

Hampstead & Westminster Hockey Club

Newsletter June 2024

Keeping Vice Presidents and Friends in the know

Welcome

With apologies for the long delay, this is the forty first Newsletter in the current format. It covers the conclusion of the playing season and the events of the early summer, while looking forward to the Olympic Games in Paris. At the end of the season announcements were made of several departures, with a series of moves by the coaches in the leading club sides in the men's game.

In the usual tabloid format, the highlights for the second half of the season (and in no particular order) were:

- Six club players gain selection for the 2024 Olympic Games
- The Men's indoor team wins through to the Super 6s finals in Derby
- Both the Men's and Women's 1st XIs take part in the Premier Division play-offs; in which
- The Women's 1st XI win a place in European hockey for the forthcoming season; and
- The Men narrowly miss out on Europe in a 2-3 shoot-out defeat to Wimbledon
- Madi Radcliffe of the Women's 1st XI is the leading goalscorer in the Women's Premier Division
- Marco Riley and Lucas Smart play for England Under 18
- Anna Herrey wins a bronze medal for England in the Women's O50 World Masters Indoors Championships at Nottingham, becoming the Club's first female Masters player to win a medal at an international competition
- Matt Stupple and Edmund Papworth play for O50s Wales and Scotland O50s, respectively at the Four Nations Tournament on 10 May 2024
- The Women's 2nd XI powers to third place in the National League Conference East
- The Men's Thirsts XI win the London Area Division 3 North West
- All other club sides consolidate their positions in the various Leagues, with no relegations
- Andrew Wilson, coach to the Men's 1s, announces his return to Spain to coach at Egara HC

Olympic Games Send Off

The Club has arranged an evening on Monday, 8 July 2024 from 5:30pm onwards, at Wolfpack Queens Park, 53 Lonsdale Road, London NW6 6RA to celebrate the women's and men's team mates selected for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Other halves, junior and adult members, parents, supporters, 1894 Club, 1894 Society and 1894 Network members and HWHC alumni all are welcome.

To get a rough idea of numbers, please email Earl Griffith if you will be able to attend:

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Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held virtually on Zoom at 7.30pm on Thursday, 11 July 2024. All members of the club are entitled to attend the meeting. Those who intend to attend are asked to inform Oz Rankin reservoirz@icloud.com so that the club can gauge expected numbers.

The business to be conducted at the meeting will include receiving reports from the Club Chairman, Club Treasurer, Club Captains and the Head of Youth Development and a review of the financial position of the club and adoption of 2023-24 financial accounts.

Departure

Andrew Wilson has announced that he will leave the club and return to Spain and Egara HC, where he coached previously. Andrew has been a driving force behind our 1st and 2nd XIs, as well as in his previous role as Head Coach of the Talent Academy. He has been integral to the further growth and progression of the club. As the Men's 1st team coach this season he has reinvigorated the group and led them to the playoffs for the first time in a number of seasons.



He thanked the club "for giving me an experience that I never thought would be possible. Being with HWHC has given me a chance to be part of one of the most unique hockey environments in the UK and to grow even more as a person and as a professional. I will be eternally grateful to everyone I have worked with in the past few seasons, be it in the juniors, TA, M2s or M1s, players, staff or parents. It has been a pleasure to be on the pitch with you, to share ideas, celebrate victories and commiserate losses. I hope that I have been able to leave the club in a better place after three seasons and I am looking forward to following the club's development from afar, as I am sure there are bigger and better stories to be created at Pad Rec and in the Carlton in the future."

In other Premier Division clubs, Kwan Browne has joined Holcombe as their coach from Southgate (also leaving his position at Mill Hill School) and Barry Middleton of Holcombe has taken over as coach of Surbiton, on the retirement of Mark Pearn. More than a few player moves are also expected (with Old Georgians allegedly applying the proverbial Hoover to the Great Britain squad). will hopefully follow with the next Newsletter.

Olympic Games 2024 Qualification

Men

Oman

Germany 9 Canada 0

New Zealand 3 Chile 1

Malaysia 2 China 3

Great Britain 6 Pakistan 1
 Canada 2 Chile 3
 New Zealand 2 Germany 2
 Pakistan 2 China 0
 Malaysia 1 Great Britain 4
 Germany 3 Chile 0
 Canada 0 New Zealand 4
 Great Britain 6 China 0
 Pakistan 3 Malaysia 3

Great Britain	3	3	0	0	16	2	14	9
Pakistan	3	1	1	1	6	9	-3	4
China	3	1	0	2	3	10	-7	3
Malaysia	3	0	1	2	6	10	-4	1
Germany	3	2	1	0	14	2	12	7
New Zealand	3	2	1	0	9	3	6	7
Chile	3	1	0	2	4	8	-4	3
Canada	3	0	0	0	2	16	14	0

SF Germany 4 Pakistan 0
 SF Great Britain 3 New Zealand 1

3 v 4 Pakistan 2 New Zealand 3
 F Germany 1 Great Britain 0

Valencia

Belgium	3	3	0	0	23	2	21	9
Ireland	3	2	0	1	8	5	3	6
Japan	3	1	0	2	5	10	-5	3
Ukraine	3	0	0	3	3	22	-19	0
Spain	3	2	1	0	14	4	10	7
Korea	3	1	2	0	10	8	2	5
Austria	3	1	0	2	5	8	-3	3
Egypt	3	0	1	2	5	14	-9	1

SF Spain 2 Ireland 0
 SF Belgium 4 Korea 0

3 v 4 Ireland 4 Korea 3
 F Belgium 3 Spain 2

Women

Valencia

Great Britain 2 Canada 0
 Spain 7 Malaysia 0
 Belgium 0 Ireland 0
 Korea 3 Ukraine 0
 Canada 3 Malaysia 0
 Spain 1 Great Britain 0

Ireland 8 Ukraine 0
 Korea 1 Belgium 10
 Canada 1 Spain 5
 Great Britain 8 Malaysia 1
 Belgium 13 Ukraine 0
 Ireland 3 Korea 1

Belgium	3	2	1	0	22	7
Ireland	3	2	1	0	10	7
Korea	3	1	0	22	-8	3
Ukraine	3	0	0	3	-24	0

Spain	3	3	0	0	12	9
Great Britain	3	2	0	1	8	6
Canada	3	1	0	2	-3	3
Malaysia	3	0	0	3	-17	0

SF Belgium 3 Great Britain 2
 SF Spain 0 Ireland 0 (3-0 shoot-out)
 3 v 4 Ireland 1 Great Britain 2

Jharkhand, India

Germany	3	2	1	0	14	1	14	7
Japan	3	2	1	0	5	1	4	7
Chile	3	1	0	2	6	5	1	3
Czechia	3	0	0	3	0	18	-18	0

USA	3	3	0	0	4	0	4	9
India	3	2	0	1	8	3	5	6
New Zealand	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
Italy	3	0	0	3	1	10	-9	0

SF USA 2 Japan 1
 SF Germany 2 India 2 (4-3 shoot-out)
 3 v 4 India 0 Japan 1
 F Germany 2 USA 0

Qualifiers

Women

France Netherlands Australia China Argentina Korea Germany USA Japan Belgium Spain Great Britain

Men

France Australia Netherlands India Argentina South Africa Belgium Spain Germany Great Britain New Zealand Ireland



Pools

The participating teams were allocated their respective pools on the basis of the FIH World Rankings on 21 January 2024, immediately after the qualifying competitions.

