

Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club

Newsletter May 2025

Keeping Vice Presidents and Friends in the know

Welcome

This is the forty fourth Newsletter in the current format. It covers the end of the 2024-25 season, with the conclusion of the various League competitions (including play-offs for the Women's 1st XI) and covers international success for the team at the EuroTrophy 1 competition in Rakovník and for the Club's Junior section in national events at Nottingham.

Highlights

In the usual tabloid format, the highlights of the Spring (and in no particular order) are:

- **The Women's 1st XI wins the Euro Trophy 1 in Czechia**
- The Women's 1st XI wins the Premier Division League title and qualifies for top level European hockey next season
- The Women's 1st XI progress to the Premier Division Play Offs but narrowly miss out, to finish fourth
- The Men's 1st XI end the season in fifth place in the Premier Division and miss out for the Play Offs
- The Women's 2nd XI are narrowly beaten to second place in the East Conference of the National League
- The Men's 2nd XI end their season mid-way in the East Conference, with six drawn matches
- Jake Glew at 15 becomes the youngest men's player to take part in the Premier Division and the youngest to score a goal in the Division
- Jake is presented with the Hockey Writers Club's Under 16 Junior Award for boys
- The Men's 1st XI continues to select players from the Youth Section for Premier Division matches
- Rhett Halkett abandons the Men's 1st XI after just three months as coach and Danny Newcombe succeeds him for the second half of the season, assisted by Marc Edwards
- The Club' Under 18 team defeats Repton School to win the national Tier 1 Cup competition
- The Under 14 team wins the national Tier 2 Plate competition with an 8-0 win against Sheffield Hallam
- The Club holds a successful Fund Raising Dinner in the City of London that raises £23,000
- The Club establishes an award for umpiring in memory of the late Nick Cowley
- In the London Area Men's Division 1, the 3rd XI find it tough going and finish in eleventh place
- In Division 2 North, the Zak Hond XI slip to fourth place and the 4th XI end in ninth place (of twelve)
- In Division 5 North West, the Spaniards and Colts XIs are in fourth and fifth places, respectively
- The newly promoted Thirsts XI's struggle in Division 3 North continues in the second half of the season and they end it ten points adrift in last place.
- The Spaniards and Colts consolidate their positions to take third and fourth places, respectively, in Division 5 North West
- The Women's 3rd XI end their season fifth in the London Area Premier Division and the 4th XI take seventh spot in Division 1
- The Women's 5th XI are placed eighth of twelve in Division 2 North
- In Division 4 North West, the Women's 6th XI are second to West Hampstead 4th XI and the 7th XI are two behind in fourth, ten points clear of Old Millhillians 1st XI
- Will Saxby leads the Supervets XI to win the South Masters O50 Premier Division title
- The Grandmasters XI end in fifth place in the South Masters O60 Premier Division
- The O40 Masters team are sixth of nine in the Over 40 Premier Division

Tribute

Tony Swing

Anthony (Victor) Swing to his family but Tony Swing when in Hampstead hockey circles, was a Vice President of the Club, whose death occurred on 24 March 2025. He had suffered complications after a fall a fortnight or so earlier and became very unwell with pneumonia. His family said that although he had not played for years, he was a great supporter and follower of the Club and the sport more generally.

He enjoyed receiving news of the Club. In an e-mail of January 2023 he wrote, "I must congratulate you on your latest email Newsletter which was fascinating, although I am not currently in touch with the Club due to health problems. I was pleased to be reminded of my ten years active as a player with the Club from 1968-78."

Tony had been approached by Colin Greenhalgh, on his move to Cornwall, to take over the writing of a newsletter to the Old Members (to use Colin's usual expression). He initially agreed before (demonstrating astute judgement) declining that led to the start of the current Newsletters in this form, back in December 2008.

Tony was elected a member on 8 November 1968, at the same time as Abe Hillel and Tarlok Mandair, among others. He was appointed Vice Captain of the 5th XI at the AGM on 27 March 1969. By March 1970, he was playing at centre half for the 3rd XI and a year later at fullback for the 4th XI. He remained a keen advocate of the lower teams. This contributed to his protest at the lack of any report to the AGM on 18 April 1973 of the performance of the lower elevens. Chris Major then requested that the minutes of the previous AGM should be circulated before the next AGM. In response, the Minutes record, "The exhausted Committee (the time being 11.25pm) readily accepted the first proposal but was too tired to object to the second."

Having retired as a player, Tony was often seen on the sidelines paying particular attention to the progress of the Women's 1st XI and at the Westminster Challenge, seen below, on the far left, in the company of his club contemporaries Colin Greenhalgh, Alan Kurtz and Peter Boizot.



Tony also undertook three tours with the Veterans in a non-playing support role as “team scribe”, recording events in written form. His first trip to Beerschot, outside Antwerp was in 2010 and Tony’s report is reproduced at the end of this Newsletter.



Tony with Mike Carnill

Photo: Chris Somes Charlton



At Temse in 2011

Tony provided support to Peter Boizot after his move from London to Peterborough and accompanied a cadre of Hampstead members to entertain Peter to lunch in Peterborough on several occasions.

A Service of Thanksgiving for his life was held on Thursday 24th April 2025 at Chelsea Old Church, 64 Cheyne Walk.

Officiating

Belated congratulations once more to Tim Forte, Chairman at national level of England Hockey Officiating (and former Men’s 1st XI goalkeeper in the National League) upon his appointment as a

In spite of being held to a 2-2 draw by Reading, a point was enough for Hampstead to secure top spot in the second stage of the Premier Division and with it a European place for 2026. Catherine Ledesma and Lucy Hyams twice gave Hampstead a first half lead, only to be pegged back by goals from Caroline Spence and Annie Wilson. Second placed Surbiton could have overtaken Hampstead with a win but were defeated 5-3 at home by East Grinstead. Giselle Ansley and Erica Sanders put Surbiton two up but goals from Biba Mills and Tess Howard made it 2-2 at the break. Darcy Bourne again put Surbiton in the lead but Howard equalised again and goals in the final quarter from Olivia Shannon and a second for Mills made it 5-3 to EG, who finish fourth. Wimbledon in fifth beat Loughborough Students, who did not win a game in the second stage, 2-0.

1	Hampstead & Westminster W1	16	11	3	2	43	15	28	36
2	Surbiton W1	16	10	3	3	49	23	26	33
3	Reading 1	16	9	5	2	48	32	16	32
4	East Grinstead W1	16	9	4	3	38	26	12	31
5	Wimbledon W1	16	8	4	4	37	26	11	28
6	Loughborough Students W1	16	4	3	9	29	37	-8	15

The teams went into play-offs with the two qualifying teams from the Lower 6. Pools comprised teams in 1,4,5,8 and 2,3,6,7 positions. These were new pools: no league points were carried over.

Top 8

Hampstead 2 Bowdon 0

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Hampstead 2 Wimbledon 1

Lench (2)

Hampstead 3 East Grinstead 2

Hamilton (2) Lench

1	Hampstead & Westminster W1	3	3	0	0	7	3	4	9
2	East Grinstead W1	3	2	0	1	7	5	2	6
3	Wimbledon W1	3	1	0	2	6	4	2	3
4	Bowdon 1	3	0	0	3	2	10	-8	0

Finals

Reading 1 Hampstead 1

Willars (0-2 shoot-out)

Hampstead 2 East Grinstead 3

Hyams Tynan

Having won the division title and the top 8 competition, Hampstead were in good heart for the Play Off finals at Nottingham. In a tight match against Reading, with few scoring opportunities, Reading took advantage of a hesitation in the Hampstead defence to score, when a large majority expected the umpire's whistle for an infringement, which never sounded. And Reading cleared a shot off their own line. Towards the end, Hampstead withdrew their goalkeeper, opting for the additional outfield player and it worked for once when Phoebe Willars scored late on for the equaliser. Miriam Pritchard was unable to repeat her heroine like capacity of last season in the shoot-out and without a goal scored, Hampstead went down 0-2. Next day it was another close encounter with East Grinstead when a single goal tends to settle the game (as it had on the opening day of the season at Saint Hill). So it proved once more, with the 2-3 loss. Nonetheless, this has been a magnificent unparalleled season of success for the Women.

At the other end of the table, Holcombe's parting of ways with coach Nick Bandurak in the early stages of the campaign rather backfired and the recruitment of Hampstead player Sarah Robertson was not enough to bring success. They were relegated.

