

Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club

Newsletter September 2024

Keeping Vice Presidents and Friends in the know

Welcome

This is the forty second Newsletter in the current format. It covers the conclusion of the Olympic Games and the start of a new season, usually flushed with enthusiasm and optimism. It is also an opportunity to add detail missing from the previous edition, given concerns as to the length (and potential *ennui*) of the latter.

Important Notice

Annual General Meeting

The Club's AGM will take place on 19 September 2024 at The Carlton Tavern and will be held by personal attendance. The meeting is due to start at 7.30pm.

The main business to be conducted will be:

- To receive reports from the Club Chairman, Club Treasurer, Club Captains and the Head of Youth Development
- Review of the financial position of the Club and adoption of 2023-24 financial accounts.

Highlights

In the usual tabloid format, the highlights of the summer and for the new season (and in no particular order) are:

- Six club players take part in the 2024 Olympic Games (four for Great Britain and one each for South Africa and Ireland)
- Madi Ratcliffe is confirmed as the leading goalscorer in the Premier Division last season
- Junior Hockey sessions began on 8 September and will run through to 15 December 2024 (with a half term break on 27 October 2024)
- A full series of matches opens the new season on 21 September 2024 (save for the Colts with a bye in London Division 5 North West!)
- Andrew Wilson resigns as coach to the Men's 1st XI to return to Spain as coach to Egara HC
- Top coaches Rhett Halkett and Danny Newcombe are appointed to take Andrew's place for the new season
- Dave Cooper agrees to continue as the Women's 1st XI coach
- Several club players participate in the English regional matches at various age levels
- Four of the Club's Welsh internationals warm up with second place at the Group B of the EuroHockey Championship Qualifier tournament in Dublin in August 2024
- The Club's migration of website and related facilities from *Pitchero* to *Teamo* is underway and Friends of the Club (that is, the readership of this Newsletter) are invited to join the Alumni and Supporters Group to remain in more accessible contact with the Club. You can register by clicking on the link <https://www.hwhc.co.uk/> and clicking through to the Alumni & Supporters page (bottom left on the home page). Please use the code **MVRE2** to register. It should take you no more than a few minutes to register.
- With no Great Britain commitments until the new year, a few of the Club's international women players take up hockey in Australia for the first part of the season
- Lily Owsley opts instead for hockey in Argentina
- The opening Premier Division fixture of the season on 21 September 2024 is a *so-called* Super Saturday against East Grinstead at Saint Hill, with the Women's game starting at 4.00pm followed by the Men at 6.00pm. Always cacophonous, EG aims to admit 500 spectators and promises match day deals, DJ and music, as well as flares and fireworks and an ice cream van...

National League News

The summer was noteworthy for several changes at the top level of the Men's Premier Division

- Old Georgians HC went on a recruitment drive adding Great Britain internationals Ian Sloan, Phil Roper and David Condon to their line-up following their third successive national title, and their pursuit of an improvement on the EuroHockey League bronze position won last Easter
- Mark Pearn stepped down as head coach of Surbiton after eight seasons
- Barry Middleton left Holcombe to take up the vacant position at Surbiton
- Kwan Browne resigned as coach to Southgate to replace Barry Middleton at Holcombe HC
- Hampstead's former Assistant Coach Huw Stephens took over as First Team head coach at Southgate, assisted by Jason Lee.

Coaching Introductions

Rhett Halkett

Rhett began his international hockey career with South Africa in 2009 and won a gold medal that year at the African Cup of Nations (that he repeated in 2013 and 2015). He went on to play at the World Cup in India in 2010, followed by the Commonwealth Games in the same year. He represented South Africa at the London Olympic Games and the 2014 World Cup and Commonwealth Games, held in Scotland. He was voted South African Men's Player of the Year in 2016. He retired from international hockey in 2018 after the World Cup.

At club level, in 2010 he moved to play for Den Bosch in the Hoofdklasse and on to Laren in 2013 for one season. He then moved again, to play for Mannheimer HC and then Uhlenhorster HC, Hamburg in the Bundesliga over a five year period. Having retired as a player at Uhlenhorster in 2019, Rhett became assistant coach to their women's team and in August 2020 he was appointed Assistant Coach to the Dutch national side. He became the Director of Hockey and Golf at Strathallan School in Perth (Scotland) in 2019 and Senior Men's Assistant Coach for Scotland in May 2022 and Head Coach of the Scottish U21 team in October 2022. He was appointed Analytical Coach to the Indian national side in April 2023 under Craig Fulton that led to the team's bronze medal in Paris.

Danny Newcombe



Photo: BBC Sport

Danny is well known as the Head Coach to the Welsh team (and therefore very much acquainted with the Welsh members of the Men's 1st XI squad) having also acted as Assistant Coach for seven years, as well as leading the Wales U21 and Development programme. He succeeded Zak Jones in September 2020, when Zak left to become Great Britain's Men's assistant coach. At Club level he was director of hockey at UWIC (now Cardiff Metropolitan University) in his 20s, taking them into the National League

and then head coach with Swansea Ladies in the West Conference of the National League. He was coach to Southgate HC until March 2018. He went on to join Reading HC. He is a Senior Lecturer and course leader for the Sport, Coaching & PE degree at Oxford Brookes University and had embarked on a PhD in practice design, with a specific focus on skill development and learning transfer.

Hampstead Recruitment News

The Men's squad eagerly welcomes

Tim Guise Brown (Holcombe)

Ted Graves (Bowdon)

Kiran Arunasalam (Australia)

Mikie Robson (Ireland)

Ryan Crowe (Reading)

Matt Richards (Reading)

Dylan Swanepoel (Wimbledon)

Tim is joining his brother Matt to fulfil the latter's strongly held wish to play alongside Tim. Tim is Community Sports Co-Ordinator and Head of Indoor Hockey at Trinity School. He played for South Africa as a junior international and captained the University of Pretoria in 2017. Like his brother, Tim is a highly regarded exponent of the drag flick, offering us even more opportunities at short corners. Ted comes to London to study at UCL this term. He has played for England and Great Britain at U21 level (and U16 and U18 for England).

Kiran is a forward who was born in Melbourne and was selected for the Australian junior team in 2015, winning the 2016 Sultan of Johor Cup in Malaysia. He made his senior international debut in 2017 and in that year won 16 caps, scoring eight goals. Mikie is an Irish international who played in the Paris Olympic Games (having been a travelling reserve for the Rio games four years earlier). His brother has also represented Ireland. He made his U21 debut in 2014 at a four nations tournament in Belfast and went on to gain senior honours against England at Reading that year. He has played for Annadale in the Irish Hockey League and in the Bundesliga for Crefelder HC.

