



Ladies and Men's 1s and 2s

Maintain our status as a National League Premier Division club, challenging at the top of both leagues and regularly competing in Europe.


Develop strong and deep squads to provide support and stability to maintain our leading positions in the National Leagues.



Junior pathway to Adult Hockey

Pathway between the Junior Club and 1s team hockey for talented Juniors via the Ladies and Men's 2s and 3s.

Integration of Junior Club members into Adult team hockey.




Affiliation and Development Courses

League and England Hockey affiliation fees.

Umpiring and umpiring development courses.

Coaching development courses.

Hockey kit and equipment including protective equipment such as face masks and goalkeeping equipment.



Charitable Objective

Continue to achieve our charitable objective of the promotion and participation in hockey at all levels and ages.

Fund scholarships to support Juniors from state and inner-city areas.

Support the 'Back to Hockey' programme.

Disability Hockey subsidised programmes.

What are the short (Season 2023-24) and long-term aims of the HWHC 1894 Campaign in numbers?



Total Donations	Total Donors	HWHC 1894 Club Members	HWHC 1894 Club Donations	HWHC 1894 Society Members	HWHC 1894 Network Members
£76,205 ↕ (Season 2022-23)	23 ↕ (Season 2022-23)	14 (Season 2022-23)	£69,830 (Season 2022-23) (μ) £4,916 per member	4 (Season 2022-23)	12 (Season 2022-23)
Annually raise at least £100,000 to secure the success and long-term future of HWHC	Annually increase the total number of individuals, families and companies providing financial support to HWHC	Annually increase the total number of individuals, families and companies qualifying for 1894 Club Membership	Annually increase the total amount raised by 1894 Club Members Annually increase the average (μ) amount donated by 1894 Club Members	Annually increase the total number of members of the 1894 Society	Annually increase the total number of people joining the 1894 Network
Lessen the historic and unsustainable reliance on a very small number of extremely generous donors	Annually increase the total number of Junior Club parents providing financial support Annually increase the total number of Adult Club members and Alumni providing financial support	Annually increase the total number of Junior Club parents qualifying for 1894 Club Membership Annually increase the total number of Adult Club members and Alumni qualifying for 1894 Club Membership			

↕ Season 2022-23 Donor bands: £0 - £499 (3 donors), £500 - £999 (5 donors), £1,000 - £1,499 (0 donors), £1,500 - £1,893 (1 donor), £1,894 (6 donors), £2,000 - £5,000 (5 donors), £10,000+ (3 donors) (all pre-gift aid).

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How can you participate in the HWHC 1894 Campaign?



1.

Become a member of the HWHC 1894 Club for the 2023-24 Season

The 1894 Club was established in 2022 to recognise the exceptional generosity of any family, individual, company or HWHC team that makes a gift to HWHC Limited (charity registration number 1129592) of £1,894 or more in a Season (pre-gift aid).

Gifts from UK taxpayers qualify for Gift Aid, which will increase any gift by 25% (as a registered charity Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club can reclaim 25p of the tax on every £1 that is gifted).

2.

Become a member of the HWHC 1894 Society

The 1894 Society was established in 2022 to recognise and thank those members of our community who have made provision for Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club (established 1894) (charity registration number 1129592) in their wills.

3.

Join the HWHC 1894 Network

The 1894 Network was launched in October 2023.

The HWHC community - players, parents, coaches, spectators, administrators and alumni - are a diverse mix, each with their own unique experiences, stories, expertise, networks and contacts.

The primary aim of the 1894 Network is to access the untapped potential from within the HWHC community to help current, former and prospective players.

Members of the 1894 Network are happy to speak to Adult playing members about careers and career choices, sector expertise, networking events and work experience or employment options (Lawyers, Bankers, Private Equity, Accountants, Real Estate, Sports Administrators, Marketing etc).

Members of the 1894 Network are also happy to speak to Junior playing members and their parents about UK and International universities (Harvard University, University of Birmingham, University of Durham, University of Oxford etc).

Any current or former player, Junior parent or alumni is welcome to join the 1894 Network.