University of Birmingham W1	19	8	5	6	42	28	14	29
University of Nottingham 1	19	6	5	8	43	42	1	23
Holcombe W1	19	4	3	12	18	42	-24	15
Sutton Coldfield 1	19	0	1	18	15	81	-66	1

Conference East [2nd XI]

Hampstead 3 Spencer 3
Hampstead 4 Sevenoaks 0
Canterbury 1 Hampstead 2
Teddington 0 Hampstead 2
Hampstead 3 London Wayfarers 1
Hampstead 4 Old Loughtonians 1
Wapping 1 Hampstead 1
Old Georgians 2 Hampstead 2

Elliott J Clark Murdoch
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Greenwood (2) Clark
Greenwood Davey (3)
Clark
Hastings Eggink

1	Teddington W1	18	13	4	1	45	20	25	43
2	Hampstead & Westminster W2	18	12	5	1	45	20	25	41
3	London Wayfarers W1	18	9	4	5	40	30	10	31
4	Spencer W1	18	8	7	3	45	32	13	26
5	Old Loughtonians 1	18	6	4	8	25	31	-6	22
6	Canterbury 1	18	5	4	9	22	26	-4	19
7	Wapping W1	18	4	6	8	15	24	-9	18
8	Old Georgians 1	18	3	7	8	27	31	-4	16
9	Sevenoaks 2	18	3	4	11	16	48	-32	13
10	East London W1	18	2	5	11	24	42	-18	11

Elsewhere in the Women's National League...

Barnes and Durham University are promoted to the Premier Division, replacing Holcombe and Sutton Coldfield, who had a rather miserable season once more back in the top flight. Not so Barnes, for who this will be a new adventure. A voyage up to Durham might await our women next season.

Division 1 South

1	Barnes W1	18	14	1	3	51	21	30	43
2	University of Exeter Women	18	12	3	3	43	26	17	39
3	Harlestone Magpies 1	18	8	5	5	24	24	0	29
4	Guildford 1	18	8	5	5	26	28	-2	29

Division 1 North

1	Durham University 1	18	17	0	1	72	13	59	51
2	Beeston W1	18	16	0	2	76	11	65	48
3	Buckingham W1	18	11	2	5	49	34	15	35
4	Repton 1	18	8	0	10	26	30	-4	24

Conference North

1	Leeds 1	18	12	3	3	58	23	35	39
2	Fylde 1	18	11	4	3	53	28	25	37
3	Whitley Bay & Tynemouth 1	18	11	2	5	30	20	10	35
4	Bowdon 2	18	10	2	6	38	29	9	32

Conference West

1	Reading 2	18	14	3	1	52	16	36	45
2	Trojans 1	18	10	4	4	43	32	11	34
3	Clifton Robinsons 2	18	9	4	5	42	29	13	31
4	Lansdown 1	18	8	6	4	36	20	16	30

Conference Midlands

1	Loughborough Students 2	18	15	2	1	50	20	30	47
2	Cambridge City 1	18	12	2	4	50	30	20	38
3	Stourport 1	18	9	2	7	30	26	4	29
4	University of Birmingham 2	18	7	6	5	38	31	7	27

Men

Premier Division

Top 6

Wimbledon 4 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 2 Old Georgians 4
 Holcombe 2 Hampstead 3
 Hampstead 2 Oxted 3
 Hampstead 1 Surbiton 4

Shipperley T Guise Brown S Kelly
 J Kelly Glew
 Morgan Sheffens Richards
 M Guise Brown (2)
 M Guise Brown

1	Old Georgians M1	16	15	1	0	92	29	63	46
2	Surbiton M1	16	12	2	2	74	30	44	38
3	Holcombe M1	16	10	2	4	55	35	20	32
4	Wimbledon M1	16	9	4	3	54	36	18	31
5	Hampstead & Westminster M1	16	7	1	8	53	40	13	22
6	Oxted M1	16	5	2	9	38	59	-21	17

The teams progressed to the play-offs with the two qualifying teams from the Lower 6. Pools were divided, similarly, into 1,4,5,8 and 2,3,6,7 positions. These were new pools, without points carried over. Home matches were determined by teams' standings at the end of stage 2. If matches are drawn

teams play a shootout for a bonus point. The top two teams in each pool played in crossover semi-finals at the finals weekend on 3-4 May 2025.

Top 8

Wimbledon 5 Hampstead 0
 Old Georgians 4 Hampstead 0
 Hampstead 3 East Grinstead 1

Sharp Morgan Cross

1	Old Georgians M1	3	3	0	0	14	3	11	9
2	Wimbledon M1	3	2	0	1	12	6	6	6
3	Hampstead & Westminster M1	3	1	0	2	3	10	-7	3
4	East Grinstead M1	3	0	0	3	4	14	-10	0

Relegation Play Offs

1	Cardiff & Met	19	7	1	11	42	60	-18	22
2	Southgate M1	19	5	4	10	40	61	-21	19
3	Bowdon	19	5	1	13	31	65	-34	16
4	Richmond M1	19	1	2	16	23	84	-61	5

East Conference [2nd XI]

Hampstead 0 Spencer 0
 Hampstead 1 Old Cranleighan 1
 Bromley & Beckenham 2 Hampstead 0
 Brighton & Hove 1 Hampstead 2
 Hampstead 2 London Wayfarers 2
 Hampstead 2 West Herts 2
 Wimbledon 2 Hampstead 4
 Surbiton 4 Hampstead 2

Glew

Venables O'Meara
 O'Meara Smart
 Spencer O'Meara
 J Kelly Stevens Hincks (2)
 O'Meara Turnbull

1	Surbiton M2	18	11	3	4	50	28	22	36
2	London Wayfarers M1	18	10	3	5	45	31	14	33
3	Spencer M1	18	9	5	4	57	45	12	32
4	Brighton & Hove	18	9	2	7	40	38	2	29
5	Bromley & Beckenham M1	18	7	6	5	38	33	5	27
6	Old Cranleighan M1	18	7	3	8	40	37	3	24
7	Hampstead & Westminster M2	18	6	6	6	31	31	0	24
8	Wimbledon M2	18	7	0	11	37	45	-8	21
9	Tunbridge Wells 1	18	4	6	8	41	51	-10	18
10	West Herts M1	18	2	2	14	27	67	-40	8

Elsewhere in the Men's National League...

Reading and Brooklands MU are promoted to the Premier Division, replacing Richmond and Bowdon. Congratulations to Todd Williams with Reading, who held off a challenge from Indian Gymkhana, who reckoned that in the final stretch for the title, Reading might have lost their nerve. Something connected to bottles, apparently. And our men may face a return to the rather bleak ground at Sale,

where success for them has proved hard going and even elusive in recent times. It will be an opportunity to lock horns with former team mate James Sutcliffe (and renew acquaintances with old friends in their club).

Division 1 South

1	Reading	18	15	1	2	56	27	29	46
2	Indian Gymkhana M1	18	13	3	2	61	43	18	42
3	Old Loughtonians Mens 1	18	9	5	4	45	37	8	32
4	Sevenoaks	18	9	2	7	55	46	9	29

Division One North

1	Brooklands Manchester University M1	18	15	1	2	64	26	38	46
2	Loughborough Students	18	14	3	1	55	29	26	45
3	University of Nottingham M1	18	13	0	5	53	33	20	39
4	Harborne 1	18	7	3	8	46	45	1	24

Conference North

1	Timperley 1	18	15	3	0	74	23	51	48
2	Leeds	18	12	3	3	61	29	32	39
3	Doncaster	18	11	3	4	52	28	24	36
4	Didsbury Northern 1	18	9	3	6	36	39	-3	30

Conference Midlands

1	Repton 1	18	13	4	1	63	31	32	43
2	Norwich City 1	18	10	5	3	54	36	18	35
3	Chelmsford 1	18	10	4	4	54	44	10	34
4	St Albans	18	8	4	6	44	33	11	28

Conference West

1	Guildford M1	18	17	1	0	85	13	72	52
2	Clifton Robinsons 1	18	14	2	2	68	27	41	44
3	Chichester	18	8	3	7	46	32	14	27
4	University Of Exeter 2	18	7	6	5	42	50	-8	27

Regional League Results

Success provides admission to the National League Conferences next season.