The teams were placed in the following order:

Pool A: teams ranked 1st, 4th, 5th, 8th, 9th and 12th

Pool B: teams ranked 2nd, 3rd, 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th

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

Great Britain Programme

Men

27 July 2024	Spain	0900h [UK times]
28 July 2024	South Africa	1915
30 July 2024	Netherlands	1145
1 August 2024	France	1145
2 August 2024	Germany	1915

6 August 2024	Semi Finals	
8 August 2024	Bronze	1300
8 August 2024	Final	1800

Women

28 July 2024	Spain	1215
29 July 2024	Australia	1600
31 July 2024	South Africa	0930
1 August 2024	USA	1600
3 August 2024	Argentina	0900

7 August 2024	Semi Finals	
9 August 2024	Bronze	1300
9 August 2024	Final	1900

Squads

Men

Conor Williamson, Will Calnan, Garth Furlong, Nick Park, David Goodfield, Lee Morton, James Albery, Jacob Draper, Ollie Payne, Phil Roper, Liam Sanford, **Rupert Shipperley**, Zach Wallace, Jack Waller, David Ames and Sam Ward

Reserves: James Mazarelo, Tim Nurse and Tom Sorsby

Women

Amy Costello, **Miriam Pritchard**, Sophie Hamilton, Tess Howard, Charlotte Watson, Flora Peel, **Sarah Robertson**, Fiona Crackles, Hannah French, Sarah Jones, Anna Toman, Izzy Petter, Giselle Ansley Hollie Pearne-Webb, **Lily Owsley** and Laura Roper

Reserves: Grace Balsdon, Jess Buchanan and Lily Walker

For Ireland: **Tim Cross**

For South Africa: **Matt Guise-Brown**

Rupert Shipperley has made a very rapid recovery from tendon damage to reclaim his place in the squad. The photograph below, with him seated, was taken in early March.



Spare a thought for club members Holly Hunt, James Oates and Toby Reynolds Cotterill who missed out on selection. James suffered a fracture of his tibia when smashed on the leg in GB training and was on crutches for five weeks. He was therefore short of match practice at the Pro League games immediately prior to Olympic selection. Another (with others) to miss out to the surprise of many is Nick Bandurak of Holcombe, whose belated selection for England and Great Britain (in spite of prolific scoring at club level) had generated 43 international goals in 53 matches but was not enough to gain him a place. At 31 years old, it might be a challenge to seek selection for the next Games. Those not selected remain members of the GB programme and are required to train with those selected right up to the Games. That could well lead to interesting sessions...

FIH Pro League



The Pro League has continued, notwithstanding the Olympic Games, with teams expected to withhold playing initiatives that will be revealed once the Games begin. But the matches have given the coaches an opportunity to refine their team selections and to take account of injuries (and recoveries). Pro League action will resume in Utrecht on Saturday, 22 June 2024.

London Series

Men

Ireland 0 Germany 7

Great Britain 3 India 1

Belgium 4 Australia 4 (3-2 shoot-out)

Spain 1 Argentina 2

Great Britain 4 Spain 1
Ireland 0 Germany 3
Germany 0 Spain 3
Great Britain 3 Ireland 0
Great Britain 2 Australia 3
India 2 Germany 3
Great Britain 3 India 2
Australia 2 Germany 2 (4-5 shoot-out)
Great Britain 2 Spain 1
Germany 2 Australia 3
Germany 2 Spain 4
Great Britain 1 Australia 5

Women

Australia 1 Belgium 2
Great Britain 3 India 2
Germany 2 United States 1
Argentina 1 China 1 (3-2 shoot-out)
Great Britain 4 China 4 (6-5 shoot-out)
United States 0 Germany 2
China 2 Germany 3
Great Britain 1 United States 3
India 2 Germany 4
Great Britain 0 Australia 3
Germany 2 Australia 2 (3-4 shoot-out)
Great Britain 3 China 3 (2-1 shoot-out)
Great Britain 3 India 2
Australia 2 Germany 3
China 3 Germany 1
Great Britain 2 Australia 3

Great Britain 3 - 2 India

Great Britain's women came from behind to beat India 3-2. India's defence was slow to track back in the third minute and Charlotte Watson scored with a well-worked team goal. The Indians recovered well to dominate the rest of the half. Lalremsiami equalised with a high-quality deflection at the left post and Navneet Kaur chalked up her 50th goal for India with the faintest of deflections.

Jess Buchanan made an important save for Great Britain in the opening seconds of the third quarter and her team drew momentum from that to secure the rest of the match. India defended resolutely but Grace Balsdon eventually levelled the scores from a drag flick with four minutes to play. A second Balsdon drag flick edged Great Britain ahead and they staved off a late surge from India to hold on for the win. With that, India's FIH Hockey Pro League campaign came to an end but, having finished above the USA, they are assured of their place in the next edition.

Great Britain 3 - 2 India

Great Britain posted a gritty 3-2 win over India in an excellent game of hockey. Phil Roper gave Great Britain the perfect start with a well-struck field goal in the opening minute. Sukhjeet Singh then hit back for India with a sliding deflection in the 19th minute and P R Sreejesh kept things level by feathering wide a Great Britain penalty flick.

India drew first blood in the second half via a Harmanpreet Singh penalty stroke before Jack Waller responded with an scorcher for Great Britain a minute later and they then took the lead with ten minutes remaining. Alan Forsyth finished sharply after India were dispossessed in their left corner. Ollie Payne made an excellent save to keep Great Britain ahead a minute later. With time slipping away, India withdrew their goalkeeper to chase a result and although they created some late opportunities, they could not find an equaliser as the clock ran down on their FIH Hockey Pro League campaign.

Australia 3 - 2 Great Britain

Lara Roper celebrated her 350th international cap in a losing cause as Australia finished their tournament with a 3-2 win. Great Britain had a productive first quarter and Grace Balsdon put them in front with an early drag flick. Australia responded to dominate the second quarter, their aggressive press giving them regular attacking opportunities and they forced Great Britain into many turnovers. Grace Stewart equalised with a field goal and a Brooke Peris penalty corner deflection in the 30th minute gave them the lead at half time.

Australia kept up the pressure into the third quarter. Tessa Howard levelled with a diving penalty corner deflection in the 39th minute. Great Britain carried good momentum into the fourth quarter but failed to take advantage. Rosie Malone snatched the win for Australia with a penalty corner deflection with eight minutes remaining.

Great Britain 1 - 5 Australia

Australia concluded their tournament with a convincing 5-1 win in an energetic and physical clash. The match started at a blistering pace. Jake Whetton put Australia ahead but Lee Morton soon equalised all within the first two minutes. Australia then took control for long periods and reclaimed the lead with a 29th-minute drag flick from Jack Welch.

The Australians never let up in the second half. Ky Willott gave them a two-goal cushion with his 35th minute drag flick. Tom Craig scrambled another over the line as the third quarter ran down. Willott finished the scoring with a well-worked team goal in the 51st minute. This result put Australia on top of the current standings: they are guaranteed at least third place.



