

Comfortable win for Morlands

Morlands 3
East Devon 0

Morlands achieved a comfortable victory against an over zealous team from East Devon at Glastonbury on Saturday. The game was played in icy conditions and the standard of hockey never rose to the level needed to warm the hearts of the handful of spectators.

In fact the only heat generated usually followed tackles made by the East Devon defence in which the goalkeeper and centre half were most notable.

However, at times in the game Morlands did produce some moves of flowing hockey and the return of Wildblood on the left wing gave the forward line more width in attack.

Wildblood it was who opened the scoring after five minutes when he gathered a centre from the right and scored easily from eight yards. In the next minutes Morlands moved two goals ahead when Hughes steered the ball home after a fine move between Niste, Lukins and Crees on the right.

The third goal was scored late in the second half by Niste and ensured a Morlands victory which had seemed likely from the start, but which had needed a goal line clearance by Bret and a firm performance from Jackson at left half to secure.

Morlands' fluent hockey

Morlands 6 Robinsons 0

A skilful and exciting Morlands hockey team overwhelmed Robinsons 6-0 with one of their most fluent performances of the season.

Morlands' forwards attacked from the start with C. Wildblood and P. Smith impressive on the left. Wildblood quickly opened the scoring when he outpaced a defender to crack home a spectacular goal. Minutes later C. Crees added another good goal when he scored from a seemingly impossible angle.

In the second half Morlands were rewarded with more goals from H. Riste, P. Lukins, P. Smith and C. Tinnion. Smith in particular had a fine game at inside left while the powerful running of Crees, Lukins and Wildblood set Robinsons' defence problems they could not solve. Mention should also be made of Morlands' goalkeeper, M. England who turned in another faultless performance.

Morlands back in form

Portishead 1
Morlands 5

After conceding an early goal, Morlands recovered to record their first win of 1976, at the lakes ground, Portishead, on Saturday.

Portishead had had a successful season, and when Elliot opened the scoring for them, it looked as if Morlands run of defeats would continue.

However, the balance of play slowly shifted. Just before half-time, Jackson produced a beautiful dribble along the left wing, and was justly rewarded when his shot was deflected into the net.

In the second half, Morlands soon moved in front when Crees, who had a fine game on the wing, forced the ball home from close in.

That Morlands had come back into the game was, in no small way due to the efforts of Baker, who played his first game for the club at centre forward.

His non-stop effort upset the rhythm of the Portishead defence and added a dimension to Morlands' play which has been lacking in recent weeks.

The third goal was scored by Hughes, with an accurate shot into the corner, after a pass by Lukins. Hughes also scored the fourth with a fortunate, lobbed shot which deceived the goalkeeper during its flight.

Lukins scored the fifth goal from a short corner and rounded off a good victory, which indicates better things to come in the next few weeks.

Morlands win hockey title again

Morlands have retained the Summer Hockey League title for the second year, but Weston Torpids and Y.M.C.A. are destined for relegation to Division Two. Their replacements in the First Division will be Firebrands Yarders and Old Bristolians Thornes.

Clevedon and Bath University have won promotion from the Third Division. Tables are:

Division 1						
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Morlands	6	2	1	31	14	14
Bluebottles	5	3	1	24	15	13
Brean	4	3	2	11	7	11
Nat. Smelting	3	3	3	27	21	9
Bristol Marauders	2	5	2	13	11	9
Bath Buns	3	3	3	16	15	9
B.A.C. Tighans	3	3	3	23	23	9
Bristol Univ.	4	5	18	15	8	6
Weston Torpids	1	4	4	13	29	6
Y.M.C.A.	2	7	13	39	2	2
Division 2						
Firebrands Yarders	7	1	1	26	15	15
O.B. Thornes	5	2	2	19	15	12
W. Glos. Stokers	5	4	4	20	11	10
Westbury	4	1	3	19	13	9
Rascals	4	3	4	14	16	8
Fleecers	2	3	4	13	20	7
Imperial	3	4	15	16	6	6
Yatton	1	3	4	12	17	5
Portishead	2	1	6	13	23	5
R.N.A.S.	2	1	4	6	11	5
Division 3						
Clevedon	6	3	0	17	4	15
Bath Univ.	5	3	1	20	6	13
Bath Chaps	2	5	1	6	4	9
Frome	4	1	3	15	14	9
B.A.C. Loosuns	2	3	3	10	12	7
Nomads	2	3	3	9	12	7
Morlands Rams	2	2	3	6	7	6
A. & S. Police	1	4	3	8	12	6
Brean Spooters	1	2	5	9	20	4
Clevedon Youth	1	2	4	7	16	4

With league hockey coming into the winter season of men's hockey in the 1977/78 season, fixture patterns will be thrown into disarray.

On Wednesday, July 28, at 7.30 p.m., at Westbury-on-Trym Cricket Pavilion, there will be a meeting open to all hockey club fixture secretaries. This will enable any fixtures for the coming season or for 1977/78 season to be arranged. The venue will be convenient as much for Welsh secretaries as for West secretaries.

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GOALS

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY (A)	1-0 W	-
(UNICOANS) (B.A.)		
B.A.C. (TIGHTANS) (A)	4-3 W	-
BLUEBOTTLES (H)	3-2 W	-
BATH BUNS (H)	3-3 D	-
TORPIDIS (WESTON) (H)	8-1 W	1
BREAN (A)	0-1 L	-
N.S.C. (H)	3-2 W	-
APACHES (Y.M.C.A.) (H)	7-0 W	1
MARAUDERS (A)	2-2 D	-