East Men's Premier

City of Peterborough 1 (51 points) from Saffron Walden 1 (38 points) and Bedford 1 (37 points)

West Men's Premier

Cardiff & Met 2 (54 points) from Cheltenham 1 (47 points) and Bristol Firebrands (34 points)

Midlands Men's Premier

Loughborough Students 2 (47 points) from Leek 1 and Nottingham Trent University 1 (both 45 points and on goal difference of 42 against 41)

North West Men's Premier

Neston 1 (57 points) from Bowdon 2 (49 points) and Preston 1 (35 points)

Yorkshire and North East Men's Premier

Newcastle University 1 (56 points) from Stockton 1 (42 points) and Durham City 1 (35 points)

London Men's Premier

Southgate 2 (58 points) from Epsom 1 (39 points) and Wapping 1 (36 points)

East Women's Premier

Harleston Magpies 2 (47 points) from Cambridge City 2 (38 points) and Ipswich 1 (34 points)

West Women's Premier

Cardiff & Met 1 (53 points) from University of Bristol 1 (45 points) and University of Exeter 2 (44 points)

Midlands Women's Premier

Nottingham Trent University 1 (57 points) from University of Nottingham 2 and Matlock Baileans (both on 42 points and a goal difference of 31 over 24)

North West Women's Premier

Brooklands Poynton 1 (49 points) from Kirkby Stephen 1 (46 points) and Timperley 1 (45 points)

Yorkshire and North East Women's Premier

Durham University 3 from Sheffield Hallam 1 and Leeds 2, all on 43 points (and on goal difference of 32 over 31 and 21)

London Women's Premier

Barnes 2 (56 points) from Southgate 2 (54 points) and Tulse Hill & Dulwich 1 (37 points)

Hockey Writers Club



When Dick Hollands, Pat Rowley and David Morgan conceived the Hockey Writers' Club (HWC) in 1972, they could never have believed how much hockey writing would change or that the Club would have bloggers and podcasters in its ranks.

The Club has moved forward with the times, and during its history, the HWC has achieved much. Media facilities have improved markedly, and there is a greater understanding between the media and the organising bodies at national and international level.

Throughout the year, it carries out important work liaising with England Hockey and other national associations in relation to media facilities at grounds, accreditation and relations between England men's and women's players and the media while on tour. The Club supports the players through its highly regarded individual men's, women's and junior awards, presented at the Annual Lunch.

Membership is open to all writers, photographers and broadcasters actively involved in hockey journalism, and while it is a UK-based organisation, there are members around the world. Applications for membership are welcome.

The 2024 Winners in the junior section were:

Youth, Girls U18 – Liv Breed
Youth, Boys U18 – Kaden Draysey
Junior, Girls U16 – Biba Mills
Junior, Boys U16 – Jake Glew

Who is Jake Glew?

Jake is currently aged 15 and will be 16 in June 2025. He is the youngest to have played for Hampstead 1st XI and the youngest to have played and to have scored a goal in the Premier Division. His interest in hockey began at his primary school from the age of seven, where an after schools group was formed by a former England goalkeeper. She spotted his talent and encouraged him to join a local club. He joined Ashford HC when aged eight, as it was just around the corner from home. At 13, he played for Ashford HC's 1st XI receiving Colt of the Year award in his first season. Further accolades followed with Spelthorne Young Sportsman Youth award at 14 and player of the season for Ashford 1st XI in the same year. Jake stayed with them until he was aged 15, when he was at the age that he could then play senior hockey.

He was in the Hampstead u18 team that won the national final 2-0 against Repton at Nottingham a fortnight ago. He is in his second season with England under 16. He first played when he was aged 14 having been spotted at the Talent Academy (TA) Nottingham festival when he came to the attention of the England selectors.

He had a choice of which TA to join and was approached by Surbiton HC, who really wanted him as a player but he was more eager to develop his game. Because he had enjoyed the company of some of the players from the Hampstead TA, he decided to join them. He was keen to know a few of his fellow players but wanted it to be for his playing ability. Because of his age, permission had to be sought from England Hockey for him to appear in the TA.

He played for England under 16 against the Netherlands at Lilleshall and against Germany at Glasgow and at the recent European under 16 championship at Tonbridge School. England came third of six behind Belgium and Germany. He won the Young Player of the Year award at Hockey Writers Club and was presented with the trophy by Jacob Draper, with Toby Reynolds Cotterill also in attendance.



Jake Glew (Ashford HC, Hampstead & Westminster HC)

Photo Andy Mair

Junior Championship Finals 2024-25

Hampstead U18 2 Repton U18 0

Riley 17 PS, Hincks 63 FG

Squad

Max Griffiths (GK), Freddy Pettifer, Toby Whittaker, Milo Sharland, Shareef Okoya, Charles Cadman, Luca Knorr, Sebastian Michel, Alex Taylor, Mirco Riley (captain), Aidan Hincks, Jake Glew, Maks Mumford, Lucas Smart. Ben Mendelsohn, Jake Bell. Coach: Darren Hincks

Junior Club U14 Championships

Boys Tier 2 Cup Final

23 April 2025

North Norfolk 2 Hampstead 6

Fadel 14, Michel 22, P Heinlein 34, Papworth 51 and 66, Sahil 63

Squad

Avery Gowen (GK), Jack Fadel, Frede Butler, William Murray-Bruce, Dominic Herrey, Sammy Michel, Oscar Price, Philipp Heinlein, Alexander Walker, Prasad Sahil, Conrad Cester, John Carrick, Thomas Bignone, Lewis Papworth (captain) Fox Bramhall, Max Heinlein. Coach: Piran Gowen

England Hockey: London Area



London Men's Division 1

Hampstead Men's 3rd XI

1	Richmond M2	22	19	1	2	107	22	85	58
2	Old Cranleighan M2	22	15	4	3	69	38	31	49
3	Old Merchant Taylors M1	22	11	8	3	54	35	19	41
4	London Academicals M1	22	12	3	7	59	48	11	39
5	PHC Chiswick M1	22	10	4	8	50	41	9	34
6	Southgate M3	22	7	6	9	54	66	-12	27
7	East London M1	22	8	3	11	37	50	-13	27
8	Ashford (Middlesex) M1	22	7	4	11	41	60	-19	25
9	Croydon Trinity Whitgiftian M1	22	6	5	11	51	69	-18	23
10	Bromley & Beckenham M2	22	5	5	12	42	61	-19	20
11	Hampstead & Westminster M3	22	5	2	15	41	81	-40	17
12	Croestyx M1	22	2	5	15	29	63	-34	11

London Men's Division 2 North

Hampstead Zak Hond XI and 4th XI

1	Wapping M2	22	16	4	2	76	36	40	52
2	Indian Gymkhana M2	22	15	2	5	96	38	58	47
3	Richmond M3	22	14	3	5	60	34	26	45
4	Hampstead & Westminster ZH	22	13	3	6	80	54	26	42
5	Spencer M4	22	12	4	6	67	54	13	40
6	Wanderers M1	22	11	2	9	65	53	12	35
7	Barnes M2	22	8	3	11	68	59	9	27
8	Southgate M4	22	7	4	11	46	68	-22	25
9	Hampstead & Westminster M4	22	6	5	11	42	54	-12	23
10	West Hampstead M2	22	6	2	14	55	76	-21	20
11	London Wayfarers Vikings	22	5	2	15	50	82	-32	17
12	PHC Chiswick M2	22	1	2	19	27	124	-97	5

London Men's Division 3 North

Hampstead Thirsts XI

Bottom six

7	Old Merchant Taylors M2	22	9	4	9	62	61	1	31
8	London Royals M1	22	8	6	8	60	62	-2	30
9	Indian Gymkhana M3	22	9	4	9	59	60	-1	28
10	Wapping M4	22	5	7	10	44	68	-24	22
11	East London M3	22	5	4	13	34	52	-18	19
12	Hampstead & Westminster Thirsts	22	3	1	18	28	92	-64	9

London Men's Division 5 North West

Hampstead Spaniards and Colts XIs

1	West Herts M4	20	17	1	2	87	31	56	52
2	Richmond Deerstalkers	20	13	6	1	83	29	54	45
3	Hampstead & Westminster Spaniards	20	14	2	4	62	24	38	44
4	Hampstead & Westminster Colts	20	9	6	5	50	32	18	33
5	Indian Gymkhana M5	20	11	1	8	75	76	-1	33
6	Ealing M1	20	10	2	8	59	36	23	32
7	PHC Chiswick M5	20	6	3	11	32	62	-30	21
8	West Hampstead M8	20	6	1	13	33	79	-46	19
9	London Royals M2	20	4	3	13	26	48	-22	15
10	Southgate M6	20	3	3	14	31	73	-42	12
11	West Hampstead M7	20	1	4	15	24	72	-48	4

London Women's Premier Division

Hampstead 3rd XI

1	Barnes W2	22	18	2	2	73	24	49	56
2	Southgate W2	22	17	3	2	51	20	31	54
3	Tulse Hill & Dulwich W1	22	10	7	5	50	28	22	37
4	London Wayfarers W2	22	11	3	8	43	36	7	36
5	Hampstead & Westminster W3	22	11	2	9	34	43	-9	35
6	Surbiton Sparks	22	10	4	8	59	49	10	34
7	West Hampstead W1	22	8	4	10	45	47	-2	28
8	Wanderers W1	22	7	4	11	37	55	-18	25
9	Surbiton W3	22	6	4	12	39	44	-5	22
10	PHC Chiswick W1	22	5	4	13	31	61	-30	19
11	Old Cranleigh W1	22	4	4	14	42	56	-14	16
12	Wimbledon W3	22	3	3	16	19	60	-41	12