James Oates (#24) of Hampstead makes his return for Great Britain from injury

Men's Table

#	Country	Played	Wins	Draws	SO-Bonus	Losses	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Australia	16	10	3	1	3	56	41	15	34
2	Argentina	16	7	5	3	4	39	35	4	29
3	Netherlands	12	7	3	2	2	36	23	13	26
4	India	16	5	6	3	5	38	35	3	24
5	Great Britain	12	7	1	0	4	29	21	8	22
6	Germany	12	5	3	1	4	27	22	5	19
7	Belgium	12	5	2	2	5	31	29	2	19
8	Spain	16	4	1	0	11	36	43	-7	13
9	Ireland	16	2	0	0	14	16	59	-43	6

Women's Table

#	Country	Played	Wins	Draws	SO-Bonus	Losses	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Netherlands	12	12	0	0	0	55	10	45	36
2	Argentina	16	10	2	2	4	40	21	19	34
3	Germany	12	9	1	0	2	29	17	12	28
4	China	16	7	4	0	5	31	29	2	25
5	Australia	16	7	2	1	7	29	29	0	24
6	Belgium	12	5	2	2	5	18	22	-4	19
7	Great Britain	12	3	3	2	6	21	37	-16	14
8	India	16	2	1	1	13	16	38	-22	8
9	United States	16	1	1	0	14	15	51	-36	4

Euro Hockey KO8 2023-24

28 March – 1 April 2024

Men

Old Georgians 4 Club Campo de Madrid 2

Pinoké 1 Real Club de Polo 0

Royal Leopold 2 Rot Weiss Köln 3

Gantoise 1 SV Kampong 2

Real Club de Polo 2 Club Campo de Madrid 4

Pinoké 4 Old Georgians 1

SV Kampong 5 Rot-Weiss Köln 5 (3-2 shoot-out)

Gantoise 1 Royal Leopold Club 4

3 vs 4

Old Georgians 3 Rot-Weiss Köln 2¹

Final

Pinoké 1 SV Kampong 0



Women

Loreto 0 Junior HC 5

Mannheimer 1 Club Campo de Madrid 1 (3-1 shot-out)

SCHC 2 Gantoise 1

AH & BC Amsterdam 3 East Grinstead 1

Club Campo de Madrid 6 Loreto 2

Mannheimer 2 Junior HC 0

East Grinstead 2 Gantoise 1

AH & BC Amsterdam 2 SCHC 1

3 vs 4

SCHC 3 Junior HC 2

Final

AH & BC Amsterdam 2 Mannheimer 1



National League

Men

Premier Division

Phase 2 Top Six²

Hampstead 0 Wimbledon 5

Old Georgians 3 Holcombe 2

Surbiton 4 Southgate 0

Southgate 2 Hampstead 4

Surbiton 2 Old Georgians 4

Southgate 0 Wimbledon 3

Hampstead 3 Old Georgians 5

Holcombe 0 Surbiton 1

Wimbledon 3 Holcombe 1

Wimbledon 4 Surbiton 2

Old Georgians 6 Southgate 5

¹ This win presented English clubs with a third entrant to the competition in 2024-25

² From the Division table prior to Christmas

Holcombe 2 Hampstead 1
 Southgate 0 Holcombe 3
 Old Georgians 7 Wimbledon 2
 Hampstead 0 Surbiton 3

Old Georgians	16	15	0	1	91	29	45
Surbiton	16	13	0	3	73	22	51
Wimbledon	16	12	0	4	51	24	36
Holcombe	16	11	0	5	62	20	24
Hampstead	16	8	0	8	39	40	24
Southgate	16	5	1	10	47	53	16

Then joined by Oxted and Beeston for Pools A and B

Pool A

Old Georgians 5 Beeston 4
 Holcombe 0 Hampstead 1
 Old Georgians 2 Hampstead 1
 Holcombe 5 Beeston 2
 Old Georgians 4 Holcombe 2
 Hampstead 4 Beeston 2

Old Georgians	3	3	0	0	11	7	9
Hampstead	3	2	0	1	6	4	6
Holcombe	3	1	0	3	7	7	3
Beeston	3	0	0	0	8	14	0

Pool B

Wimbledon 7 Southgate 3
 Surbiton 8 Oxted 1
 Wimbledon 1 Oxted 0
 Surbiton 2 Southgate 2 (4-1 shoot-out)
 Surbiton 1 Wimbledon 1 (3-0 shoot-out)
 Southgate 3 Oxted 3 (3-1 shoot-out)

Surbiton	3	3 ³	0	0	11	4	7
Wimbledon	3	2	0	1	4	5	7
Southgate	3	1	0	2	8	12	4
Oxted	3	0	0	3 ⁴	4	12	1

The results of the matches in Pool A indicate a reason why the arrangements are criticised. Hampstead's 1-0 defeat of Holcombe virtually ended the latter's season (as the reverse had last year with Hampstead) given the dominance of Old Georgians and Surbiton, leaving very little to play for in the remaining games.

Finals Weekend: Semi Finals

Surbiton 4 Hampstead 1
 Old Georgians 4 Wimbledon 3

³ For the win in the shoot-out but one point awarded for the draw after 70 minutes

⁴ Equally, a loss in the shoot-out but one point awarded for the draw

Finals Weekend: 3 vs 4

Hampstead 2 Wimbledon 2 (3-4 shoot-out)

Final

Surbiton 1 Old Georgians 3

Qualifying for Europe 2024-25

Old Georgians, Surbiton and Wimbledon

Lower Six

Oxted 2 University of Nottingham 2

Beeston 2 Reading 2

Cardiff & Met 2 East Grinstead 3

Oxted 3 Cardiff & Met 2

Reading 2 University of Nottingham 3

East Grinstead 4 Beeston 6

Beeston 5 Cardiff & Met 4

Reading 3 Oxted 4

University of Nottingham 1 East Grinstead 3

Cardiff & Met 2 University of Nottingham 2

East Grinstead 2 Reading 1

Beeston 3 Oxted 2

Oxted 3 East Grinstead 1

University of Nottingham 5 Beeston 3

Reading 1 Cardiff & Met 5

Oxted	16	7	2	7	40	47	23
Beeston	16	7	1	8	48	68	22
East Grinstead	16	7	0	9	29	60	21
Cardiff & Met	16	3	2	11	33	64	11
University of Nottingham	16	2	2	12	25	68	8
Reading	16	2	0	14	21	64	6

Advancing to the Play Off Pools A and B

Oxted and Beeston

Remainder to Phase 3 Play Offs

Play Offs Phase 3

Cardiff & Met 2 Reading 2

East Grinstead 6 University of Nottingham 2

East Grinstead 3 Reading 4

University of Nottingham 1 Cardiff & Met 1

Reading 2 University of Nottingham 2

Cardiff & Met 2 East Grinstead 2

East Grinstead	19	8	1	10	40	68	25 ⁵
Cardiff & Met	19	3	5	11	38	69	14
Reading	19	3	2	14	29	71	11
University of Nottingham	19	2	4	13	30	77	10

Relegated: Reading and University of Nottingham

⁵ Points added from Lower Six table after 16 games

Division 1 South

Richmond	18	14	1	3	55	37	43
Teddington	18	11	3	4	55	38	36
Univer of Exeter	18	10	4	4	58	34	34
Old Loughtonians	18	9	3	6	50	33	30
Canterbury	18	7	5	6	48	40	26
Team Bath Buccaneers	18	6	4	8	42	46	22
Sevenoaks	18	5	6	7	40	45	20
Havant	18	5	5	8	40	50	20
Old Cranleighan	18	5	3	10	38	51	18
Brighton & Hove	18	1	0	17	28	75	3

Division 1 North

Bowdon	18	15	2	1	60	24	47
Loughborough Students	18	12	3	3	46	26	39
Brooklands Manchester University	18	11	2	5	73	42	35
Durham University	18	10	2	6	43	30	32
Olton & West Warwickshire	18	8	2	8	44	52	26
Harborne	18	6	5	7	54	51	23
University of Birmingham	18	6	4	8	54	56	22
Deeside Ramblers	18	4	3	11	31	50	15
Leeds	18	3	2	13	39	65	11
Cambridge City	18	1	3	14	25	73	6