Junior parents and Adult playing members can contact Earl Griffith (earlgriffith@btinternet.com) who will attempt to match you with the appropriate people.

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How can you participate in the HWHC 1894 Campaign?



4.

Attend the Annual Fundraising Dinner

The Annual Fundraising Dinner will likely take place on or around **Saturday, 3 February 2024** (*date and venue to be confirmed*). It will be a formal sit-down dinner with players from the Ladies and Men's 1s (including current and ex-Internationals) allocated to tables.

Expressions of Interest

For the time being we are simply asking for 'expressions of interest' from *Junior parents and current and former players* who might be interested in attending the Annual Fundraising Dinner.

'Expressions of interest' can be registered with Earl Griffith (earlgriffith@btinternet.com), Boud Dierick (bdierick@hotmail.com) or Alex Smart (hwhcyouth@hotmail.com).

Donate a prize or unique experience for the Annual Fundraising Dinner

We would also welcome and be extremely grateful for any prize or unique experience gifts that could be auctioned or raffled in support of the Club's charitable fundraising efforts on the evening.

5.

Make a Charitable Donation

Gifts from UK taxpayers qualify for Gift Aid, which will increase any gift by 25% (as a registered charity HWHC Limited (charity registration number 1129592) can reclaim 25p of the tax on every £1 that is gifted).

6.

Sponsorship

We are extremely grateful to our major sponsors **Templeton Brook Witt, Willow Tree Dental** and **Harding Green**.

We are also extremely grateful for the support that **Francis Holland School** and **Maida Vale School** provide to the Club.

If you or someone you know would like to sponsor the Club, the Talent Academy, an Adult or Junior team, individual players or an event, please contact Oz Rankin (reservoirroz@icloud.com) or Jonny Witt (Jonathan_witt@icloud.com).

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How can you participate in the HWHC 1894 Campaign?



7.

Non-financial Support

Since 1894 non-financial support has been critical to the Club's continuing success and existence. We are grateful for all non-financial support and are constantly amazed by the generosity of time and spirit provided to the Club by players, partners, parents and supporters.

Some of the ways in which you can support the Club without the need for a financial commitment include:

Donate a prize or unique experience for the Annual Fundraising Dinner

We are always extremely appreciative of any prize or unique experience gifts that can be auctioned or raffled in support of the Club's fundraising efforts.

Provide a venue free of charge

HWHC does not own any real assets, pitches or a club house.

We are always looking for new, interesting and cost-effective venues for the Annual Fundraising Dinner, Annual Dinner and other fundraising and network events.

Become a volunteer

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Club and many initiatives would not be possible without their ideas, commitment and time.

HWHC volunteers contribute in many ways including:

- Coaching
- Team and Match Managers
- Event support and management (for example, the Annual Fundraising Dinner and Annual Dinner)
- Assistance with fundraising campaign activities

If you would like to volunteer your skills and/or time to the Club, please contact Alex Smart in relation to the Junior Club (hwhcyouth@hotmail.com) or Beth Havelock (Ladies Club Captain) (e.o.havelock@gmail.com) or Arnie Weeda (Men's Club Captain) (weeda83@hotmail.com).

8.


Become a HWHC Alumni Member

HWHC is a central London club and as such each year members of the Junior and Adult club move out of London or elsewhere for university and professional reasons.

If you or someone you know are no longer playing at HWHC but would like to stay part of the HWHC family, please register as a club supporter on Pitchero and/or provide your details to Will Saxby (williamsaxby@gmail.com) (Alumni Officer).

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Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club (Season 2023-24)



First Name HWHC 1894 Club
 Last Name I would like to become a member of the 1894 Club and hereby confirm that I have successfully transferred £ .00 to HWHC Limited, Account Number 01951753, Sort Code 30-93-66, Lloyds Bank (payee reference may name).
 Address Please use the following family and/or individual name(s) for acknowledgement purposes

 Postcode **Other Charitable Donation**
 Email address I would like to make a charitable donation to HWHC and hereby confirm that I have successfully transferred £ .00 to HWHC Limited, Account Number 01951753, Sort Code 30-93-66, Lloyds Bank (payee reference may name).
 Mobile number Please use the following family and/or individual name(s) for acknowledgement purposes
 HWHC connection **HWHC 1894 Society**
(e.g. Adult Teams), Parent include name of children and Junior Teams(s)) I would like to become a member of the 1894 Society and hereby confirm that I have made provision for Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club (established 1894) (charity registration number 1129592) in my Will.
 Signed **HWHC 1894 Network**
 Dated I would like to join the 1894 Network.