Ryan joins us from Reading. He is a South African, who represented them at the Junior World Cup in Lucknow in 2016 and later at the Commonwealth Games in 2018. Matt is another joining from Reading HC. He teaches at Leighton Park School. He has represented England at U16, U18 and U21 levels and played at the University of Exeter in 2016. Dylan is moving from Wimbledon. He is a defender who played for South Africa between 2013 and 2017, having made his senior national debut in 2013 at the African Cup, the qualifying tournament for the Hockey World Cup. He is a graduate of Stellenbosch University and captained the South Africa U21 team at the 2013 Junior World Cup.

Au revoir

Sam French (Australia)

Sam Apoola (Netherlands)

Seb Buddle (Netherlands)

James Sutcliffe (Brooklands)

Joe Hillyer (Southgate)

Marc Edwards (retirement)

Equally, the Women's squad welcomes

Tyler Lench (New Zealand)

Rose Tynan (New Zealand)

Catherine Ledesma (Holcombe)

Anna Moore (East Grinstead)

Tyler is a New Zealand international. She was born in Johannesburg and moved to New Zealand when aged ten and overcame two significant knee injuries before she was 17. She first played internationally at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022. Rose is from Auckland and also made her international debut in 2022 and was included in the World Cup squad in Amsterdam that year and in 2024 at the Olympic qualifiers in Ranchi, India and in the FIH Nations Cup at Terrassa in June this year. Her grandfather was a former captain of the New Zealand side (and a first class cricketer). Catherine captained England U18s and made her senior international debut for England against Italy in June 2021. She has played on four occasions for Great Britain. She has been a regular goalscorer for Holcombe. Anna joins the club from East Grinstead, having played at Melbourne University HC and Melbourne CC Hockey Club.

Au revoir (some temporarily)

Lily Owsley (Club Banco Provincia, Buenos Aires)

Holly Hunt (HockeyOne)

Sarah Robertson (HockeyOne)

Lily joins Ashley Hoffman of the US in joining Club Banco Provincia, where they are expected to be the only non-Argentinian players in the Metropolitano League. With the local season already underway, the two will join the club for the second part of the season, having first played at the Olympic Games in Paris. Both have also played club hockey in the Netherlands and feel gains can be had from being exposed to different styles of hockey. Hoffman's plans are to stay in South America until December but for Lily it is a case of seeing how it all goes. "For now just one season, but I will see how I feel after. However, at some point I want to return to the national team," she said.



Holly Hunt and Sarah Robertson are Australia bound. The *Hockey One League* is Australia national hockey league, in its fourth season, with games played across Australia. Seven teams, each with a men's and a women's team play (under the same team name) in 21 double header days across Perth, Adelaide, Canberra, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane. All teams host at least three home games. An added attraction of the games is *Field Goal Conversion*. When a field

goal (or penalty stroke awarded during field play) is scored, the same player will have an automatic one-on-one shootout with the goalkeeper for the chance of an extra goal.

National League Fixture Lists

Men

Premier Division

21 September 2024	East Grinstead (a)
28 September 2024	Beeston (h)
5 October 2024	Holcombe (h)
12 October 2024	Bowdon (a)
19 October 2024	Southgate (a)
20 October 2024	Wimbledon (h)
26 October 2024	Richmond (a)
2 November 2024	Cardiff & Met (h)
9 November 2024	Old Georgians (h)
16 November 2024	Oxted (a)
23 November 2024	Surbiton (a)

Conference East [2nd XI]

22 September 2024	Tunbridge Wells (h)
29 September 2024	Spencer (a)
8 October 2024	Old Cranleigh (a)
13 October 2024	Bromley & Beckenham (h)
20 October 2024	Brighton & Hove (h)
3 November 2024	London Wayfarers (a)
16 November 2024	West Herts (a)
17 November 2024	Wimbledon 2 (h)
24 November 2024	Surbiton 2 (h)
1 December 2024	Tunbridge Wells (a)

Division One North

Birmingham University, Brooklands Manchester University, Harborne, Durham University, Nottingham University, Loughborough Students, Olton & West Warwickshire, Stourport

Division One South

Havant, Exeter University, Indian Gymkhana, Sevenoaks, Old Loughtonians, Team Bath Buccaneers, Bristol University, Teddington, Canterbury

Conference Midlands

Birmingham University 2, Barford Tigers, Cambridge City, St Albans, Chelmsford, Banbury, Nottingham University, Harleston Magpies, Repton, Norwich City

Conference North

Brooklands Manchester University 2, Leeds, Didsbury Northern, Oxton, Doncaster, Wakefield, Durham University 2, Timperley, Sheffield, Ben Rhydding

Conference West

Chichester, Oxford Hawks, Clifton Robinsons, Fareham, Isca, Ashmoor, Reading 2, Guildford, Team Bath Buccaneers 2, Exeter University 2

The Promoted Men

The winning teams from the divisional Premier Divisions, who progress to the National League Conferences above (without play-offs) are:

Midlands Area

Repton with 63 points, ahead of Khalsa Leamington on 59 and Leek with 39

North West Area

Didsbury Northern with 58 points, with Neston second (54 points) and Preston with 49

Yorkshire and North East Area

Durham University 2 with 55 points, ahead of Newcastle University on 53 and Whitley Bay & Tynemouth on 45

East Area

Chelmsford with 54 points, Old Southendian with 41 and Blueharts on 40

London Area

West Herts with 53 points, followed by Southgate 2 on 51 and London Edwardians on 46

South Central Area

Reading 2 with 57 points, then Oxford OBU with 49 and Staines on 46

South East Area

Tunbridge Wells with 61 points, with Woking 14 points adrift on 47 and Sevenoaks in third with 45

West Area

Team Bath Buccaneers 2 with 54 points, ahead of Whitchurch with 51 and Cardiff University on 45

Women

Premier Division

21 September 2024	East Grinstead (a)
28 September 2024	Birmingham University (h)
5 October 2024	Holcombe (h)
12 October 2024	Loughborough Students (a)
19 October 2024	Surbiton (a)
20 October 2024	Wimbledon (h)
26 October 2024	Clifton Robinsons (a)
2 November 2024	Nottingham University (h)
9 November 2024	Sutton Coldfield (h)
16 November 2024	Bowdon (a)
23 November 2024	Reading (a)