Promoted to the Premier Division

Bowdon and Richmond

Conference West

University of Bristol	18	14	2	2	50	18	44
Isca	18	10	3	5	57	30	33
Clifton Robinsons	18	10	1	7	49	36	31
Oxford Hawks	18	9	4	5	40	33	31
University of Exeter 2	18	9	1	8	34	30	28
Chichester	18	7	2	9	36	37	23
Fareham	18	7	1	10	37	50	22
Ashmoor	18	6	3	9	25	35	21
Cheltenham	18	6	2	10	10	32	20
Plymouth Marjon	18	1	3	14	34	77	6

Conference North

Lindum	18	16	1	1	89	25	49
Timperley	18	15	1	2	87	22	46
Doncaster	18	14	1	3	79	44	43
Wakefield	18	8	0	10	37	40	24
Ben Rhydding	18	8	0	10	40	44	24
Brooklands Manchester University 2	18	7	2	9	43	53	23
Oxton	18	6	2	10	53	59	20
Sheffield	18	5	3	10	39	49	18
Beeston 2	18	5	2	11	33	53	17
Belper	18	0	0	18	10	121	0

Conference East

Indian Gymkhana	18	12	4	2	80	30	40
London Wayfarers	18	11	3	4	44	27	36
Guildford	18	10	3	5	51	35	33
Spencer	18	10	1	7	51	41	31
Surbiton 2	18	7	4	7	30	36	25
Hampstead 2	18	6	5	7	42	41	23
Wimbledon 2	18	6	2	10	35	55	20
Bromley & Beckenham	18	4	6	8	32	45	18
Old Georgians 2	18	4	3	11	24	38	15
Ipswich	18	4	1	13	21	63	13

Conference Midlands

University of Nottingham 2	18	14	2	2	57	31	44
Stourport	18	12	5	1	54	29	41 ⁶
Norwich City	18	11	4	3	60	33	37
Barford Tigers	18	11	4	3	60	36	37
Banbury	18	5	5	8	44	47	20
Harleston Magpies	18	4	5	9	41	50	17
University of Birmingham 2	18	4	4	10	37	51	16
St Albans	18	4	4	10	26	48	16
Bedford	18	3	3	12	37	77	12
City of Peterborough	18	2	4	12	40	54	10

*Women***Premier Division****Phase 2: Top Six**

Hampstead 0 Surbiton 2
 Reading 1 East Grinstead 4
 University of Nottingham 2 Bowdon 1
 Bowdon 0 Reading 5
 East Grinstead 1 Surbiton 0
 University of Nottingham 1 Hampstead 3
 Bowdon 0 East Grinstead 5
 Hampstead 2 Reading 1
 Surbiton 6 University of Nottingham 1
 Reading 6 University of Nottingham 0
 East Grinstead 5 Hampstead 1
 Surbiton 4 Bowdon 1
 Surbiton 3 Reading 6
 Hampstead 3 Bowdon 2
 University of Nottingham 2 East Grinstead 7

Surbiton	16	13	0	3	55	18	39
East Grinstead	16	11	1	4	53	25	34
Reading	16	11	1	4	45	24	34
Hampstead	16	8	3	5	32	25	27
University of Nottingham	16	5	4	7	30	51	19
Bowdon	16	3	6	7	21	38	15

⁶ Promoted to the First Division because University of Nottingham 1 were relegated to the First Division from the Premier and no two club sides can participate in the same division.

Remainder to Phase 3 Play Offs
Wimbledon and Clifton Robinsons for Pools A and B

Pool A

Hampstead 9 University of Nottingham 3
Surbiton 4 Clifton Robinsons 1
Hampstead 5 Clifton Robinsons 1
Surbiton 6 University of Nottingham 2
Surbiton 4 Hampstead 1
University of Nottingham 3 Clifton Robinsons 2

Surbiton	3	3	0	0	14	4	9
Hampstead	3	2	0	1	15	8	6
University of Nottingham	3	1	0	2	8	17	3
Clifton Robinsons	3	0	0	3	4	12	0

Pool B

Pool B
East Grinstead 2 Wimbledon 1
Reading 4 Bowdon 1
East Grinstead 1 Bowdon 1 (3-1 shoot-out)
Reading 1 Wimbledon 2
East Grinstead 2 Reading 1
Bowdon 0 Wimbledon 2

East Grinstead	3	3	0	0	5	3	8 ⁷
Wimbledon	3	2	0	1	3	2	6
Reading	3	0	0	3	1	7	1
Bowdon							

Finals Weekend: Semi Finals

East Grinstead 2 Hampstead 2 (2-3 shoot-out)
Surbiton 2 Wimbledon 0

Finals Weekend: 3 vs 4

East Grinstead 1 Wimbledon 1 (4-3 shoot-out)

Final

Hampstead 1 Surbiton 3

Given the success of East Grinstead prior to the Finals Weekend, the Hampstead win was rather remarkable. EG were leading 2-1 and looking reasonably comfortable with a few seconds left on the clock, when they were awarded a free hit on the top of the circle. Grace Balsdon (who had left Hampstead at the start of the season) decided not to launch the ball as far away as she could for EG and an underhit pass was intercepted by Hampstead and led to a short corner, at which a penalty stroke was awarded. That was put away under enormous pressure by Joie Leigh. In the shoot-out, Mim Pritchard in the Hampstead goal was sensational and blocked three attempts that helped Hampstead to score three of their own to win (and be rewarded with a place in European hockey once more).

⁷ Shoot-out win after a draw with Bowdon

Lower Six

Loughborough Students 2 Wimbledon 3
Beeston 1 University of Birmingham 0
Clifton Robinsons 3 Isca & University of Exeter 2
Clifton Robinsons 3 Beeston 2
Loughborough Students 3 University of Birmingham 3
Wimbledon 2 Isca & University of Exeter 1
Isca & University of Exeter 3 Loughborough Students 4
University of Birmingham 1 Clifton Robinsons 2
Beeston 0 Wimbledon 3
Wimbledon 1 Clifton Robinsons 0
University of Birmingham 3 Isca & University of Exeter 2
Beeston 2 Loughborough Students 3
Clifton Robinsons 1 Loughborough Students 2
University of Birmingham 1 Wimbledon 1
Isca & University of Exeter 0 Beeston 2

Wimbledon	16	7	6	6	24	20	27
Clifton Robinsons	16	6	4	6	26	34	22
University of Birmingham	16	4	7	5	25	27	19
Loughborough Students	16	5	3	8	25	35	18
Beeston	16	4	1	11	17	27	13
Isca & University of Exeter	18	1	0	15	14	43	3

Advancing to the Play Off Pools A and B

Wimbledon & Clifton Robinsons
Remainder to Phase 3 Play Offs

Phase 3 Play Offs

Loughborough Students 1 Beeston 1
Isca & University of Exeter 1 University of Birmingham 1
Loughborough Students 1 Isca & University of Exeter 0
University of Birmingham 2 Beeston 3
Beeston 5 Isca & University of Exeter 2
University of Birmingham 1 Loughborough Students 1

Loughborough Students	19	7	4	8	29	37	25
University of Birmingham	19	4	8	7	29	33	20
Beeston	19	6	2	11	26	32	20
Isca & University of Exeter	19	1	1	17	17	50	4