London Women's Division 1

Hampstead 4th XI

1	Teddington W2	22	16	3	3	55	26	29	50
2	Barnes W3	22	15	4	3	44	21	23	49
3	Spencer W2	22	15	2	5	60	28	32	47
4	London Wayfarers W3	22	13	4	5	40	23	17	43
5	London Academicals W1	22	12	4	6	48	25	23	40
6	London Edwardians W1	22	7	7	8	27	28	-1	28
7	Hampstead & Westminster W4	22	8	2	12	34	39	-5	26
8	Spencer W3	22	6	4	12	31	45	-14	22
9	Surbiton W4	22	6	2	14	27	50	-23	20
10	West Herts W1	22	4	6	12	30	46	-16	18
11	Harrow W1	22	3	5	14	24	56	-32	14
12	Southgate W3	22	3	5	14	24	57	-33	14

London Women's Division 2 North

Hampstead 5th XI

7	PHC Chiswick W2	22	8	4	10	29	41	-12	28
8	Hampstead & Westminster W5	22	7	5	10	52	67	-15	26
9	Eastcote W1	22	7	3	12	31	40	-9	24
10	Wapping W3	22	5	5	12	31	47	-16	20
11	Spencer W5	22	5	2	15	28	60	-32	16
12	Wanderers W3	22	1	1	20	20	73	-53	4

London Women's Division 4 North West

Hampstead 6th and 7th XIs

Top 8

1	West Hampstead W4	22	18	3	1	94	18	76	57
2	Hampstead & Westminster W6	22	17	4	1	92	13	79	55
3	Eastcote W3	22	15	6	1	55	7	48	51
4	Hampstead & Westminster W7	22	14	0	8	75	50	25	42
5	Old Millhillians W1	22	10	2	10	59	61	-2	32
6	West Hampstead W5	22	7	4	11	39	47	-8	25
7	Eastcote W4	22	7	3	12	45	54	-9	24
8	West Herts W3	22	7	3	12	35	65	-30	23

Masters Hockey

South Masters Men O40 Premier Division

1	Old Cranleighans Stormers	16	13	3	0	81	14	67	42
2	Wimbledon Masters 1	16	11	0	5	39	30	9	33
3	Spencer Masters	16	7	3	6	40	40	0	24
4	Reading Rustlers	16	7	2	7	39	43	-4	23
5	Old Georgians Fire	16	6	4	6	41	42	-1	22
6	Hampstead & Westminster Masters	16	5	3	8	34	40	-6	18
7	Epsom Embers	16	5	0	11	35	50	-15	15
8	Guildford Pilgrims Mens O40	16	3	5	8	28	47	-19	14
9	Tulse Hill & Dulwich Artillery	16	4	2	10	27	58	-31	14

South Masters Men O50 Premier Division

1	Hampstead & Westminster Supervets	22	20	1	1	96	22	74	61
2	Old Georgians Phoenix	22	15	4	3	66	38	28	49
3	Surbiton Jokers	22	12	4	6	58	43	15	40
4	Reading Redsox	22	12	1	9	55	57	-2	37
5	Spencer Vintage	22	11	2	9	56	37	19	35
6	Old Cranleighans Barnstormers	22	10	3	9	49	45	4	33
7	Tulse Hill & Dulwich Musketeers	22	9	4	9	51	53	-2	31
8	Epsom Old School	22	9	4	9	44	55	-11	31
9	Guildford Gladiators Mens O50	22	8	5	9	56	64	-8	29
10	Old Loughtonians Supervets	22	5	2	15	41	82	-41	17
11	Southgate Titans	22	2	2	18	32	65	-33	8
12	Woking Mens O50	22	1	4	17	27	70	-43	7

South Masters Men O60 Premier Division

1	Bromley & Beckenham O60	20	15	4	1	55	11	44	49
2	Old Cranleigh Puricrans	20	15	2	3	72	21	51	47
3	Reading Relics	20	14	4	2	49	20	29	46
4	Indian Gymkhana Grandmasters	20	13	1	6	66	39	27	40
5	Hampstead & Westminster Grandmasters	20	12	1	7	54	26	28	37
6	Amersham & Chalfont Grandmasters Mens O60	20	10	2	8	50	26	24	32
7	Spencer Grandmasters	20	6	3	11	34	59	-25	21
8	Chelmsford Evergreens	20	5	2	13	22	56	-34	17
9	St Albans Centurions	20	3	4	13	19	51	-32	13
10	Surbiton Vintage	20	2	2	16	14	74	-60	8
11	Southgate Magnums	20	2	1	17	14	66	-52	7

Indoor Hockey

Meanwhile, back in January 2025...

Hampstead 6 Holcombe 6	J Kelly (2) Carson Graves Sharp Crowson
Hampstead 5 Bath Buccaneers 2	Crowson (2) Carson Oates Jones
Hampstead 4 Sevenoaks 6	Bray Sutcliffe Richards Oates
East Grinstead 7 Hampstead 2	Carson Oates
Hampstead 2 Wimbledon 10	Sutcliffe Carson
Southgate 2 Hampstead 2	J Kelly Oates
Canterbury 3 Hampstead 4	Oates (2) Kaeppler Crowson
Hampstead 6 Old Georgians 4	Carson Kaeppler (2) J Kelly Graves Sutcliffe

Squad

James Oates, Tom Crowson, Ted Graves. Hywel Jones, Joe Sharp, Josh Kelly, Lekan Ogunlana (GK)
James Sutcliffe, Kei Kaeppler, Matt Richards, Ali Bray George Carson

With Kwan Browne on the pitch from the start for Holcombe, Hampstead were 5-1 up by the 20th minute but Holcombe recovered and by the 32nd minute, the scores were level. Tom Crowson scored for Hampstead in the 33rd minute to take the lead once more but with two minutes left, Matt Ramshaw equalised for Holcombe. Against Sevenoaks, Hampstead had a 2-0 lead in the first quarter but at half time the scores were level at 3-3. Hampstead went ahead again but Sevenoaks put three goals away in five minutes and scored a sixth in the penultimate minute. In the game against Canterbury, Hampstead were 1-3 down after 32 minutes and looking down the proverbial barrel. But goals in 33rd, 34th and 35th minutes turned the match on its head and made sure Hampstead's continuation in the Premier Division next season. The highlight of the fortnight was the defeat of league leaders Old Georgians in the final match. Ashley Jackson was yellow-carded in the fourth minute and the scores were level at 2-2 at half time. It remained tied at 4-4 by the 28th minute but Hampstead's goals in the 34th and final minutes led to the win, Kei Kaeppler's field goal and a James Sutcliffe Penalty Corner flying in beyond George Pinner.

Rank	Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
1	Wimbledon	8	7	1	0	64	24	40	22
2	Old Georgians	8	6	0	2	56	21	35	18
3	East Grinstead	8	4	2	2	37	26	11	14
4	Southgate	8	4	2	2	30	30	0	14
5	Holcombe	8	4	1	3	40	36	4	13
6	Hampstead & Westminster	8	3	2	3	31	40	-9	11
7	Sevenoaks	8	3	0	5	33	43	-10	9
8	Canterbury	8	1	0	7	20	42	-22	3
9	Team Bath Buccaneers	8	0	0	8	15	64	-49	0

In the Semi Finals, held once more in Derby, the scores were:

Wimbledon 11 Southgate 1

Old Georgians 8 East Grinstead 4

And in the final:

Wimbledon 4 Old Georgians 7

Old Georgians were 6-0 up after 30 minutes but within two minutes, Wimbledon had clawed three goals back. Each side scored a goal in the final minute.

In Division 1, Surbiton recovered to gain promotion back to the Premier Division, along with Oxted.