Conference East [2nd XI]

21 September 2024	East London (h)
28 September 2024	Spencer (a)
5 October 2024	Sevenoaks 2 (a)
12 October 2024	Canterbury (h)
19 October 2024	Teddington (h)
2 November 2024	London Wayfarers (a)
9 November 2024	Old Loughtonians (a)
16 November 2024	Wapping (h)
23 November 2024	Old Georgians 2 (h)
30 November 2024	East London (a)

Division One North

Buckingham, Ben Rhydding, Durham University, Beeston, Pendle Forest, Wakefield, Repton, Gloucester City, Olton & West Warwickshire, Leicester City

Division One South

Harleston Magpies, Surbiton 2, Sevenoaks, Barnes, Slough, Guildford, Southgate, Bristol Firebrands, Wimbledon 2, Exeter University

Conference Midlands

Bedford, Beeston 2, Birmingham University 2, Oxford Hawks, Cambridge City, St Albans, Cannock, Cambridge University, Loughborough Students, Stourport

Conference North

Didsbury Northern, Fylde, Doncaster, Bowdon 2, Durham University 2, Whitley Bay & Tynemouth, Harrogate, Leeds, Newcastle University, Alderley Edge

Conference West

Reading 2, Swansea, Cheltenham, Exeter, Landsdown, Trojans, Marlow, Clifton Robinsons 2, Witney
Team Bath Buccaneers

England Hockey: London Area

Men

London Men's Division 1

Hampstead 3

London Men's Division 2 North

Hampstead Zak Hond

Hamstead 4

London Men's Division 4 North West

Hampstead Thirsts promoted

London Men's Division 5 North West

Hampstead Colts

Hampstead Spaniards

South Masters O40 Premier Division

Hampstead Masters

South Masters O50 Premier Division

Hampstead Supervets

South Masters O60 Premier Division

Hampstead Grand Masters

Women

London Women's Premier Division

Hampstead 3

London Women's Division 1

Hampstead 4

London Women's Division 2 North

Hampstead 5

London Women's Division 4 North West

Hampstead 6

Hampstead 7

Talent Academy



Talent Centre accreditation aims to recognise clubs that can provide exceptional early talent development environments, building exceptional hockey basics and an understanding of the game through enjoyable experiences.

Hampstead TA's events in July 2024 took place in Nottingham.

Boys Talent Academy Cup; Pool C

28 July 2024 Holcombe TA 2-0
29 July 2024 Beeston TA 0-2
30 July 2024 Yorkshire TA 3-2
2nd in Pool C vs 2nd in Pool D
31 July 2024 University of Exeter TA 1-4

Girls Talent Academy Cup; Pool C

28 July 2024 Holcombe TA 6-1
29 July 2024 Beeston TA 3-
30 July 2024 Yorkshire TA 3-2
2nd in Pool C vs 2nd in Pool D
31 July 2024 Old Loughtonians TA 2-3

New TAs

Neston, Oxton, Durham, Canterbury, Ashby, Bloxwich, Leek, Leicester, Stone, Stratford, Telford and Wrekin, Worcester, Oxford, Oxford Hawks, South Berkshire, Hertford and Norwich City have been selected as part of the fourth cohort working towards Talent Centre accreditation commencing in September 2024. Each club was considered against a set of principles and England Hockey has offered these clubs the opportunity to work towards Talent Centre accreditation.

Mixed Hockey



England Hockey claims that the Mixed Championships is its most popular competition. Clubs can enter as many mixed teams as they like, although players can only play for one team. Teams have a maximum of five male players on the pitch at any one time plus a goalkeeper of either sex. Players must be 15 or over to play. Players can play in the Mixed Championships for a different club to their Saturday Adult League club. All teams enter at Tier 1 but, as a knockout competition, early round losers get a second chance with the Tier 2 (Plate) competition. There are therefore two opportunities to reach a national final and a minimum of two games.

The Club's mixed team, under captain Bjorn Schwarz, took part in the Tier 1 championships, where they were defeated 3-2 by Ashford in November 2023. They therefore took part in the Plate competition and began with a 1-0 defeat of Wanderers on 14 January 2024, followed by a 6-5 shoot-out win against Trinity Mixed, following a 1-1 draw in regulation time. In the fourth round, on 24 March 2024, they met Amersham and Chalfont Mixed, who won 2-1, having taken the lead in the ninth minute and added a second in the 59th. Hampstead's consolation goal came in the 70th minute.



Regional Hockey

These are the Masters Area Results at the several age groups held in the summer and which featured a good number of club players. (Apologies to any whose names have not been identified)

8 - 9 June 2024

Men O40

at Timperley HC

Midlands	7	5	2	0	18	4	17
North West	7	5	1	1	14	5	16
East	7	4	1	2	8	7	13
South East	7	3	2	2	11	9	11
London	7	2	4	1	7	5	10
South Central	7	1	3	3	6	8	6

West	7	1	1	5	7	17	4
Yorkshire and North East	7	0	0	7	6	22	0

Two club members

Vijay Pawar
Antoine Elias

18-19 May 2024

Men O45

at Bedford HC

Midlands	7	7	0	0	19	2	21
London	7	6	0	1	15	6	18
East	7	4	1	2	16	7	13
South East	7	3	1	3	8	9	10
South Central	7	2	2	3	8	9	8
West	7	1	2	4	4	7	5
North West	7	1	1	5	6	19	4
Yorkshire and North East	7	0	1	6	7	19	1



Club member

Stuart Carrick

Men O50

at Wakefield HC

London	7	6	0	1	11	4	18
West	7	3	3	1	6	4	12
Midlands	7	3	2	2	6	4	11
South East	7	3	0	4	10	12	9
South Central	7	1	5	1	9	9	8
North West	7	2	2	3	7	8	8
East	7	1	3	3	6	9	6

Yorkshire & North East 7 1 1 5 5 10 4



Four club members
 Edmund Papworth
 Guy Redmill
 Julian Cogdell
 Matt Stuppel

Men O55
 at Southgate

South East	7	3	3	1	7	3	12
South Central	7	3	3	1	10	7	12
West	7	2	5	0	6	3	11

London	7	3	2	2	7	5	11
Midlands	7	2	4	1	6	5	10
East	7	2	2	3	7	6	8
Yorkshire and North East	7	1	2	4	7	11	5
North West	7	0	3	4	4	14	3