Relegated: Beeston and Isca & University of Exeter

Division One North

Sutton Coldfield	18	14	2	2	48	19	44
Durham University	18	11	5	2	50	16	38
Buckingham	18	10	5	3	44	27	35
Ben Rhydding	18	9	4	5	33	22	31
Leicester City	18	8	3	7	29	31	27
Gloucester City	18	7	4	7	38	37	25
Olton & West Warwickshire	18	3	6	9	26	42	15

Wakefield	18	4	2	12	16	44	14
Stourport	18	3	3	12	21	45	12
Swansea	18	1	6	11	8	30	9

Division One South

Surbiton 2	18	14	1	3	52	27	43
Holcombe	18	12	3	3	59	28	39
Barnes	18	12	1	5	41	29	37
Sevenoaks	18	9	2	7	29	23	29
Harleston Magpies	18	7	3	8	28	34	24
Slough	18	5	6	7	25	30	21
Southgate	18	6	2	10	28	34	20
Wimbledon 2	18	5	1	12	31	46	16
Canterbury	18	4	4	10	17	36	16
Team Bath Buccaneers	18	3	3	12	23	46	12

Promoted to Premier Division

Sutton Coldfield and Holcombe⁸

Conference West

Bristol Firebrands	18	12	5	1	46	39	41
Clifton Robinsons 2	18	11	4	3	48	29	37
Exeter	18	10	2	6	53	43	32
Reading 2	18	9	2	7	43	32	29
Witney	18	8	4	6	42	39	28
Trojans	18	3	2	8	41	37	26
Oxford Hawks	18	6	4	8	28	31	22
Cheltenham	18	6	4	8	28	31	22
Fareham	18	0	8	10	17	35	8
Basingstoke	18	2	1	15	16	58	7

Conference Midlands

Repton	18	13	3	2	41	16	42
St Albans	18	12	3	3	49	20	39
Cambridge City	18	12	2	4	42	25	38
Beeston 2	18	7	7	4	48	26	28
Cannock	18	8	3	7	35	38	27
University of Birmingham 2	18	5	5	8	32	31	20
Doncaster	18	5	4	9	27	37	19
Bedford	18	4	5	9	24	32	17
Oxford University	18	3	3	12	24	66	12
Belper	18	2	3	13	24	55	9

Conference North

Pendle Forest	18	13	3	2	40	18	42
Leeds	18	8	7	3	33	17	31
Durham University 2	18	8	3	7	26	27	27
Fylde	18	8	3	7	18	24	27
Newcastle University	18	6	7	5	27	29	25
Didsbury Northern	18	6	6	6	27	29	24

⁸ As Surbiton are not permitted two teams in the same division

Bowdon 2	18	4	7	7	23	24	19
Harrogate	18	4	7	7	24	38	19
Timperley	18	4	6	8	21	28	18
Brooklands Poynton	18	2	5	11	18	33	11

Conference East

Guildford	18	14	2	2	59	25	44
London Wayfarers	18	11	4	3	48	24	37
Hampstead 2	18	10	5	3	49	23	33
Old Loughtonians	18	8	7	3	29	21	31
Old Georgians	18	8	3	7	37	26	27
Teddington	18	8	2	8	38	42	26
Spencer	18	7	2	9	34	36	23
East London	18	4	3	11	27	46	15
Horsham	18	2	2	14	23	58	8
Ipswich	18	2	2	14	14	56	8

England Hockey: London Area

Men

London Men's Division 1

Hampstead 3 were tenth of 12, winning five, drawing four and losing 13, ahead of London Wayfarers 2 and Wapping 2. The Division winners were Epsom 1s.

London Men's Division 2 North

Hampstead Zak Hond were third, winning 17, drawing twice and losing three times, to champions Southgate 3 and runners up Crostyx 1, two points ahead. Hampstead 4 were ninth, winning six, drawing once and losing 15.

London Men's Division 4 North West

Hampstead Thirsts were champions of the division, winning 16, drawing three times and losing only once, by nine points, from runners up Richmond Griffins and Southgate 5 in third place.

London Men's Division 5 North West

Hampstead's Colts came third and the Spaniards fifth in this division, won by Old Merchants Taylors 3.

South Masters O40 Premier Division

Hampstead Masters were in tenth place on goal differenced from Tulse Hill & Dulwich Artillery but ahead of last placed Sonning Sundowners by 15 points.

South Masters O50 Premier Division

The Supervets ended in eighth place, winning seven, drawing twice and defeated eleven times. Tulse Hill & Dulwch Muskateers were champions

South Masters O60 Premier Division

The Grand Masters were placed seventh in the division, won by Bromley & Beckenham O60, who lost only once. The GMs won six, drew on five occasions and lost seven (and were nine points ahead of Amersham & Chalfont GMs in eighth place).

Women

London Women's Premier Division

Hampstead's 3s ended in tenth place of 12, with only five points separating seventh to eleventh in the division. They won five, drew once but lost 16 games. Wapping 1s were champions, on a single goal difference from Barnes 2, with Surbiton 3 one point behind.

London Women's Division 1

It was another tenth place, this time for the Hampstead 4s in a division won by West Hampstead 1. The 4s won five games, drew twice and lost 15, eleven points ahead of Wapping 2 and Richmond 1 both with six points.

London Women's Division 2 North

Hampstead 5s were fifth on goal difference from East London 2, both with 33 points in the division, won by Spencer 3s, who only lost once. The 5s won ten games, drew three and lost seven, with a goal difference of 14

London Women's Division 4 North West

The Club has two teams in this division. The 6s were third and the 7s were sixth, with 21 points separating them. The 6s lost four games and the 7s eleven. The Division was won by the unbeaten PHC Chiswick 3, who were clear by eleven points by the end of the season.

At present, the Club does not have teams participating in the London Masters Women's O35 or O45 competitions.



Indoor Hockey

The 2024 competition was concluded back in January (partially reported in the last Newsletter). To conclude:

Hampstead 4 Holcombe 5
Wimbledon 2 Sevenoaks 5
East Grinstead 1 Old Georgians 7
Ashmoor 3 Surbiton 0
Team Bath Buccaneers 1 Hampstead 6

Holcombe 3 Wimbledon 9
 Sevenoaks 4 East Grinstead 4
 Old Georgians 9 Ashmoor 3
 Surbiton 4 Team Bath Buccaneers 5
 Wimbledon 8 East Grinstead 1
 Ashmoor 2 Team Bath Buccaneers 3
 Holcombe 4 Sevenoaks 5
 Old Georgians 8 Surbiton 1
 Hampstead 2 Wimbledon 6
 East Grinstead 4 Ashmoor 3
 Team Bath Buccaneers 5 Holcombe 0
 Sevenoaks 3 Old Georgians 6
 Surbiton 2 Hampstead 8

Team Bath Buccaneers 0 Sevenoaks 9
 Surbiton 1 Wimbledon 4
 Ashmoor 1 Holcombe 1
 Old Georgians 6 Hampstead 10
 East Grinstead 5 Team Bath Buccaneers 2
 Sevenoaks 6 Surbiton 5
 Wimbledon 4 Ashmoor 4
 Holcombe 3 Old Georgians 4
 Hampstead 3 East Grinstead 2
 Ashmoor 2 Sevenoaks 3
 Surbiton 4 East Grinstead 5
 Team Bath Buccaneers 1 Old Georgians 14
 Hampstead 3 Ashmoor 2
 Holcombe 5 Surbiton 4
 Wimbledon 7 Team Bath Buccaneers 2
 Sevenoaks 4 Hampstead 4
 East Grinstead 3 Holcombe 2
 Old Georgians 7 Wimbledon 4