University (degree & years)	Sector Expertise eg. Law	Area of Expertise eg. Litigation	Employer/company/role
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Annual Fundraising Dinner
 I would like to register an 'expression of interest' in attending the Annual Fundraising Dinner likely to be held on or around Saturday, 3 February 2024 (venue, date and time to be confirmed). Number of guests

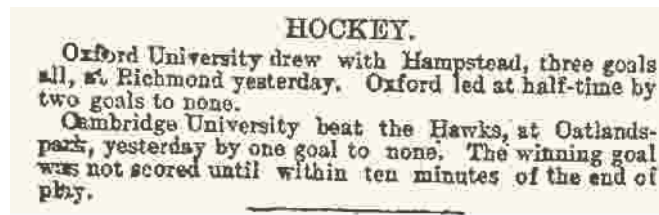
Gift Aid Declaration
 If you are a UK taxpayer Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club can claim the tax you have already paid on your gift. By making a Gift Aid declaration you can increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.
 Please treat all donations I make or have made to Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club (charity registration number 1129592) for the past four years and all future donations as Gift Aid donations.
 I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand that the charity (HWHC Limited) will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I gift. I agree to notify Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club if I wish to cancel this declaration, change my name or home address or if there is any change to my tax status. Note: if you pay income tax at the higher rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return.

Signed Dated **Please return the completed form to Earl Griffith at earlgriffith@btinternet.com**
By signing and dating this form you consent to the information contained in this form being held in accordance with HWHC's Privacy Policy.

Yesteryear

A few snippets from *The Times*...(and not necessary club related – and with not much hockey activity at the turn of the year).

17 December 1903



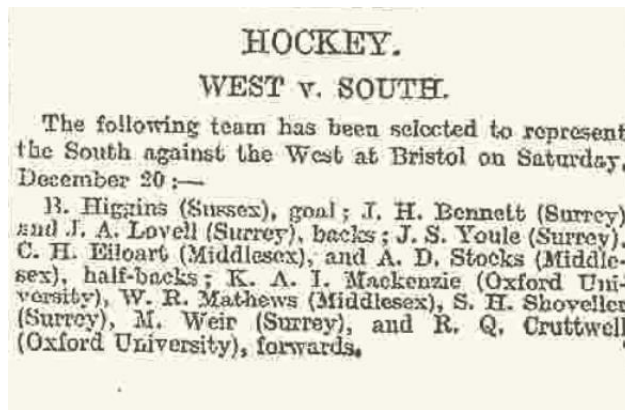
28 January 1908

The match between teams representing London and the Combined Universities was played at Beckenham yesterday and ended in a win for London by five goals to four. The match produced some excellent hockey on both sides. In the first half the Combined Universities had the better of the game, with the result that they led at the interval by three clear goals. In a great degree the reason why the Universities were able to gain such a commanding lead was due to the indifferent form of C Pym at left back. **C R I Nicholl**, at left half-back, also failed to play his usual game. The London forwards seldom looked like giving their opponents much trouble until after the interval. The Universities' defence, however, could scarcely have been improved. C S Hurst and **J H Bennett** were very safe at full back, and both of the Robinsons gave a line display at half-back.

Neither **S H Shoveller** or **G Logan** was able to make much impression on their opponents until the former had shot London's first goal, about five minutes after changing ends. Then the London front line showed excellent combination and wiped off their opponents' lead. Three minutes before time they led by five goals to three but the Universities got a fourth goal just before time. Shoveller (2), Logan (2), and H Doherty scored for the winners.

9 December 1913

Three Hampstead players selected and rapidly followed by a fourth.