Rank	Team	Played	Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals For	Goals Against	Goal Difference	Points
1	Surbiton	8	8	0	0	63	21	42	24
2	Oxted	8	5	1	2	36	25	11	16
3	Ashmoor	8	4	1	3	34	24	10	13
4	Repton	8	4	1	3	35	34	1	13
5	Guildford	8	2	3	3	33	32	1	9
6	University of Exeter	8	3	0	5	31	45	-14	9
7	Bowdon	8	2	2	4	31	37	-6	8
8	Beeston	8	2	0	6	27	44	-17	6
9	Brooklands MU	8	1	2	5	19	47	-28	5

European Club Hockey

Men

KO8

SV Kampong 3 Surbiton 1

HC Bloemendaal 2 Club Campo de Madrid 1

Royal Leopold 0 Gantoise HC 4

Old Georgians 3 HC Rotterdam 6

Ranking Matches

Surbiton 2 Club Campo de Madrid 2 (3-2 shoot-out)

Old Georgians 3 Royal Leopold 2

KO4

SV Kampong 0 HC Bloemendaal 3

Rotterdam 2 Gantoise HC 2 (3-4 shoot out)

Bronze Medal

SV Kampong 0 Rotterdam 2

Final

HC Bloemendaal 2 Gantoise HC 5

Standings

Gantoise HC (BEL)

HC Bloemendaal (NED)

HC Rotterdam (NED)

SV Kampong (NED)

=5 Surbiton

=5 Old Georgians

=7 Club Campo de Madrid (ESP)

=7 Royal Leopold Club (BEL)

Women

Final 12

Slavia Prague 0 Surbiton 8

Club Campo de Madrid 1 Braxgata 1 (3-4 shoot-out)

Mannheimer 9 MSC Sumchanka 0

Railway Union 0 SCHC 4

Final 8

Surbiton 1 Dusseldorfer 2

Real Club de Polo 1 Braxgata 2

Mannheimer 0 Gantoise 3

HC's Hertongenbosch 3 SCHC 2

Final 4

Dusseldorfer 0 Braxgata 3

HC's Hertongenbosch 1 Gantoise 1 (3-0 shoot-out)

Bronze

Gantoise 3 Dusseldorfer 1

Final

HC's Hertongenbosch 5 Braxgata 1

Standings

HC's Hertongenbosch (NED)

Braxgata (BEL)

Gantoise HC (BEL)

Dusseldorfer HC (GER)

5= Real Club de Polo (ESP)

5= SCHC (NED)

7= Mannheimer (GER)

7= Surbiton

9= Club Campo de Madrid (ESP)

9= Railway Union (IRE)

11= SK Slavia Prague

11= MSC Sumchanka (UKR)

FIH Pro League



England, rather than Great Britain, are taking part in this season's competition

Men

Sydney Olympic Park

4 February 2025	Netherlands 4 Spain 2
5 February 2025	Australia 1 Spain 2
6 February 2025	Australia 4 Netherlands 2
7 February 2025	Spain 1 Netherlands 2
8 February 2025	Australia 1 Spain 1 (0-3 shoot-out)
9 February 2025	Australia 4 Netherlands 4 (2-3 shoot out)

Kalinga Hockey Stadium, Bhubaneswar

15 February 2025	India 1 Spain 3
16 February 2025	India 2 Spain 0
18 February 2025	England 2 Spain 2 (1-0 shoot out)
18 February 2025	India 1 Germany 4
19 February 2025	Spain 4 England 1
19 February 2025	India 1 Germany 0
21 February 2025	India 3 Ireland 1

Santiago del Estero

19 February 2025	Argentina 3 Belgium 5
20 February 2025	Argentina 0 Australia 2
21 February 2025	Australia 2 Belgium 2 (3-4 shoot out)
22 February 2025	Argentina 0 Belgium 1
23 February 2025	Argentina 1 Australia 0
24 February 2025	Belgium 1 Australia 3

Kalinga Hockey Stadium, Bhubaneswar

21 February 2025	India 3 Ireland 2
22 February 2025	India 4 Ireland 0
22 February 2025	Netherlands 6 England 0
22 February 2025	India 1 Germany 0
24 February 2025	Germany 8 Ireland 2
24 February 2025	India 2 England 3
25 February 2025	Ireland 2 Germany 4
25 February 2025	India 2 England 1

Santiago del Estero

23 February 2025	Argentina 1 Australia 0
24 February 2025	Belgium 1 Australia 3

Estadio Betero, Valencia

7 June 2025 Spain v Argentina
8 June 2025 Spain v Argentina

Wagener Hockey Stadium, Amstelveen

9 June 2025 Netherlands v India
11 June 2025 Argentina v India
11 June 2025 Netherlands v Ireland
12 June 2025 India v Argentina
12 June 2025 Netherlands v Ireland
14 June 2025 Netherlands v Argentina
15 June 2025 Netherlands v Argentina

Sportcentrum, Wilrijkse Plein, Antwerp

14 June 2025 Australia v India
14 June 2025 Belgium v Ireland
15 June 2025 India v Australia
17 June 2025 Australia v Ireland
17 June 2025 Belgium v Spain
18 June 2025 Ireland v Australia
18 June 2025 Belgium v Spain
21 June 2025 Ireland v Spain
21 June 2025 Belgium v India

Lee Valley

14 June 2025 England v Germany
15 June 2025 England v Germany
15 June 2025 Belgium v Ireland
17 June 2025 England v Netherlands
18 June 2025 England v Netherlands
21 June 2025 England v Australia
22 June 2025 England v Australia

Ernst Reuter Sportfeld, Berlin










21 June 2025 Germany v Argentina
22 June 2025 Spain v Ireland
22 June 2025 Belgium v India
22 June 2025 Germany v Argentina
24 June 2025 Germany v Australia
25 June 2025 Germany v Australia
28 June 2025 Germany v Spain
29 June 2025 Germany v Spain

Sportcentrum Wilrijkse Plein, Antwerp

28 June 2025 Belgium v England
29 June 2025 Belgium v England

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1	 England	8	4	2	2	2	24	15	9	16
2	 Belgium	8	4	3	1	1	23	18	5	16
3	 India	8	5	0	0	3	16	12	4	15
4	 Netherlands	8	2	4	4	2	19	19	0	14
5	 Germany	8	4	1	0	3	26	19	7	13
6	 Australia	8	3	3	0	2	17	13	4	12
7	 Spain	8	3	2	1	3	15	14	1	12
8	 Argentina	8	3	0	0	5	11	17	-6	9
9	 Ireland	8	0	1	0	7	11	35	-24	1

Women

Sydney Olympic Park

4 February 2025	China 2 Spain 2 (2-3 shoot out)
5 February 2025	Australia 4 Spain 1
6 February 2025	Australia 2 China 2 (2-1 shoot out)
7 February 2025	Spain 2 China 3
8 February 2025	Australia 3 Spain 1
9 February 2025	Australia 1 China 3

Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar

15 February 2025	Germany 1 Spain 2
15 February 2025	India 3 England 2
16 February 2025	Spain 2 Germany 1
16 February 2025	India 2 England 2 (1-2 shoot out)
18 February 2025	India 3 Spain 4
19 February 2025	India 0 Spain 1
21 February 2025	England 1 Netherland 5
21 February 2025	India 0 Germany 4
22 February 2025	Netherlands 6 England 0
22 February 2025	India 1 Germany 0
24 February 2025	India 2 Netherlands 4
25 February 2025	India 2 Netherlands 2 (2-1 shoot -out)

Polideportivo Provincial, Santiago de Estero

19 February 2025	Argentina 2 Belgium 3
20 February 2025	Argentina 2 Australia 1
21 February 2025	Australia 1 Belgium 2
22 February 2025	Argentina 0 Belgium 0 (2-0 shoot out)
23 February 2025	Argentina 2 Australia 1
24 February 2025	Belgium 2 Netherlands 2 (2-1 shoot-out)

Estadio Betero, Valencia

7 June 2025 Spain v Argentina
8 June 2025 Spain v Argentina

Wagener Stadium, Amstelveen

7 June 2025 Netherlands v Australia
8 June 2025 Netherlands v Australia
11 June 2025 Netherlands v Spain
12 June 2025 Netherlands v Spain
14 June 2025 Netherlands v China
15 June 2025 Netherlands v China

Lee Valley

14 June 2025 Australia v India
14 June 2025 England v Argentina
15 June 2025 India v Australia
15 June 2025 England v Argentina
17 June 2025 England v Australia
17 June 2025 Argentina v India
18 June 2025 India v Argentina
18 June 2025 England v Australia
21 June 2025 England v Spain
22 June 2025 England v Spain

Wilrijkse Plein, Antwerp










14 June 2025 Belgium v Germany
15 June 2025 Belgium v Germany
17 June 2025 Belgium v Spain
18 June 2025 Belgium v Spain
21 June 2025 Belgium v India
22 June 2025 Belgium v India
28 June 2025 Belgium v Netherlands
29 June 2025 Belgium v Netherlands

Ernst Reuter Sportfeld, Berlin

21 June 2025 Argentina v China
21 June 2025 Germany v Australia
22 June 2025 Germany v Australia
22 June 2025 China v Argentina
24 June 2025 Germany v China
25 June 2025 Germany v China
28 June 2025 China v India
28 June 2025 Germany v England
29 June 2025 Germany v England
29 June 2025 India v China

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1	 Netherlands	8	6	1	0	1	32	12	20	19
2	 Belgium	8	5	2	0	1	21	13	8	17
3	 China	8	4	3	1	1	19	12	7	16
4	 Spain	8	4	1	1	3	15	17	-2	14
5	 Argentina	8	3	3	2	2	14	13	1	14
6	 India	8	2	2	1	4	13	19	-6	9
7	 Australia	8	2	1	1	5	15	16	-1	8
8	 Germany	8	1	2	1	5	11	18	-7	6
9	 England	8	1	1	1	6	11	31	-20	5

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.