Old Georgians	8	7	0	1	62	26	21
Sevenoaks	8	5	2	1	39	29	17
Wimbledon	8	5	1	2	44	25	16
Hampstead	8	4	2	2	40	29	14
East Grinstead	8	4	2	2	26	33	14
Team Bath Buccaneers	8	3	0	5	19	47	8
Holcombe	8	2	1	5	23	35	7
Ashmoor	8	1	2	5	20	37	5
Surbiton	8	0	0	8	21	45	0

Women

Buckingham	8	7	1	0	34	16	22
Slough	8	5	3	0	33	16	18
East Grinstead	8	5	1	2	32	21	16
Surbiton	8	5	0	3	26	22	15
Guildford	8	3	1	4	29	35	10
Harleston Magpies	8	2	3	3	29	30	9
Repton	8	2	0	6	20	32	6

Bowdon	8	1	1	6	19	37	4
Leicester City	8	1	0	7	17	30	3

Finals

Derby Arena
29 January 2024

Women

Buckingham 1 Surbiton 4
Slough 2 East Grinstead 3

Surbiton 1 East Grinstead 6

Men

Old Georgians 5 Hampstead 3
Sevenoaks 2 Wimbledon 8

Wimbledon 4 Old Georgians 6

Hampstead were somewhat *dark horses* here with a late charge, secured by the win against Ashmoor (of Devon) and a draw with Sevenoaks (and helped by goal difference). The 10-6 defeat of Old Georgians was the highlight and proved to be that club's only defeat, requiring them to adjust how they played against Hampstead in the semi-final.

Division One

Southgate	8	7	1	0	80	35	22
Canterbury	8	6	0	2	40	40	18
Beeston	8	5	1	2	46	37	16
Brooklands	8	4	0	4	42	53	12
University of Exeter	8	3	2	3	53	50	11
Repton	8	3	1	4	36	36	10
Oxted	8	3	0	5	46	55	9
Loughborough Students	8	1	1	6	32	46	4
West Herts	8	0	2	6	34	66	2

Division Two National

Guildford	5	4	1	0	29	15	13
Bowdon	5	3	1	1	33	17	10
Ipswich	5	2	1	2	23	22	7
Reading	5	1	2	2	27	20	5
University of Bristol	5	1	2	2	11	20	5
Deeside Ramblers	5	0	1	4	8	37	1

Gala Dinner

The Club's 2024 Gala Dinner and Fund Raising event took place in Mincing Lane in the City on Saturday 3 February 2024, More than 150 were in attendance, including Hampstead members of the current Great Britain squads and of the South Africa men's group.

The evening began with news of the installation of an electronic scoreboard at the Paddington Recreation Ground pitch that was then expected towards the end of February, funded by the generosity of Morley Pecker. (Regrettably, lack of ownership of the pitch and the need to agree its

location and the method of affixation remain hurdles that remain to be overcome before it can be commissioned).

It was then announced that Toby Roche and Will Naylor had been enrolled as Vice Presidents of the Club and they were presented with Club ties by the President, Richard Sykes. Toby captained the Men's 1st XI for an unprecedented seven years and led the team to the national championship in 2019. Will was the team's reliable goal scorer in the years before Kwan Browne took over as coach and when goals were vital to the team's survival in the Premier Division.

Richard Sykes promoted the concept of Hampstead being a club for life. Now offering a comprehensive coaching set up with the junior section, a player can learn the skills for the game, become accustomed to the rhythms of the game and move into the adult teams, possibly with the Colts XI or even higher (as has been seen in the current season). They might then go away to college or university but hopefully return, as a central London club, to bolster the adult teams with youthful energy. Later when the body may reject the rigours of London Area league hockey there is ample opportunity to join the O40, O50 and O60 teams – and in many cases revive friendships formed when playing for the club in earlier times. The social cohesion which is such an important part of the Club can in this way be maintained (and hopefully reinvigorated).

Earl Griffith then explained the concepts of the 1894 Fund Raising campaigns, commenting upon his delight that many parents of junior players were in attendance. He went on to introduce the four players then on course to participate in the Olympic Games in Paris, Rupert Shipperley and James Oates for the men's Great Britain team and goalkeeper Mim Pritchard for the Great Britain women and finally Matt Guise Brown, with the South Africa men's squad. They answered a few questions and disclosed the different regimes for training including the next round of matches in the FIH Pro League that will take place in London and Matt recited the differences for the South Africa squad – and particularly the absence of central funding that meant there were no opportunities to be full time athletes.

Andy Brookes then took to the floor in his own inestimable style to manage the auction of a dozen items on offer, ranging from hockey sticks, a signed Welsh shirt (donned for the auction by Hywel Jones, to much derision from his contemporaries), training sessions, the use of a Swiss Ski resort chalet, a weekend at Lucknam Park Hotel and Spa east of Bath and finally all-encompassing day on Court 1 at Wimbledon.

Hockey5s World Cup



Love it or loathe it, the FIH continues to promote the shorter version of the game alongside the eleven a side outdoor format. There is a concentration, too, on expanding the sport to the Middle East in particular.

The inaugural Hockey5s World Cup was convened in Oman in late January 2024. It followed one of the Olympic Games qualifying tournaments for men and not many European nations took part. The comments made by the FIH President Tayyab Ikram give an insight to the present direction of travel for world hockey. The Hockey5s World Cup also saw the introduction of a new hockey ball, given the governing body's desire to move away from water based pitches.

FIH President

During the Hockey 5s, the FIH President addressed the media in a press conference along with Dr Marwan Juma al Juma, the chairman of the Oman Hockey Association and answered questions on the various aspects of the World Cup, as well as the future of international hockey across its various formats. Among the issues covered, he said,

On new sustainability initiatives introduced at the FIH Hockey5s World Cup

Sustainability of hockey is a big priority for FIH. We are working closely with the International Olympic Committee, who are aiding us in meeting the larger sustainability guideline of the United Nations and we are taking major steps towards already achieving that goal in the present, not just in the future.

From the Rio Olympics in 2016 to Tokyo Olympics in 2020 and Paris Olympics in 2024, the aim has been to reduce the usage of water in hockey, keeping in mind long term sustainability of sport and we have been successful in this venture. The Hockey5s World Cup has introduced our new dry turf that requires no use of water and instead relies on a wet ball, named Rewetta that requires a fraction of the water compared to the past.

On the National Associations Summit

The National Associations Summit, which was one of my earliest initiatives as FIH President, is open to all our member associations, irrespective of whether they are considered a big hockey nation or a relatively smaller one. The NA Summit held in Muscat two days ago, was attended in person by members of 35 different National Associations. There was immense knowledge sharing that took place throughout the NA Summit, focused on important areas such as development strategies and digital activations, which were shared with the member associations, that will help them in developing their national programs and raise the profile of hockey in their country. A future roadmap on technology and sustainability was also discussed with the members in attendance that gave them a clear design on how hockey was moving towards a sustainable future and reducing the infrastructural requirements through the use of technology. This will be particularly useful to the new nations that are trying to improve their hockey programs and aiming to compete at the top of international hockey in various formats.

On the future of Hockey5s

It is a great delight for all of us to see the so-called smaller nations that are new to hockey bridging the gap to the traditional powerhouses of hockey at this World Cup. It shows that Hockey5s is achieving its primary objective of making hockey accessible on a large scale throughout the world

I am also delighted to announce that at the upcoming South East Asian Games in Thailand we will also have competition in the Hockey5s format in addition to our 11-a-side hockey and indoor hockey competitions. There are also ongoing conversations with the Asian Indoor and Martial Arts Games to add Hockey5s into the program along with Indoor Hockey, which had previously featured in the 2007 edition of the games in Macau.