10 December 1913

WEST v SOUTH

A D Stocks (Middlesex) is unable to play for the South against the West at Bristol on December 20 and his place at left half-back will be taken by **C T A Wilkinson** (Surrey).

8 December 1923

The Acrostics hockey team played two matches in Cologne against teams representing the Rhine Army. The Acrostics were successful in both games. They won the first match by 10 goals to two, but the Rhine Army officers showed much improved form in the second match and were beaten by only four goals to three. Among the players who took part in the tour were **S H Shoveller**, E B Crockford, Commander T C Harbottle, R W Crummack, A L Pemberton, B E Attenborough, Captain E L Armitage, and G A Collins.

[This follows Stanley Shoveller's retirement from club hockey a year earlier]

27 December 1933

Most of the teams which took part in the leading matches over Christmas were not fully representative, but there were plenty of good games, and junior members of the teams, which took part made the most of their chances to distinguish themselves. A draw at four goals all was a fair result to the game at Beckenham between Beckenham and Tulse Hill, in which each side led in turn and Tulse Hill only equalized in the last few minutes of the game. Mid-Surrey were given a hard fight by Wimbledon, but owing to a good start, in which they scored twice through Lawrence, and Utting, they were able to retain the lead throughout the game and generally had the better of the play. The game between Southgate and Teddington at Southgate was a hard fight between two strong defences and the only goal of the game was scored by Tabernacle for Southgate towards the end. A draw would have been well earned by Teddington.

Richmond were below full strength against Spencer, whose forwards were in their best form. The Richmond defence broke down badly and only just escaped a score of double figures against them. The Old Kingstonians gained a comfortable win over Staines by four goals to none, scoring twice in each half. The Staines forwards were unable to make any headway against the strong Kingstonian defence but their own defence was steady under pressure - and did well to keep the score down to four goals. A fast game between Bromley and **Hampstead** resulted in a win for Bromley by three goals to one. In this game the reserve players on each side did well, though the shooting could have been better. The Honourable Artillery Company did well to draw with Dulwich, neither side scoring a goal. Shooting was far from easy, for both circles cut up badly. Brondesbury beat Blackheath by two goals to one, but the result was not unexpected, for Brondesbury had only recently put up a really good fight against the Old Kingstonians. The Hawks were some years ago one of the leading London clubs and are gradually coming to the front again. They lost to Cheam by two goals to four but there was little to choose between the two sides

24 December 1953

The Old Marlburians once again proved too strong for the Old Rugbeians in their annual game at Dulwich yesterday and won comfortably by four goals to none, scoring twice in each half. A misty afternoon made it difficult for players, umpires and spectators but a good game took place, very much a repetition of the previous day's game between the Oxford University Occasionals and Cambridge University Wanderers.

Well as the Rugbeians defence played, with Marriott, Ledingham, and Neil enhancing their reputation, they could not cope with the splendid Marlburians forward line in which R A Fletcher played the most prominent part although Studdert- Kennedy scored three of the goals.

Old Marlburians

C B Carr; J C G Stocks, **P C Kay**; J Van Gelder, P K Ledger, C J Denham-Daws; J N Abell, M A Fletcher, C J Studdert-Kennedy. R A Fletcher and **I A C Hayward**.

30 December 1963

India 7 Great Britain 0

In more senses than one the British hockey side are finding it hot going on their tour of India. Yesterday, with the temperature in the middle eighties, they lost 2-4 to Bombay. This afternoon, before 12,000 people and again in considerable heat, India won the first of seven international matches much as they pleased.

Long before the end Britain were being subjected to heavy pressure. For a while Cahill kept the score in bounds with some brave, often spectacular, saves. The crowd were loudly behind him. But the deluge was inevitable. It came as surely as the monsoon. Never before have a British side conceded more than four goals in a match. The Indians now, with their uncanny stickwork and supreme confidence, were near to double figures.

The pitch was as hard as concrete and impeccably level. This meant two things. For one, the British side, in addition to being desperately tired, found all too soon that their feet were catching fire; their mobility was affected. For another, it gave the Indians the scope to indulge in all manner of tricks. There is sheer wizardry in Joginder's stick. Page, before long, must have felt like being led away to some quiet corner of an English field. Only his fitness saw him through and allowed him to make sorties upfield ahead of his exhausted forwards.