Two club members

Will Saxby

Gulsh Mandair



*Women O55
at Basingstoke*

West	7	8	1	0	9	0	29
London	7	5	0	2	5	2	15
Midlands	7	2	3	2	6	5	9
East	7	3	0	4	7	8	9
South Central	7	2	2	3	6	5	8
Yorkshire & North East	7	2	1	4	7	13	7
South East	7	1	3	2	4	7	6
North West	7	1	2	4	2	6	5

Club member

Anna Herrey



Men O60

at Stourport HC

Midlands	7	6	1	0	22	3	19
South Central	7	5	0	2	13	7	15
South East	7	4	2	1	9	6	14
East	7	3	2	2	8	8	11
North West	6	1	3	2	7	9	6
London	7	1	2	4	4	4	5
West	7	1	2	4	4	12	5
Yorkshire & North East	8	1	0	7	6	18	3

Three club members

Nick Stevens

Richard James

Peter Talboys

Men O70

at Cambridge University

London	6	4	1	1	13	4	13
South Central	6	4	1	1	10	4	13
Midlands	6	3	2	7	1	7	11
East	6	2	4	0	2	0	10
North	6	2	0	4	7	8	6
South East	6	0	2	4	4	12	2
West	6	0	2	4	3	11	2

Two club members

Richard Chapman

Dave Dixon

This latter competition marked the recovery of Richard Chapman of the GMs from a hip replacement sufficient to allow him to continue to represent the East at O70 level and for Wales, to a great extent driven by the need to defend the Masters World Cup triumph in Japan, when the World Cup takes place in that age group in Cape Town in October 2024 (for which please see later).

At the O70 regionals at Cambridge University, each team played five games in two days. In Richard's case the East's defence was more than parsimonious, conceding none but at the other end only able to score two! That left the East fourth in the table, with two wins and four draws. Generally, goals were at a premium in the tournament. Dave Dixon was able to steer London to success.

England Hockey Cup

Last season's results across the four tiers:

Men

Tier 1 Beeston 4 Banbury 2
Tier 2 East Grinstead 2 0 Leek 4
Tier 3 Stokesey 1 West Bridgford 2 3
Tier 4 Lindum 3 2 Hailsham 1 (1-0 shoot-out)

Women

Tier 1 Holcombe 1 Beeston 2
Tier 2 Knole Park 1 4 Swindon 4 (4-3 shoot-out)
Tier 3 Loughborough Students 3 4 Loughborough Students 5 0
Tier 4 Knole Park 2 0 Preston 2 0 (2-1 shoot-out)

Women's 40th Anniversary celebration

9th November 2024

The Women are planning to celebrate the ruby anniversary of their admission to the Club with a dinner on 9 November. No details are available at present.



Is this the artist's inspiration?



Back: Katherine Stubbs, Lis Steele (Capt.), Rachel Havers, Janice Heinekey, Jane Thompson, Karen Pullar, Barbara Gardner, Ginny Murphy, Avtar Bhurji (Coach)
Front: Jo Edmonson, Laura Davies, Leanne Rogers, Kate Bridger, Liz Charnell, Caroline Brooke

European Club Hockey

The EuroHockey League Men's KO16 2024-25 begins on 3 October 2024 and is being held at Surbiton HC's ground at Sugden Road. Surbiton and Wimbledon are the representatives of England.

3 October 2024	Lille MHC vs Grasshopper Club Zurich	1245
	Banbridge vs Royal Leopold Club	1500
	Mannheimer vs AHTC Wien	1745
	Bloemendaal vs Real Club de Polo	1930
4 October 2024	<i>Ranking Matches</i>	
	Loser 01 vs Loser 02	1215
	Winner 01 vs Winner 02 [to KO8]	1430
	Loser 03 vs Loser 04	1645
5 October 2024	Winner 03 vs Winner 04 [to KO8]	1900
	Hamburger Polo Club vs S V Arminen	1045
	HC Rotterdam vs TJ Plzen-Litice	1300
	Wimbledon vs Western Wildcats	1515
6 October 2024	Surbiton vs Waterloo Ducks	1730
	<i>Ranking Matches</i>	
	Loser 10 vs Loser 09	1015
	Winner 10 vs Winner 09 [to KO8]	1230
	Loser 12 vs Loser 11	1445
	Winner 12 vs Winner 11 [to KO8]	1700



Olympic Games 2024

Pool

Men

- Pool A: Netherlands, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, France and South Africa
- Pool B: Belgium, India, Australia, Argentina, New Zealand and Ireland

Women

- Pool A: Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Japan, China and France
- Pool B: Australia, Argentina, Great Britain, Spain, United States and South Africa

Results

Men

Great Britain 4 Spain 0
Netherlands 5 South Africa 3
Germany 8 France 2
Germany 0 Spain 2
Netherlands 4 France 0
South Africa 2 Great Britain 2
Spain 3 France 3
South Africa 1 Germany 5
Great Britain 2 Netherlands 2
Germany 1 Netherlands 0
Spain 3 South Africa 0
France 1 Great Britain 2
Netherlands 5 Spain 3
France 2 South Africa 5
Great Britain 1 Germany 2
Belgium 2 Ireland 0
Australia 1 Argentina 0
India 3 New Zealand 2
Belgium 2 New Zealand 1
Ireland 1 Australia 2
India 1 Argentina 1
Ireland 0 India 2
Argentina 2 New Zealand 0
Australia 2 Belgium 0
India 1 Belgium 2
New Zealand 0 Australia 5
Argentina 2 Ireland 1
Australia 2 India 3
New Zealand 1 Ireland 2
Belgium 3 Argentina 3

Quarters

Germany 3 Argentina 2
India 1 Great Britain 1 (4-2 shoot-out)
Netherlands 2 Australia 0
Belgium 2 Spain 3

Semis

Germany 3 India 2
Netherlands 4 Spain 0

Bronze

India 2 Spain 1

Final

Germany 1 Netherlands 1 (1-3 shoot-out)

Women

Netherlands 6 France 2

Belgium 2 China 1

Germany 2 Japan 0

Japan 0 China 5

Germany 1 Netherlands 2

France 0 Belgium 5

France 1 Germany 5

Belgium 3 Japan 0

Netherlands 3 China 0

Japan 1 France 0

China 2 Germany 4

Belgium 1 Netherlands 3

Netherlands 5 Japan 1

China 7 France 1

Germany 0 Belgium 2

Argentina 4 United States 1

Australia 2 South Africa 1

Great Britain 1 Spain 2

Spain 1 United States 1

Great Britain 0 Australia 4

South Africa 2 Argentina 4

Argentina 2 Spain 1

South Africa 1 Great Britain 2

Australia 3 United States 0

United States 2 Great Britain 5

Spain 1 South Africa 0

Argentina 3 Australia 3

Great Britain 0 Argentina 3

Australia 3 Spain 1

United States 1 South Africa 0

Quarters

Netherlands 3 Great Britain 1

Argentina 1 Germany 1 (2-0 shoot-out)