Men

Pool A: Austria Belgium Netherlands Spain

Pool B: England France Germany Poland

8 August 2025	England v Poland
8 August 2025	Germany v France
9 August 2025	Belgium v Austria
9 August 2025	Netherlands v Spain
9 August 2025	France v Poland
10 August 2025	England v Germany
10 August 2025	Belgium v Netherlands
10 August 2025	Spain v Austria
12 August 2025	France v England
12 August 2025	Spain v Belgium
12 August 2025	Netherlands v Austria
12 August 2025	Germany v Poland

14-16 August 2025 Pool Play Offs

16 August 2025 Third v Fourth

16 August 2025 Final

Women

Pool A: France Germany Ireland Netherlands

Pool B: Belgium England Scotland Spain

9 August 2025	Netherlands v Ireland
9 August 2025	Germany v France
10 August 2025	England v Scotland
10 August 2025	Belgium v Spain
11 August 2025	Spain v Scotland
11 August 2025	Ireland v France
11 August 2025	England v Belgium
11 August 2025	Germany v Netherlands
13 August 2025	Belgium v Scotland
13 August 2025	Netherlands v France
13 August 2025	Ireland v Germany
15-17 August 2025	Pool Play Offs
17 August 2025	Third v Fourth
17 August 2025	Final

Yesteryear

A few snippets from *The Times*...(and not necessary club related) towards the end of the year.

1920

17 April 1920

England vs Ireland

The English Ladies meet the Ladies of Ireland in an international hockey match at the Old Deer Park, Richmond, this afternoon. It had been arranged that France would play England this afternoon but, owing to the inability of the French ladies to travel, the game had to be cancelled. This will be the first international ladies' hockey match to be played in London since the war. England has already beaten Scotland in the only international game to be played this year.

1925

6 April 1925

France 2 England 5

A goal for Hampstead's John Masterman

The match between England and France was played in Paris today, when England won by five goals to two. England's play was the more scientific and they had much the better of the game throughout. At half-time England were leading by two goals to none. France made great efforts in the second half but they were never so good as their opponents, whose stick work was admirable. The goals were scored for England by Harrison (two), Nugent, Masterman and Chilman. Levaque scored both of France's goals.

1935

12 April 1935

London Sixes

A novel departure in hockey will be seen tomorrow when a number of teams will take part in a six-a-side knock-out tournament on the four pitches lent by the Southern Railway Sports Club at Taunton Avenue, Raynes Park. This competition fills in the gap between the completion of Club fixtures last week and the Easter Festivals. The proceeds of the sale of programmes, which admit to the ground, will be divided in the following proportions: 40 per cent to the National Playing Fields Association and 20 per cent. each to the Southern Railway Orphanage, Woking, the Wimbledon Hospital, and the Nelson Hospital, Wimbledon, so that it is to be hoped the weather will be fine and a large attendance will watch what should be interesting games. As all the games have to be played between 2.30 and 6.45, the organizing committee have had to lay down some very strict rules regarding teams being

ready to start immediately a game is completed. Failure to comply with these will entail disqualification. Each game is six minutes each way with no interval, the final being 10 minutes each way with a three minutes' interval.

1955

10 May 1955

TO THE EDITOR OF *THE TIMES*

Sir,

Greatly though I respect the views of your Hockey Correspondent, I feel that he may not be fully informed as to the reception of the Hockey Rules Board's experiment. Playing throughout the season in club games of average standard, it has been my experience that the use of a hit (from 16 yards) in place of the "25" bully found favour with an overwhelming majority of players. Moreover, far from observing that the hit was "only occasionally used in club games", I learned that opposing captains had made its use their almost unvaried practice.

Yours faithfully

JOHN WHITE

Captain, Southgate Adelaide Hockey Club.

1965

23 April 1965

In the last of four internationals in five weeks the England hockey XI plays West Germany in Frankfurt on Saturday. Although the West Germans lost the play-off with East Germany for the honour of going to the Tokyo Olympics, they are a good side and last autumn held the full Great Britain Olympic team to a draw. This match, then, will be a great test for a young England side. There is no doubt about the defence fortunately - no goal has been scored against them this year - and they are an excellent blend of experience and youth.

Both Flood and Oliver will have sharpened their game against Continental opponents in Holland at Easter and the Germans will do well to score even twice against these two, supported as they will be by Wilman, Deegan and the wing halves. Up in front, of course, things are a little more doubtful. There is talent among the forwards in plenty but they still need to learn how, to turn openings into goals and sometimes the players do not support each other closely enough.

The Continental and Asian sides are good at this. Seldom does any player need to pass more than four yards to find one of his own team and the dog leg pass from inside to half to inside, rather than the favourite English track direct across, lends more flexibility to their attacks and gives the defence less chance of interception. Still, the English forward line played very well in Dublin and we must hope that the shots in Frankfurt will be harder, made more quickly and better directed than against Ireland.

The England team will be:- R N Flood (Old Silhillians); D Wilman (Cambridge City), R M Oliver (Oxford University); G V S Nott (Tulse Hill), J F A Deegan (Hampstead), R J Ireland (Dulwich) (captain); J F Cadman (Bury St Edmunds), B Christensen (Beckenham), M T F Read (Dulwich and United Hospitals), C F Langhorne (Hounslow), J J Land (Richmond).

1975

26 April 1975

The final of the national club hockey championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, at Goosedale Farm, Bestwood Park, Nottingham, tomorrow, provides the climax to a long and strenuous domestic season. The match, between Nottingham and Southgate, the holders of the title, is expected to start

at 2.30 but in the event of bad weather it will be transferred to the Bingham Sports Centre and start at 2.45.

Nottingham have no illusions about the task they face against a side fielding nine international players but they have two advantages. They are on home ground and are less fatigued, having played their last match more than a fortnight ago when they defeated Portsmouth Command, Royal Navy by 3-0 in the semi-final round. Of players in the international category they have three but only in the England under-22 class. They are, Watson, Elson and Stokes, all of whom have represented Nottinghamshire and Midlands.

Southgate's numerous commitments over the past few months have left them visibly tired. Having finished with the best record in the invitation tournament at Barcelona in January, they returned to the domestic scene where they struggled to fulfil their engagements in the London League. They scraped through three exhausting games when they defeated Spencer 1-0 in the London League semi-final round, Guildford 2-1 in the London League final and Bedfordshire Eagles 1-0 in the semi-final round of the national club championship last Sunday.

Nottingham are determined to prove that they can stand up to the virtuosi and Southgate are not expecting an easy game against a spirited challenge. For Southgate this will not be the end of the road. They play Hounslow in the Middlesex Cup final next Wednesday and will soon have to pack their bags for the excursion to Frankfurt for the European Club championship from May 16 to 19. Two British clubs have qualified for this event, the other being Edinburgh Civil Service, who survived the test at Edinburgh last week when their strongest opposition came from Three Rock Rovers. At Nottingham the old story of youth against experience is to be told again and that it will be memorable is the hope of those travelling to the city for the last of the big events.

1985

1 May 1985

The short corner, one of the traditional features of hockey, may be out of use next season if a recommendation by the International Rules Board is accepted. The International Hockey Federation (FIH), who have accepted the suggestion of the rules board, have issued a circular to all national associations asking for their reactions.

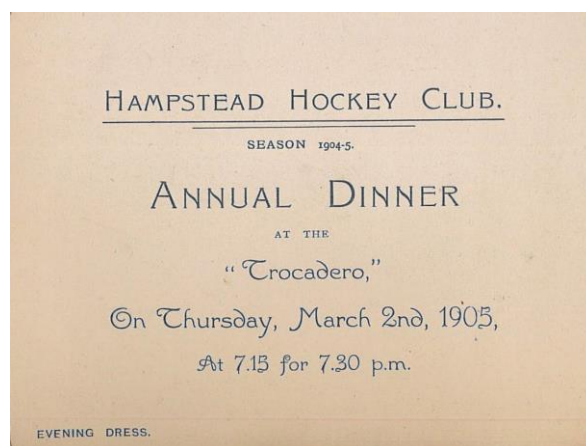
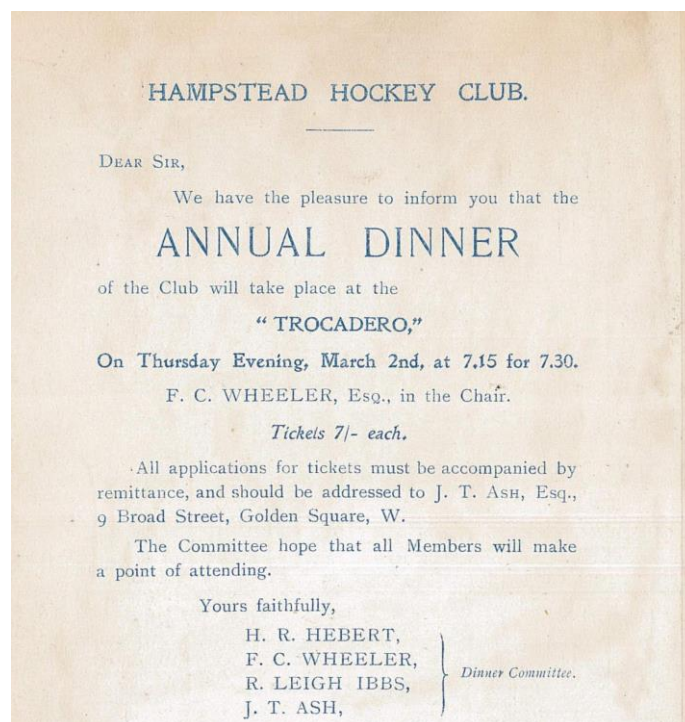
The proposal is to abolish the short corner, as an experimental measure and replace it by a hit at goal from 14 yards, twice the distance from which the penalty stroke is taken, with only the goalkeeper on the defenders' line.