On legacy of the new stadium in Muscat

Legacy of any infrastructure developed for international hockey competitions is always a core subject at FIH. The new stadium built in Oman similarly has a lot of legacy planning that has been done for it. We plan on the stadium becoming a training hub for international teams. For teams flying from Europe to South Asia or Oceania and vice versa for hockey events, Oman and its new stadium will be an ideal spot to train in the build up to the event, making use of these international facilities of the highest standard. The FIH Academy will also work closely with Oman Hockey Association and the

Ministry of Culture, Sports and Youth in Oman to develop a hockey program that will make use of the facilities to promote a hockey programme for the youth of Oman.

We are also planning to make these facilities in Oman as the hub for the development of hockey in the GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) region, which will be very important, given the Asian Games in 2030 will be played in Doha and the 2034 games will be hosted in Saudi Arabia.

Women

The Netherlands beat India to claim the inaugural title in the women's tournament on 27 January 2024. In doing so, they added another trophy to their remarkable collection, which includes Olympic gold, world senior and junior titles, Indoor World Cup gold and the FIH Hockey Pro League title. Earlier in the day, Poland secured the bronze medal with a victory over South Africa. In the newly introduced Challenger Trophy, for the teams that did not progress to the quarter-finals, the United States won the title by defeating Namibia.

Pool A

Netherlands	3	3	0	0	43	9
Malaysia	3	1	1	1	0	4
Fiji	3	1	1	1	-12	4
Oman	3	0	0	3	-31	0

Pool B

South Africa	3	3	0	0	15	9
Ukraine	3	2	0	1	8	6
Australia	3	1	0	2	-5	3
Zambia	3	0	0	3	-18	0

Pool C

India	3	3	0	0	10	9
Poland	3	2	0	1	7	6
United States	3	1	0	2	-3	3
Namibia	3	0	0	3	-14	0

Pool D

Uruguay	3	3	0	0	24	9
New Zealand	3	2	0	1	-3	6
Thailand	3	1	0	2	-9	3
Paraguay	3	0	0	3	-12	0

Netherlands 4 Ukraine 2

Uruguay 3 Poland 5

India 11 New Zealand 1

South Africa 6 Malaysia 4

3 v 4 Poland 4 South Africa 2

Final Netherlands 7 India 2

Men

Pool A

Netherlands	3	3	0	0	7	9
Poland	3	2	0	1	3	6

Pakistan	3	1	0	2	3	3
Nigeria	3	0	0	3	-13	0

Pool B

Egypt	3	3	0	0	18	9
India	3	2	0	1	19	6
Switzerland	3	1	0	2	-14	3
Jamaica	3	0	0	3	-23	0

Pool C

Trinidad and Tobago	3	2	1	0	12	7
Kenya	3	2	0	1	3	6
New Zealand	3	1	0	2	-11	3
Australia	3	0	1	2	-4	1

Pool D

Oman	3	2	1	0	7	7
Malaysia	3	2	1	0	6	7
United States	3	1	0	2	8	3
Fiji	3	0	0	3	-21	0

Netherlands 7 India 4

Oman 5 Kenya 2

Egypt 1 Poland 2

Trinidad and Tobago 4 Malaysia 5

Netherlands 5 Oman 3

Poland 3 Malaysia 4

3 v 4 Oman 3 Poland 2

Final Netherlands 5 Malaysia 2

The first ever men's FIH Hockey5s World Cup concluded with the Netherlands overcoming Malaysia to lift the trophy and match their women's team achievement four days previously. Malaysia had built their senior side from junior level over the past few years. Six of their players were part of the squad that clinched the gold medal at the 2018 Youth Olympic Games in Buenos Aires, played in the Hockey5s format.

Meanwhile, hosts Oman overcame Poland to secure the bronze medal at their first ever FIH World Cup in any format. And Pakistan clinched the Challenger Trophy, for those teams that did not progress to the quarter-finals, after a convincing victory over Switzerland. 507 goals were scored in the four days of the tournament.

Challenger Trophy

Pakistan were genuine top-eight contenders but found themselves in the Challenger Trophy after losing out in a very tough pool. They cruised to a 10-1 win against Switzerland in the Trophy final, dominating every facet of play and denying the Swiss any opportunity. Zikriya Hayat completed a hat-trick, taking Pakistan well clear of the pack with 57 team goals and Rana Waheed finished as top individual scorer with 23 goals.

In the 11th-place playoff Australia's Liam Kerr-Nelson scored a hat-trick to help his team to a 6-4 win over New Zealand. The United States triumphed in a 10-9 thriller against Nigeria for 13th place, Pat Harris and Alberto Montilla scoring hat-tricks for the American side, while Nigeria's Peter John and Sunday Godwin grabbed four and three goals each in a losing cause. Fiji scored three goals in the 26th minute to steal a 4-2 win over Jamaica for 15th place.

Talent Academy



The Club's Talent Academy will be holding trials at Paddington Recreation Ground for the 2023-24 TA age eligible players, alongside those successful in the open assessment phase in late August. Players should attend at least two sessions but can join all four if they are able to. There is a fixed cost of £36 to attend (and players do not pay more to attend all four sessions). The dates and times are:

Tuesday 27th August 2024

Boys & Girls: 5pm - 7pm

Wednesday 28th August 2024

Boys & Girls: 5pm - 7pm

Thursday 29th August 2024

Boys & Girls: 5pm - 7pm

Sunday 1st September

Boys & Girls: 10am - 2pm

Remembering....

Tony Henman

Former club member Anthony John Shirley Henman, known as Tony, who was an Oxford solicitor and all-round amateur sportsman, died on 3 May 2024.

It would stretch credulity to suggest that Tony's hockey career was shaped by his brief playing career with Hampstead. He was admitted as a member on 3 January 1963, at the same meeting when the committee resolved to contribute towards the HA Olympic Fund, each member being requested to donate two shillings.

He was not present at the club's AGM that followed on 5 April 1963. That meeting heard that while the overall playing record of the club in that season had been the most successful since 1955-56, the 1st XI had won five and lost six of its matches, drawing on three occasions. Hampstead was not a

particularly fashionable hockey club at the time, though Neil Livingstone had captained Scotland and Jim Deegan had played for England that season. The assumption is that Tony Henman joined because of its proximity to his accommodation at the time, reputedly shared with Mick Jagger.

Tony Henman's first recorded appearance was in one of the four practice games against Hendon on 27 September 1964, playing as a centre forward that led to his selection for the 2nd XI in the first three matches in October, but at inside right.

He was selected for the 1st XI for the game against Cheam at left wing on 25 October 1964 that ended in a 1-2 loss and against Maidenhead a week later also resulting in a loss, 0-2. On 1 November 1955, he captained the Sunday side, the Spaniards (containing a mixture of players throughout the club) on its usual trip to Middleton on Sea. The 1st XI suffered more defeats and Steve Dunsford the captain resigned but for unconnected reasons. Tony was now selected at centre forward and a win was achieved against Royal Engineers on 13 December 1984.

At the start of the new year the team had won two games but lost nine, with two draws. Success against the leading London teams proved elusive but Tony was on hand in a 5-0 win against Lensbury on 7 February 1965. He was not selected for the following week when the 1st XI beat Beckenham 1-0. In February, his brother Richard appeared for the team. Tony was away skiing and later joined his brother in selection for the 2nd XI for the game against HAC but this was cancelled. Tony played at inside left and his brother at right wing against Blackheath and later against Mid Surrey, the latter ending in a 3-2 win.