Belgium 2 Spain 0

Australia 2 China 3

Semis

Netherlands 3 Argentina 0

Belgium 1 China 1 (2-3 shoot-out)

Bronze

Argentina 2 Belgium 2 (3-1 shoot-out)

Final

Netherlands 1 China 1 (3-1 shoot-out)

Club Goalscorers

Matt Guise-Brown (South Africa) 3 goals

Rupert Shipperley (Great Britain) 2

FIH Pro League



The Pro League continued in Utrecht on 22 June 2024 and then moved to Amsterdam for the final matches of this season's competition.

Men

Great Britain 1 Belgium 3

Netherlands 2 Germany 2 (4-5 shoot-out)

Germany 0 Great Britain 1

Netherlands 3 Belgium 1

Great Britain 3 Belgium 1

Netherlands 1 Germany 1 (1-3 shoot-out)

Germany 3 Great Britain 3 (4-2 shoot-out)

Netherlands 3 Belgium 5










#	Country	Played	Wins	Draws	SO-Bonus	Losses	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Australia	16	10	3	1	3	56	41	15	34
2	Netherlands	16	8	5	2	3	45	32	13	31
3	Great Britain	16	9	2	0	5	37	28	9	29
4	Argentina	16	7	5	3	4	39	35	4	29
5	Belgium	16	7	2	2	7	41	39	2	25
6	Germany	16	5	6	4	5	33	29	4	25
7	India	16	5	6	3	5	38	35	3	24
8	Spain	16	4	1	0	11	36	43	-7	13
9	Ireland	16	2	0	0	14	16	59	-43	6

Following Great Britain's 1-3 loss against Belgium, Australia qualified for the FIH Hockey Men's World Cup 2026 to be held in Belgium and Netherlands. At the start of the 2023-24 season of Pro League, a

new incentive was added to the event, with the title winners earning direct qualification to the upcoming FIH Hockey World Cups 2026.

Women

Netherlands 4 Germany 0
 Great Britain 0 Germany 2
 Netherlands 1 Belgium 2
 Great Britain 1 Belgium 2
 Great Britain 1 Germany 4
 Netherlands 2 Belgium 1
 Belgium 1 Great Britain 1 (2-4 shoot-out)
 Netherlands 1 Germany 0

1	 Netherlands	16	15	0	0	1	63	13	50	45
2	 Germany	16	11	1	0	4	35	23	12	34
3	 Argentina	16	10	2	2	4	40	21	19	34
4	 Belgium	16	7	3	2	6	24	27	-3	26
5	 China	16	7	4	0	5	31	29	2	25
6	 Australia	16	7	2	1	7	29	29	0	24
7	 Great Britain	16	3	4	3	9	24	46	-22	16
8	 India	16	2	1	1	13	16	38	-22	8
9	 United States	16	1	1	0	14	15	51	-36	4

The Netherlands won their second consecutive (their fourth overall) title with the 4-0 win against Germany on 22 June 2024. As hosts, the Netherlands had already secured qualification for the upcoming World Cup. Therefore the team finishing in second place in the Pro League would instead inherit the direct qualification spot for the Cup. With their win over Great Britain, Germany took second place in Pro League points table, going past Argentina, who had completed their 2023-24 campaign earlier in the month.

2025 European Championships

The seventeenth biennial 2025 Women's EuroHockey Championship organised by the European Hockey Federation will be held alongside the 20th Men's tournament at the Warsteiner HockeyPark in Mönchengladbach from 8 to 17 August 2025.

The winners will qualify for the 2026 World Cup in Wavre, Belgium and Amstelveen, Netherlands. If Belgium or the Netherlands win this tournament or if these two countries face each other in the final, the highest ranked team will qualify. The same applies to the Men's competition.

Qualification

The top six teams from the 2023 World Cup have qualified directly for the 2025 tournament. They are Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, England, Spain and Ireland. The remaining two teams will be the winners of the two sets of EuroHockey Qualifiers taking place in Glasgow (21-24 August 2024) and Douai (22-25 August 2024). The Men's qualifiers will take place in Vienna and Dublin, also between 22-

25 August 2024 to determine who will play alongside the already qualified Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, England, Spain and France. Details appear below.

FIH World Cup 2026

The sixteenth Men's World Cup will be held from 15-30 August 2026 in Wavre Belgium and Amstelveen Netherlands. Currently three places have been determined in the men's competition, the two hosts and Australia and three in the women's, the two hosts and Germany (as explained above).

Other places will be filled by the winners of:

- the FIH Pro League for 2024-25
- the Pan American Cup in Montevideo (5-15 March 2025)
- the EuroHockey Championship in Mönchengladbach (6-17 August 2025)
- the 2025 Africa Cup of Nations
- the 2025 Asia Cup
- the 2025 Oceania Cup
- seven places up for grabs in the World Cup Qualifying competition in January 2026

World Masters Hockey

World Cup 2024



For the WMH World Cup 2024, 113 teams have registered for Cape Town, including 29 International Masters Cup teams and 141 have registered for Auckland, including 33 International Masters Cup teams.

In order to provide the maximum number of matches and the best playing experience where there are fewer than four teams in a competition, the National and Masters Cup teams will play against each other and then break out for their own classification matches after the pool round(s).

Cape Town

There are two venues for the tournament in Cape Town; for O65+ at Hartleyvale and O35 and O40, women and men, at Western Province Cricket Club in Rondebosch, Cape Town.



Hartleyvale was previously used as a football stadium by Cape Town but currently as a hockey stadium, with smaller fields nearby still used for football by local amateur clubs.