Many national associations have argued that the short corner is now of little value to the attacking side with goalkeepers rushing out, from a line of six defenders and lying down to smother shots from the top of the circle. But Colin Whalley, the England team manager capped 49 times for England, said yesterday, "the idea of a 14 yard hit does not appeal to me."

The Hockey Rules Board have also introduced a mandatory experimental rule effective from 1 July to eliminate the dangerous practice of goalkeepers lying full length to stop goals being scored from penalty corner shots. Instead of six defenders behind the goal-line at penalty corners, only five will be permitted.

Scoop and flick shots will be permitted at any time during the penalty corner, provided the ball is first stopped and the shot is not considered dangerous.

Club Stuff
120 years ago



100 years ago

At the Committee meeting on 17 March 1925 held at 5.35pm at 10 Serjeants Inn, Fleet Street, London EC4, Captain R K Neale was elected a member of the club, being proposed by Mr F R Eiloart and seconded by Mr Allen. A letter was read from Mr F W Orr [a past President of the club and captain of the 1st XI] "asking if we can give Tonbridge School a game next season after Christmas. The matter was left in abeyance until next September – it being agreed that unless some member would be responsible for raising the team, a match should not be arranged – it must be a Wednesday fixture as our Saturdays are all booked."

90 years ago

On 16 April 1935, *The Times* issued a final list of club records for the season in which the clubs were divided into two sections in order to arrive at the fairest possible figure of merit. In Section 1 were all the leading senior London clubs and several others who met a fair number of the leading club sides during the season. The formula adopted to arrive at the figure of merit was the same as last season, as follows:-

$$\text{Merit} = (W + D/2 - L) \times 100 \div P$$

(Decimal points are ignored, .50 or over being regarded as one).

The positions of the leading clubs were reported to be fully justified on the season's form, and "while it is possible that one or two games not reported are omitted from some of the records, it should be borne in mind that the tables are only given as a matter of interest".

		P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Merit
Mid-Surrey	31	24	4	3	127	36	74
Cheam	27	20	2	5	96	31	59
Southgate	21	12	6	3	67	29	57
Spencer	26	17	4	5	88	46	54
Tulse Hill	26	16	5	5	70	37	52
Wimbledon	22	12	5	5	60	42	43
Purley	22	10	7	5	65	43	39
Cambridge University	21	8	8	5	54	38	33
Surbiton	27	14	4	9	66	54	26
Aldershot Command	23	13	2	8	56	54	26
Royal Engineers	23	12	3	8	61	64	24
Old Kingstonians	20	10	3	7	75	43	23
Dulwich	22	12	2	8	73	59	23
Staff College	38	20	3	15	117	89	17
Blackheath	28	14	3	11	83	64	16
Oxford University	26	11	5	10	73	53	13
Teddington	27	13	3	11	56	50	13
Hampstead	24	9	5	10	42	54	6
Beckenham	23	9	4	10	63	57	4
East Grinstead	23	9	4	10	51	56	4
Bromley	25	10	2	13	44	60	-8
Richmond and Kingston Hill	26	10	1	15	52	72	-17
H.A.C.	24	6	5	13	38	42	-19
United Services	26	6	1	19	44	87	-48
Staines	24	3	2	19	23	92	-63

70 years ago

At the Annual General Meeting held on 1 April 1955 at the Club House, Brondesbury Cricket Club London NW2, the Chairman (R L Milsted) called upon Mr Jeremy Potter, captain of the 1st XI, to give his report for the season.

Mr Potter commenced his report by thanking Mr Bob Cummins for combining the duties of club secretary and captain of the 3rd XI during the past season. He also thanked Mr Peter Lockwood Wingate for carrying out the duties of treasurer and for organising the excellent meal that had just been consumed. Also, Mr Michael Cross, the match secretary, especially as he had some unpleasant decisions to make regarding the cancellation of games

Mr Simon Turner was to be congratulated on building up a strong and hard drinking Spaniards side. He had looked after the side and arranged his fixtures since its inception and he would be sadly missed next season. Incidentally, it was pointed out that any member of the club desirous of a game with the Spaniards should contact the captain of that side direct and not wait to be invited to play. The Spaniards were of great value to the club, giving, as its did, games to members in lower elevens who will thus be enabled to participate in better class hockey.

Finally, special congratulations were due to the following members of the club who had gained representative honours during the past season; Messrs Peeling (Wales) Law (the East), Kay (Buckinghamshire and he was also the county captain), Hodder (Sussex), Mallison, Meyer and Potter (Middlesex).

Mr Potter then gave the record for each team of the club and stated that it was quite clear the club had enjoyed its most successful season since resuscitation.

1 st XI	19	11	1	7	53	32
2 nd XI	20	11	4	5	61	43
3 rd XI	20	13	3	4	92	25
4 th XI	17	12	1	4	52	29
5 th XI	9	3	2	4	31	27
Spaniards XI	12	6	1	5	30	32

60 years ago

In other business at the Annual General Meeting held at the York Minster, Dean Street, London W1 on Friday, 26 March 1965, an informal discussion on the future of the Spaniards XI was held, the main outcomes of which were that a greater effort should be made to inform old and new members of the team's existence and activities and that the manager should feel himself free and indeed be encouraged to invite non club members to play.

Another informal discussion was instigated by the General Committee to investigate feelings about closing the list of nominations for officers several days before the date of the AGM, This was felt to be a good thing, avoiding confusion as at last year's AGM and allowing the publication of nominations before the meeting. Mr Wickham proposed, Mr Pecker seconded and the meeting agreed that a Special General Meeting should be called before next year's AGM to amend the rules to this effect.

Mr Pecker raised again the subject of the club's publicity and hoped that local press reports would be more prevalent.

The Secretary reported, to allay any rumours, that we would not be forced to leave the Hornsey Club by next season and that, indeed, negotiations were in progress again about a longer term agreement. The subject of Mr Blazey's imperfect captaincy of the Spaniards XI was raised. It was agreed to refer this to the General Committee to consider the desirability of further action.

50 years ago

The Annual General Meeting held at the East India and Sports Club [sic] on 13 May 1975 considered, among others, the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer had circulated audited accounts for 1973-74 and it was proposed by J Haynes, seconded by N Coleman, that they be accepted: passed unanimously.

The Treasurer reported that the 1974-75 position was considerably better and would show the club in a nil cash position after appropriating £200 for the P Boizot Fund Account, which would be set up from a donation by P Boizot for the purpose of sponsoring players from Hampstead that took part in foreign competitions.

Income had been considerably in excess of the previous year and R Hale asked that specific mention be made of the Beer Drinking Contest, organised by the Secretary, which had raised over £125.

A draft set of accounts was circulated and M Patton queried the sale of the Premium Bonds but it was explained that the Committee felt it could no longer run the club's affairs with £75 locked in a depreciating asset.

Asked if the club received any refund on the non-use of grass pitches at Hornsey, the Treasurer replied that we were entitled to set off the cost of hiring pitches outside. N Coleman proposed and P Boizot seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Committee recommended that the subscriptions for 1975-76 be £12, with a surcharge of £3 if not paid within one month of the due date, with a 50% reduction for full time students and schoolboys. It was proposed by M Patton and seconded by N Coleman, that the rates be adopted. The motion was carried 31 votes for and two against.

[40 years ago](#)

On 3 April 1985 at the meeting of the women's section, after debate, it is decided to pick the best 12 players available for each team. Members were advised to learn the rules of the game thoroughly in order to umpire next season. It is also decided to approach Middlesex for extra 1st XI players, as the 2nd XI had enough players to cover the forthcoming season.