The Indian insides controlled the ball as though it were tied by elastic to their sticks and Harbinder, who was injured during the Lyons tournament, revealed himself as a brilliant centre forward. The first four goal were his and he would have had several others but for Cahill and the woodwork. It was wonderful to see what these Indians can do on their own pitches. They kill the ball like a stone; they pass it with rare precision; they juggle with it like members of the magic circle.

28 December 1974

Wales 3 England 4

The craze for novelty took a crowd of about 1,000 last night to the National Sports Centre at Cardiff where England defeated Wales in the first indoor international hockey match played in Britain.

It was not the first indoor international meeting between the two countries, however, as England had beaten Wales 7-1 in the 1973 European championship in Paris.

There could hardly have been a more exciting finish to this exceptional occasion. The score stood at 3-3 with barely a minute and a half to go, when Barrett coolly converted a short corner to win the game for England. It was a victory well deserved, for although Wales, inspired by Wilson, their captain, fought gallantly until the end, England's attack was more imaginative and their short corner drill more precise. It was difficult to single out the most outstanding player in a side moving at an astonishing pace. All 12 players made valuable contributions to success, only six being permitted in the playing area at one time. By the end of an absorbing first half England had led 2-1 although the tally of short corners was 6 to 4 in favour of Wales.

Club Stuff
110 years ago

HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB—1913-14.

FIRST TEAM.				SECOND TEAM.				THIRD TEAM.			
Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	Goals For Against	Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	Goals For Against	Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	Goals For Against
1913. Sept. 27	Practice Game	Home		1913. Sept. 27	Practice Game	Home		1913. Sept. 27	Practice Game	Home	
Oct. 4	Hawks	Home	3 1	Oct. 4	Hawks ii.	Oatlands Park	8 1	Oct. 4	Harrow ii.	Harrow	3 5
" 11	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	3 1	" 11	Wimbledon ii.	Home	6 8	" 11	Wimbledon iii.	Wimbledon	3 5
" 18	Bromley	Bromley	1 0	" 18	Bromley ii.	Home	6 8	" 18	Bromley iii.	Bromley	1 4
" 25	Blackheath	Blackheath	1 0	" 25	Blackheath ii.	Home	6 8	" 25	Blackheath iii.	Blackheath	3 7
Nov. 1	Oxford Univ.	Oxford	2 0	Nov. 1	Clare Coll. Camb.	Home	2 0	Nov. 1	Ryl. Sh. of Mines ii.	Sudbury Hill	1 0
" 8	Cambridge Univ.	Home	2 0	" 8	New Coll. Oxford	Oxford	2 0	" 8	Old Quintinians	Chiswick	2 2
" 15	Surbiton	Surbiton	2 0	" 15	Surbiton ii.	Home	5 10	" 15	<i>BRADGAY'S BANK</i> Surbiton	<i>Stoke Newington</i> Kingston	2 2
" 22	Beckenham	Beckenham	2 0	" 22	Beckenham ii.	Home	3 10	" 22	Beckenham iii.	Beckenham	2 2
" 29	Staines	Home	1 0	" 29	Staines ii.	Staines	3 10	" 29	Kingston Grm. Sh. i.	Kingston	2 1
Dec. 6	Teddington	Bushey Park	1 0	Dec. 6	Teddington ii.	Home	5 2	Dec. 6	Teddington iii.	Bushey Park	1 1
" 13	Southgate	Home	1 0	" 13	Southgate ii.	Southgate	5 2	" 13	Southgate iii.	Southgate	1 1
" 20	Royal Engineers	Home	1 0	" 20	Broxbourne	Broxbourne	5 2	" 20	East Sheen iii.	Kew	1 1
" 26				" 26	Hendon	Hendon	5 2	" 26			
" 27				" 27				" 27	Blackheath iii.	Blackheath	

90 years ago

From the Minutes: December 1933

A committee meeting was held at 10 Serjeants Inn at 6.00pm by kind permission of Mr A C Eiloart. The Dinner Committee were elected as follows, Mr A C Eiloart, chairman, with Messrs Owen Jones, Hayward, Sankey, Marjoribanks and Falcke who were giving powers to arrange a date other than that shown on the card if advisable and also to settle the venue.