Men

O35

Argentina Australia England France Germany New Zealand Scotland South Africa Spain United States Wales

O40

Argentina Hong Kong Kenya Singapore Australia England France Germany Malaysia New Zealand South Africa Spain USA

O65

Australia Belgium England France Germany Ireland Italy Malaysia Netherlands New Zealand Scotland South Africa Spain USA Wales

O70

Australia Belgium England France Germany Ireland Netherlands South Africa Spain Wales

O75

Australia England Germany South Africa Wales

O35 Masters Cup

Zimbabwe Australia South Africa

O40 Masters Cup

Alliance Australia South Africa

O65 Masters Cup

Alliance England LX Southern Cross Australia England Germany Netherlands South Africa

O75 Masters Cup

Alliance A Alliance B England LX Netherlands Southern Cross

Women

O35

Argentina Australia England France Germany Hong Kong Ireland Netherlands New Zealand Scotland South Africa USA Wales Zimbabwe

O40

Argentina Australia Chile England Germany Ireland Netherlands NZ Scotland Singapore South Africa USA Wales

O35 Masters Cup

Australia South Africa

O40 Masters Cup

Alliance Australia South Africa

The Schedule of matches is expected on or about 21 September 2024



Auckland

The events will take place from 7 November until 16 November 2024 at the National Hockey Centre In Auckland.



Men

Over 45
Over 50
Over 55
Over 60

Women

Over 45
Over 50
Over 55
Over 60
Over 65
Over 70

EuroHockey Qualifiers

The EuroHockey Championship tournaments for men and women comprise eight teams, split into two pools according to FIH World Ranking positions. In 2025, this will feature the top six finishers from the 2023 EuroHockey Championship men's and women's events along with two teams via the 2024 EuroHockey Championship qualifiers.

Places in the 2025 EuroHockey Championship II and III events will be determined by positions in the 2024 EuroHockey qualifiers.

Men

Pool A

Vienna 22-25 August 2024

Ukraine 8 Lithuania 0

Scotland 10 Croatia 2

Switzerland 1 Portugal 1 (3-4 shoot-out)

Austria 24 Hungary 0

Lithuania 1 Croatia 4

Hungary 0 Switzerland 13

Ukraine 1 Scotland 0

Austria 3 Portugal 1

7/8 Lithuania 7 Hungary 2

5/6 Croatia 1 Switzerland 3

3/4 Portugal 2 Scotland 10

Final Austria 3 Ukraine 1

Pool B

Dublin 22-25 August 2024

Wales 17 Luxembourg 0

Czechia 9 Turkey 1

Italy 0 Poland 0 (3-4 shoot-out)

Ireland 25 Malta 0

Luxembourg 1 Turkey 4

Malta 0 Italy 12

Wales 7 Czechia 1

Ireland 0 Poland 0 (2-4 shoot-out)

7/8 Luxembourg 0 Malta 4

5/6 Turkey 1 Italy 5

3/4 Ireland 4 Cheshire 0

Final Poland 2 Wales 1

Women

Pool A

Glasgow 22-25 August 2024

Wales 7 Croatia 0

Austria 1 Lithuania 0

Czechia 0 Wales 4

Scotland 1 Austria 0

5/6 Croatia 0 Lithuania 3

3/4 Austria 2 Czechia 3

Final Scotland 2 Wales 1

Pool B

Douai 22-25 August 2024

Poland 5 Turkey 1

Ukraine 4 Switzerland 1

France 22 Luxembourg 0

Luxembourg 0 Switzerland 14
Italy 0 Poland 0 (1-3 shoot-out)
France 3 Ukraine 2

5/6 Turkey 2 Switzerland 6
3/4 Italy 2 Ukraine 0
Final Poland 0 France 2

Yesteryear

A few snippets from *The Times*...(and not necessary club related) and when the new season beckons.

1924

29 September 1924

Surbiton began their season well on Saturday when they beat Hampstead by 3 goals to 2 on the Richmond Athletic Ground. There were four old Blues - all Oxford - and three English internationals playing for Hampstead but the Surbiton eleven combined so well that the opposing defence had to play at its very best to keep the score down. At half-time each side had scored once.

Surbiton were without their goal-keeper for the first 15 minutes and during that, period, R Kerr opened the score for Hampstead. Ten minutes later Hamley equalized and C S W Marcon, who has joined the Hampstead club this season, should have given his side the lead but he missed a *sitter* through over-running the ball. Ansari played a splendid game for Surbiton at right back and he is likely to prove a valuable addition to the club. His tackling was always keen and he never appeared to be ruffled by the bustling tactics of the Hampstead forwards. It was no fault of W P Phillips, who kept goal for the home team, that his side were beaten, for he saved several shots that looked like going through. His quickness in coming out frequently spoilt a promising movement by the Surbiton forwards.

Fifteen minutes after half-time Marcon gave Hampstead the lead but almost at once a fine movement resulted in an equalising goal. W H Gwyn, the Surbiton left back cleared to the outside-left, who returned the ball back to the centre, where it was taken on by C Hamley, who, in turn, passed to E A Beldam and the last-named scored with a first time shot. Ten minutes later Phillips saved at the expense of a corner and, from this, Harding passed to Beldam, who again found the net. This proved to be the winning goal

Hampstead: W P Phillips goal; A C Eiloart and J H Bennett backs: F McAlpine E E Trotman and C T A Wilkinson half-backs: R M Harris R Kerr C S W Marcon, and R G Critwell forwards.¹

1934

28 September 1934

The hockey season opens to-morrow, but the majority of the leading clubs do not start their fixtures until next week. In May the International Hockey Board met to consider alterations of the rules and to make the meaning of some of the rules clearer. The only addition of any importance this season is in relation to Rule 14, regarding the *roll-in*. In the past players have been in the habit of crossing the seven yards line before the ball has left the roller-in's hand, with the result that the game has been delayed by the umpire ordering another *roll-in* to be taken. Hitherto there has been no penalty attached to players transgressing by crossing the line or standing within it, but now "for persistent breaches a free hit may be awarded to the opposing team." Thus instead of ordering the roll-in to be taken again an umpire has the power to award a free hit and must use his own discretion as to what he may consider persistent breaches.

¹ No mention of a fifth forward

The Hooking of Sticks

Most players and umpires will be rather disappointed that the International Hockey Board have not abolished the hooking of sticks altogether, as in women's hockey. It will be remembered that the rule regarding hooking was modified two seasons ago and that hooking may now only be done by placing the stick between the ground and the opponent's stick. To decide whether the stick is so placed or whether the opponent's stick is knocked up, which is usually the case, has been the despair of umpires and players alike and the majority of them would welcome the total abolition of hooking sticks which one cannot help thinking would be a great improvement to the game generally.