[35 years ago](#)

On Friday 13 April 1990, players depart from Heathrow for an international Easter tournament to celebrate the 70th anniversary of HC Bloemendaal.

[30 years ago](#)

On 2 April 1995, the Men's 1st XI finishes its first season in the National League with a 4-3 win against Richmond, with two goals each from Dave Dixon and Andy Thompson.

[20 years ago](#)

On Sunday, 9 April 2005, spectators at PRG witness a rather bizarre Premier Division game, in which the Men's 1st XI surrenders a lead three times against bottom placed Chelmsford, who equalise late on to earn a 4-4 draw. Hampstead's England Under 18, Joe Finding scored early from a penalty corner on his debut for the first team. However, Chelmsford's new Pakistani import, Saleem Khalid, soon set up an equaliser. Rob Fulford put Hampstead in front again but Chelmsford equalised with Khalid unmarked on the penalty spot, deflecting the ball past Simon Keys. Two goals from Jean-Jean and Andy Cornick made the score 4-2. However, Chelmsford then scored on the break. Hampstead then lost composure and suffered three yellow cards. Against seven outfield players, Chelmsford pressed right to the end and equalised again in the last minute.

[10 years ago](#)



Without warning or safeguarding measures, demolition contractors start to pull down the Carlton Tavern on Wednesday 8 April 2015, in breach of planning control and by 1.00pm the building is all but destroyed.

Tony Swing's Report

Beerschot Veterans' Tournament Friday, 11th – Sunday, 13th June 2010

I was surprised, and pleased, to receive an e-mail from Chris Some-Charlton earlier this year telling me about the Veterans' Tournament in Belgium, which HWHC had attended several times before, thanks to the good offices of local player Baudouin Delvaux, who had played for HWHC for many years, when he worked in London.

My memories went back several decades to when I went to the Easter Tournament at Ramsgate and we entertained the Dutch club HDM at Hornsey, so I had never been on an overseas tour, and seeing the new facilities of the Royal Beerschot Tennis & Hockey Club online made me think 'If Chris will accept my application as a non-playing supporter - my knee having retired from hockey 30 years ago - I thought that it would be fun to go on this tour'. I was very thrilled when Chris said 'Come along' – note to other VPs and other former arthritic hockey players in their dotage!

In spite of a shortage of HWHC Vets, in comparison to previous tours, and the Belgians having called a general election on Sunday, 13th June, in which it is compulsory for all Belgians to vote, or be fined, this led to some teams cancelling. However HWHC International All Stars were not going to be put off by local difficulties – wasn't Waterloo in Belgium? – and especially as some Vets had already booked their non-refundable Eurostar ticket.

I turned up at St Pancras on a Friday afternoon with instructions from Mike Carnill to look out for a grey haired middle-aged man with a hockey stick who would be with an even taller HWHC colleague Henrik Kjellin with a hockey stick. I had just spotted them when Chris spotted me.

A splendidly quick journey to Brussels, then a local train to Antwerp, followed by a taxi ride took us to the Hotel Ter Elst described by the organisers as '2 minutes away from the club house'. I don't know whether this was left over from the last tournament which was held next door to the hotel at the Victory Club when the Beerschot site was being redeveloped, or whether it was timed in a Ferrari, but for those of us with Shank's Pony it turned out to be at least a 20 minute walk – but no matter as the weather was kind to us.

We went over to the impressive Club on the Friday evening who provided us with a pasta meal. The Club has masses of tennis courts and even a small swimming pool.

HWHC's first game was at 10am on Saturday morning, and HWHC were playing on their main international astro pitch, where in the end HWHC played all their games. In fact the facilities are so good that the Australian national team were going there in July for a week's training.

Reinforcements were required as HWHC had only 8 players, and in the first game the Scottish Veterans Over 50 side came to HWHC's rescue by providing players on a rolling basis, as their first game was only taking place after ours. At a previous tournament HWHC had turned up with a former Belgian international hockey player, as well as a former German Olympic Gold Medal winner which helped to enhance the performance of the HWHC International All Stars team.

However it was lovely to see Morley Pecker, our only international (umpire) present, and such legends from the past such as Richard James, (and Melinda of course), and Nick Openshaw, turning up from all corners of the UK, to play for the HWHC International All Stars.

All four games scheduled for the Saturday were of 35 minutes duration. The first game was against the Victory Club, and although HWHC scored first they let the Victory Club score an equaliser.

Initially Nick Openshaw was the only person with a warm up routine, whilst the Scottish Vets not only had a warm up routine, but a warm down routine. It wasn't clear whether Nick's routine was based on 'gentlemen in blue' asking him to walk in a straight line, or whether he was practising his legendary dance routine – eat your heart out Pan's People!

However things got better and better during the afternoon when a lovely lot of other players volunteered their services to HWHC, and HWHC won their three remaining matches on the first day, so they were equal top of the leader board with 10 points with the Scottish Over 50 Vets' team and Beerschot's main veterans' team.

Melinda was appointed kitty mistress to start with and I was happy to take over at an appropriate point.

Chris decided that there must be a shorter cross-country route back to the hotel, which could be checked out prior to returning to the hotel in the dark after the barbecue on the Saturday evening. I gather that such a route was found which required jumping over quite a large ditch, which aroused the ire of some local tennis players as they saw various Brits who kept jumping over their ditch.

On the Saturday night a barbecue had been arranged at the Club, but it was casual wear this year rather than the threatened suits.

HWHC were given a special table with the Scots in front of the wide screen TV, so that we could watch England v US in the first game of the Football World Cup. Our Belgian hosts explained - in French! - that the Scots, dressed up to the nines in their kilts of many tartans, would be supporting the US, but the Scots were very polite when Mr Green forgot to catch the ball properly and let the US equalise.

However a good time was had by all, Nick performed his legendary dance routine, and a very large man kept doing the splits. We were told that he was a former Belgian international rugby player, now playing hockey, who had originally trained as a ballet dancer. Should we believe everything that people tell us?

Some of us, even older than the rest, were grateful when our man in Belgium, Morley Pecker, offered us a lift back to the hotel in his car. This meant that we apparently missed one of the ladies' suffering a dress malfunction and Chris jumping, with his probably merry men, over the ditch. Everybody seemed to negotiate this, although Nick was not initially seen at breakfast and concern was expressed that perhaps he was still in the ditch.

There was a certain amount of trepidation in HWHC ranks on the Sunday, as we had now to play the top two sides, especially as the Scots had been scoring 7 or 8 goals per game, and instead of playing a 35 minute game the two games on the Sunday were to be two halves each of 25 minutes. HWHC asked the Scots whether we could again have a 35 minute game, as on Saturday, but they said that this was their selection weekend, and they needed to have the practice of a full game.

However Hampstead International All Stars, with a little bit of help from their friends, rose to the occasion. Baudouin was playing with assurance, and his friend Didier Lodewyck was performing miracles in goal - including saving a well taken penalty flick - in spite of cutting his lip in the warm up when he ignored his partner's plea to put on his helmet and the ball hit his foot and then went into his face!

HWHC even scored, so the final score in this game was 2 – 1. The Scottish goalkeeper said that scoring against him had probably cost him his place in their vets' team!

By this time Nick's hamstring had all but gone, and Richard was feeling muscles he never knew that he had. Therefore HWHC stood between the home side's attempt to win the tournament. Not only did they have a former Belgian international, although he appeared to be of the right vintage, but they also introduced another Belgian international whom it was rumoured had just 'retired,' having been the top player in Belgium for the last 10 years.

Baudouin in spite of being injured continued to perform heroics, and one of our guest players, Mumu, upped his game, so HWHC could be proud to have only lost 2 – 0.

Some of us were able to stay for the prize giving. This included one stalwart elderly Belgian player being given the specially inscribed glass memento of the occasion, which he promptly dropped and smashed into small pieces.

We all dispersed our various ways and three of us headed back to Brussels to catch the last Eurostar on Sunday night having been offered lifts back to Brussels.

Verdict: I hope that in spite of some aching muscles that a good time was had by all the players.

Resolution for all HWHC Vets in 2011: Make a note in the back of your diaries to keep the second weekend in June free for a similar tournament at another local club in Belgium. Then with the help of the International All Stars we should have enough players for a team, with some in reserve, to help preserve hamstrings and muscles

Other VPs and oldies: Come along, shout from the touchline, fetch the beer for the team, with a special carrier, which took about 11 pints, and help them drink it. Don't walk into a plate glass window as it might hurt – I was lucky to get away with it!

Competition

Not spot the ball but when did this occur? Or if easier, name the opposing team?



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Answers will appear in the next Newsletter...

Next edition

Speaking of which, all being well, the next Newsletter will report on the start of the 2025-26 season.

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