The Hon Secretary was elected to take the chair at the dinner after his proposal by Mr Sankey and seconded by Mr Owen Jones.

The committee decided to allow Mr Bradshaw to become a half season member for the current season as he stated he could not play regularly until after Christmas although he had played occasionally at the club's special request.

Mr Hayward said he had heard that there was a possibility of a second ground at Teddington and the Hon Secretary agreed to write to Mr Hooper with reference to the matter. Mr Eiloart said that he would ask again about the possibility of getting a pitch at Lord's and also make inquiries of the Cricket Club. Mr Sankey raised the question as to whether it would be practicable to get a second playing pitch on the Athletic Ground and the Hon Secretary was asked to write to Mr de Lissa on the matter

60 years ago

From the Bulletin of 29 December 1963

As the President announced at the dinner, the negotiations over the all-weather pitch at the Bishopswood School, next to the Hornsey Club, have now been clinched. We shall be booking every Saturday for the next couple of months at least and will probably play some games there even if not rained off at Hornsey. Change at the clubhouse in the normal way. Preferably into tennis shoes but definitely not leather or nylon studded boots and make your way to the pitch by the gate at the bottom of the ground behind the sight screens. We may try to play two games in an afternoon if both pitches at Hornsey are out of action. This may mean starting very early in the afternoon so if

Answerings or your team captain mention an early bully off time, please make every effort to get there in good time because we shall have to start at that time regardless of how many people have arrived and how many people have not.

[50 years ago](#)

Hornsey Journal; 14 December 1973

BEST-EVER START

Hampstead Hockey Club's London League fixture against Tulse Hill on Saturday was cancelled because of the unfit state of the Tivoli Road pitch.

And now after their best-ever pre-Christmas league start, Hampstead have a rest from league matches until January 5, when they will be seeking to take league points from Wimbledon. At present, Hampstead lie sixth in the 25-club table, having won five, drawn four and lost only one of their ten league matches.

Their next three fixtures are all friendlies: (Dec 15) home to Royal Engineers; (Dec 22) home to St Albans; (Dec 20) away to Old Cranleighans.

[30 years ago](#)

From the club Bulletin; 13 December 1993

Men's 1st XI 0 Chiswick 0

What's to say? After a slow start in which we were forced to weather some tough pressure for ten minutes we took over the match. With the three goals disallowed on the day (they were good calls unfortunately) and nine penalty corners, several shots on goal, three French hens, two turtle doves and a partridge in a pear tree, we just couldn't convince Santa that we were good boys all last year. But that's how things go sometimes. Even though we played well for most of the match especially the last 20 minutes, we just failed to pick up a goal.

This week we have a triad of MVPs; Brian Tanner Greg Pierce and Dan Williams

Men's 3rd XI 0 Teddington 1

It was a game of two halves and with three balls, two of which belonging to Mark Disney ended up in St Mary's after a cruel blow by Mulvaney 11 minutes into the match, left our hero unable to move for 30 minutes. The ambulance arrived, the funny gas was applied and he was later reported half naked asking young nurses if they wanted to see the bruise. If Mark's injury brought tears his eyes then the result had the same effect on the rest of the team. 0-0 at the beginning of the second-half after a poor first half performance, the team rallied but despite some good hockey in the second-half we went down to a tame short corner. Unfortunately a familiar tale.

Men's Vets 5 Crostyx 2

Hampstead shattered Crostyx's [Vets] 100% record and inflicted five goals on them for the first time in their ten year history. The Vets celebrated into the early hours of Sunday morning at Hamptons Wine Bar at their Christmas night out. I can recommend Hamptons as a superb venue for any other team's outing. By the way, Pat Coy scored a hat trick and Hugh Smith scored two.

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All being well, the next Newsletter will report on the conclusion of the 2023-24 season

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