The usual international games will be decided during March after the English divisional games have been played in January and February. All these games are far too close together, especially England's international matches, which take place on four consecutive weeks beginning March 16 and ending with a match against Holland in Holland on April 6. General regret will be expressed that the match against Ireland will not be played in London but in recent years the support given by the clubs in the south to international games has been so poor that the Hockey Association have this year given the Welsh match to the North and the Irish to the West, in both of which districts they are assured of ample support.

Staines, who at one time were unbeaten for nearly four years, have unfortunately fallen on lean times and require new members. Their fixture list still contains the names of most of the leading clubs, and there is a fine opportunity for young players to step into the first team quickly and get the best experience against first-class players. Spencer will again have A D Ogilvy as their captain, and all of last year's side are available if required. An additional fixture this season is against Tulse Hill, who also have all last season's players available. Beckenham will be without the brothers C T and H Ashton but otherwise will have most of last year's side again. J H Pope was kept out of the side through illness for most of the season but should renew successfully his partnership with J D Taylor Marsh on the right wing. With J H Wilson and R Y Fison in the defence, and possibly one or two of last year's University players also available, Beckenham should again have a good season.

Hampstead had an excellent defence last season, and with the exception of A Trimmer, the goalkeeper, all are again available. Their forward line, however, which never got together as well as it should have done, will be weakened by the loss of J Falston, who has gone to Bromley. There are capable reserves and little difficulty should be found in filling any vacancies. Wimbledon, Purley, Teddington, Richmond and Old Kingstonians all report increased membership, with nearly all of last year's first sides again available.

1954

17 September 1954

Although 2 October is the recognised opening date for hockey, a few clubs begin a week earlier, usually with games against provincial sides. Generally the prospects for the season appear to be good. Southgate proved themselves the leading side in the South last season and probably were one of the best in the country; their 21 wins in 26 games including victories over Brooklands and Bowdon, the leading northern clubs. Southgate have the nucleus of last year's side but they will miss the services of J Van Gelder, a pillar of the defence at left half-back, who has left the country. Surbiton, one of the oldest clubs in existence, had a satisfactory season and, with several improved young players in the side, should do well again, although it will not be easy to replace C S Buxton, who will be in the United States. The Hampstead club, which is gradually regaining the high standard of before the war, will play on the Brondesbury cricket club's ground at Cricklewood and their fixture list includes Beckenham, Hawks, Hounslow and Richmond. R J Potter will captain the first eleven, which will be strengthened by

the Welsh international and Cambridge Blue W B Peeling. Five teams will be run and prospective members should apply to the hon. secretary, R J Cummins, 20 Harcourt Road, Alexandra Park, N22.

1964

25 September 1964

The new hockey season, which for most clubs will start next weekend, will naturally be overshadowed at the outset by the endeavours of the Great Britain side in Tokyo, but once the Olympics are over it could be one of the most interesting, domestically, for some time. With both Neill and Davis contemplating retirement from international hockey, and with one or two other regular international players approaching that sad moment there should be great opportunities this winter for young players to break through.

If the selectors of all the home countries will take the plunge and rebuild boldly from the rising generation, Great Britain should be able to send a grand, young, yet matured, side to Mexico City in 1968, provided, of course, hockey is still an Olympic event at those Games.

The county championship, most unpredictable of competitions, is sure to provide some entertaining matches. splendid hockey and startling results. Kent, the present champions, will no doubt be hoping to repeat last season's excellent performance but will be, as ever, hotly challenged in the south by Surrey and Middlesex, with Hampshire threatening all three.

Richmond and Surbiton Hockey Clubs reach their ninetieth birthdays this year. These two clubs, with the slightly older Teddington, can fairly claim to be the originators of the modern game - possibly the first club matches ever played under something approaching modern rules were between these three. From the quiet peace of their tree-shaded grounds of 1874 to the crowded, glaring Olympic arenas is a long journey but the link is there this season. Both Richmond and Surbiton, happily, are represented in the Great Britain side and Land² and Veit can be certain that many generations of members from their famous clubs will be wishing them well next month.

1974

6 September 1974

Seasonal stimulants include a change in legislation designed to acquire a richer crop of goals. Umpires can now award a penalty stroke for a deliberate offence inside the circle whether or not such defensive action has prevented a goal being scored. Short corners will be awarded more liberally for intentional transgressions inside the 25-yard area. The 16-yard free hit, after the ball has crossed the goal line, has been modified to allow a defender to take it from a position less than 16 yards away from the goal line, directly opposite to the point at which the ball goes out of play. The object is to avoid irritating delays and help defending teams to take quick hits for tactical reasons.

1984

6 August 1984

Britain brought about the greatest upset so far in the hockey tournament yesterday by defeating the European champions, Netherlands 4-3 in a thrilling Group B match. This was Britain's first victory over the Netherlands since 1972. Against all expectations, Britain are now sure of a place in the semi-finals, even if they lose to Pakistan tomorrow. Should that happen Pakistan will also qualify for the semi-finals. A 2-0 lead at the interval did not flatter Britain in the least. They were sharper in attack and the defence gave very little away. It was unusual to see the Netherlands searching in vain for an opening instead of dictating terms as they usually do. Their midfield planning broke down and their forwards were shut out by the tightly controlled British defence.

² Nigel Land's father

After ten minutes the Dutch were made to pay an even heavier price for their indecision when Batchelor pushed the ball forward to Kerly, who had a clear run towards goal. The Dutch goalkeeper hesitated before coming out and Kerly drove a hard, angled shot into goal. After a couple of Dutch raids had been beaten back Britain forced their second corner which led to their second goal. The first hit by Cattrall was saved. Kerly's shot on the follow-up came back again and Batchelor hooked the ball into the net.

Britain increased their lead early in the second half through Kerly. Then Taylor in goal brilliantly saved a penalty stroke before the Dutch reduced the lead through Klaasen, a substitute. Barely two minutes later Cattrall converted a short corner to put Britain 4-1 ahead. The Dutch scored two more goals, one from a penalty stroke but their attempts to get the equaliser failed. Britain made three substitutions, bringing on Leman, Bhaura and Westcott.

Club Stuff

130 years ago

Thursday, 5 September 1894

At the Committee Meeting held at 63 Broadhurst Gardens, the Circular as drawn up, was approved.

Hampstead Hockey Club.

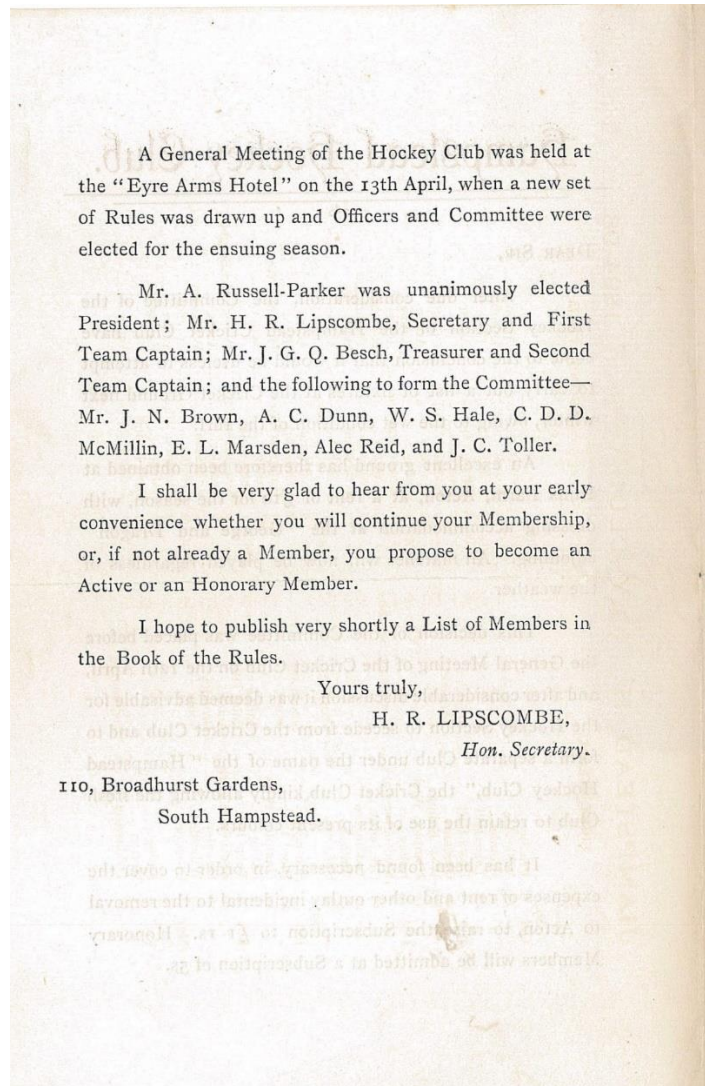
DEAR SIR,

After due consideration, the Committee of the Hockey Section of the Hampstead Cricket Club have come to the conclusion that it would be useless to attempt to carry out a list of fixtures at the Cricket Ground next winter, owing to the wet condition of the turf.

An excellent ground has therefore been obtained at Elms Farm, Acton, at a rent of £10 for the season, with dressing accommodation at the "George and Dragon" adjoining. All matches will now be played regardless of the weather.

This decision of the Committee was placed before the General Meeting of the Cricket Club on the 12th April, and after considerable discussion it was deemed advisable for the Hockey Section to secede from the Cricket Club and to form a separate Club under the name of the "Hampstead Hockey Club," the Cricket Club kindly allowing the fresh Club to retain the use of its present colours.

It has been found necessary, in order to cover the expenses of rent and other outlay incidental to the removal to Acton, to raise the Subscription to £1 1s. Honorary Members will be admitted at a Subscription of 5s.



[120 years ago](#)

Saturday, 10 September 1904

At the Annual General Meeting held at the Constitutional Club Hampstead it was [*among other things*] proposed by Mr Ravenor and seconded by Mr Wheeler that the Club should have another ground and not exceeding £15 and the Secretary was requested to write about a ground at Cricklewood.

[110 years ago](#)

Wednesday, 16 September 1914

The Annual General Meeting of the club was held at the Constitutional Club, Hampstead on 16 September 1914.

“This season is one absolutely unprecedented in the history of the club. In consequence of this country being in a state of war with Germany and owing to the fact that nearly all the members of the club, without, and some with, family ties are serving their country either in Lord Kitchener’s Army or in the Territorials or in some other equally useful capacity, it was found to be impossible to carry out the fixture list and therefore all matches for the season were cancelled and all clubs and individuals were notified to that effect”.

The Hon Secretary was instructed to make the best terms possible with the Directors of the Athletic Association at Richmond with regard to the ground for the present season, the club not requiring the use of it, yet wishing to become tenant again when normal conditions were resumed.

[100 years ago](#)

Friday, 5 September 1924

At the Annual General Meeting held at 10 Serjeants Inn, C S W Marcon³ is elected a member of the Club. Laurie Barnard⁴ is recorded as not being personally known to two Club members and is therefore invited to play in the practice game to be held on 20 September 1924.

[80 years ago](#)

Saturday, 19 September 1964

The Secretary reports that the Club had been given notice to leave the Hornsey ground at the end of the 1964-65 season. Surrey CCC had given its agreement in principle to our playing at Kennington Oval from the 1965-66 season. An attempt would be made to discover the rent paid to Surrey CCC by Corinthian Casuals FC for the use of the ground for football.

[70 years ago](#)

Wednesday, 16 October 1974

The Committee notes that the prospects of acquiring the use of a pitch at North London Cricket Club appeared to be receding, although an official refusal had not been received. G Phillips was asked to contact Peter Boizot to discover a contact for a possible hire of a pitch in the Chelsea Barracks.

[40 years ago](#)

Tuesday, 25 September 1984

At a Committee Meeting, Norman Borrett raises the prospect of fielding a further team for the forthcoming season and felt that the Club might well be able to raise an 8th XI. A decision was needed in light of the Fixture Conference to be held in the following week.

[30 years ago](#)

Friday, 16 September 1994

The Veterans' Centenary Tournament begins with eight teams participating in the pools of four, Hampstead meeting Icen XI, Liverpool Sefton and Llamas. The Superveterans competition consists of four teams, playing three 25 minutes each way matches against the others, featuring the H&W Spaniards, Puritans, Leominster and Liars.

[20 years ago](#)

Monday, 25 October 2004

The Club convenes a meeting seeking members with relevant experience in order to identify and prioritise options for developing and running the Carlton Tavern, in light of Peter Boizot's invitation to the Club to take over the lease, as he scales down his London businesses.

Next edition

All being well, the next Newsletter will report on the mid-way point in the 2024-25 season.

If you have any news or comment, please direct it to disvelwell@gmail.com

³ Sholto Marcon had won a gold medal at the 1920 Olympic Games in Antwerp with England and is frequently credited as having been a member of the Club at that time, which was not the case.

⁴ Future donor of the Cup that bears his name. He was subsequently elected as a member immediately after the practice game.