For the following season, Tony applied to be an occasional member of the club. Richard had applied for full membership in the preceding March. Richard made appearances in 1966, for the 3rd XI on 7 February 1966 and a week later for the 1st XI at Guildford.

Tony had a reputation for pace on the wing and frequently failing to see where the umpire was standing that led to collisions, such was his undivided concentration on the game.

In much later years, Tony toured frequently with the Travellers, a team that began in 1934 as Beckenham Wanderers, formed with prime idea of touring abroad, especially at Easter and sometimes at Whitsun (except during the Second World War). The Travellers also played on Sundays in winter months but found that fixtures were becoming fewer. Nonetheless they were continued by clubs of similar backgrounds, such as the Bacchanalians, Tramps and Ghosts.

He also took part in the World Cup in Kuala Lumpur in 2002 as a member of the England team when a tournament, the first of its kind, was convened for the over 65 age group. This grew to become the Grand Masters competition played alongside the World Cup and now at several age groups.

Tony later returned to Hampstead & Westminster HC regularly for a series of annual memorial matches held at Paddington Recreation Ground in early September initially to commemorate the lives of four members who died far earlier than ought to be the case. The Club's Veterans team took on a Legends XI, for which Tony added vigorous running and irrepressible energy.

Some of the Legends XI instructed Tony as their solicitor given that Tony was then developing the practice that later took his name and that of his brother Richard, based in Oxford. Tony had spent time at City lawyers Hextall Erskine, which coincided with his membership of Hampstead. In 1965 he left there and joined his father's practice, Henman Ballard in Woodstock, north west of Oxford. On his father's retirement, Tony and Richard moved the practice to Oxford, where it grew considerably. It merged with the national legal practice Freeth Cartwright in 2012.



Tony Henman at the Memorial Game in September 2010; seventh from the right on the back row
 Photo: Cyril Flajsner

Tony's professional life was intertwined with his sporting interests and he was able to represent Oxfordshire at tennis, squash, cricket and hockey, having also played football, as an amateur, for Headington United (that later became Oxford United). He encouraged his children to take up a wide range of sports, using the garden of the family house in Weston in the Green, north of Oxford, for this purpose. It was here that his son, Tim quickly developed an aptitude for tennis and was soon playing first string for Oxfordshire, alongside his father, then aged 40, as third string. Once Tim came to national prominence on the world tennis stage, Tony and Jane Henman were frequently under the spotlight in support of Tim. Here Tony was soon recognised as able to suppress any emotion at the state of play and demonstrate considerable sang-froid and restraint. This disguised his own competitive instincts seen particular in his hockey - and his loathing of losing.

"I really can't bear the thought of losing. I've been out of control on the pitch all my life. I've had 61 years to sort myself out, while Tim has done so much better in only 27".
Tony speaking after an England hockey match in 2002.

Yesteryear

115 Years Ago

Editorial in *Hockey*: 5 March 1909

The Encroachments of the Cloven Hoof of Professionalism

Speaking at Newport the other day, Lord Kinnaird, President of the English Football Association, said he feared that people of Great Britain were carrying sports too far and making them an occupation instead of a recreation. The significance and value of this unequivocal utterance coming from the lips of an eminent official in the world of sport occupying a position entitling him to speak with authority, can scarcely fail to occasion widespread comment

It is a criticism which is meant obviously in quite another spirit from that of Rudyard Kipling's famous denunciation of the "muddied oafs and flannelled fools"⁹. It discriminates between sport as a recreation and sport as a commercial undertaking, while Kipling's attacked sports without reservation or discrimination.

For the deliverance of this wholesome observation by Lord Kinnaid, it is not to be denied that there is still solid foundation in circumstances. When one contemplates the extraordinary developments which have arisen in recent years in connection with professional football, one is appalled at the discovery of the extremities to which the commercial spirit has been carried:-

- the conversion of clubs into limited liability companies
- the declaration of dividends on share capital
- the procuring and the retention of large bodies of professionals who are fed and trained for the purpose of extracting every possible ounce of energy of which their frames are capable
- the engagement of touts to scour the country in such of talent
- the bartering of players by transfer fees

All these seem to be the offspring of an age of semi barbaric gladiatorial displays rather than of the 20th century.

Then, too, there are many unwelcome inevitable accomplishments. There is the hero worship of professional footballers by certain sections of the public, the wasting of much of their time in futile discussions on trivial topics associated with the game. Equally unpleasant features may be seen at the great matches. Nowhere does such widespread self-centred partisanship prevail. When agitated by the decision of some "great" event, the rival crowds behave themselves in a way calculated to excite contempt.

They have no appreciation for the play of their opponents but will shout themselves hoarse over successes at the side which they favour. We are aware of one great football enclosure where at a distance of three miles off one can tell when the local side has scored a goal from the prolonged volley of cheering which echoes all that distance away. Then, too, there is the undesirable growth of betting among spectators. All these aspects we have pointed out have a deleterious effect upon the manhood of the nation and we find ourselves in agreement with Lord Kinnaid that the whole thing as far as too much of a business and that it bears no resemblance to true sport.

Professional football began in a small way as a deviation from amateurism only in the manner of granting remuneration to players for services. Let us carefully note the innumerable side directions into which its baneful influence is now permeated. And looking to the rapid growth of this downward tendency, we think Lord Kinnaid's solemn utterance is one which the nation should give

⁹ The primary purpose of Kipling's poem *The Islanders* was to denounce the nation's unpreparedness for war. But it also asserted the negative impact of the country's "undue devotion to sport". It was meant to strike the country into action (primarily through military training and conscription). Within two months the poem had been reproduced in most major newspapers and journals throughout the English speaking world. Intended as a thrilling trumpet call to duty, to fire the Empire's military ardour, initially it instead raised a howl of disapproval - especially from the sporting world. At the centre of the controversy were two lines, and a now well-familiar phrase... "*Then ye returned to your trinkets; then ye contented your souls With the flannelled fools at the wicket or the muddied oafs at the goals.*"

Kipling was arguing that England was indifferent to the war effort. The British Empire had successfully called on its colonies to provide the necessary man-power and taking comfort from that, England returned to indulging itself in what appeared to be its primary concern - sport.

ear to. It has been said, indeed, that the country is given over body and soul to the worship of association football.

In our view, the true remedy for the evils denounced in general by Lord Kinnaird is to preserve the true spirit of amateurism in such games as hockey and Rugby Football against the encroachments of the cloven hoof of professionalism.

In this column we recently set our faces sternly against the merest suspicion of the professional spirit gaining a foothold at hockey and we have not hesitated to condemn pseudo-amateur in other sports. We shall continue to expose and condemn whatever may be regarded as impurity in sport, while, of course, conversely, we shall exert our utmost to promote whatsoever tends toward the preservation of that pure and healthier spirit, which, we submit, is inalienably associated with hockey.

We have no great hope that the public will see the error of its ways in its fatuous adoration of football but we believe that in fostering and developing a love of a healthy sport like our own, conducted on pure principles we are providing the surest antidote against the spread of those evils about which the nation has been warned.

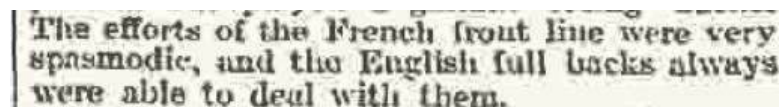
Times past

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

1924

21 April 1924

The chief feature of Saturday's play at the Folkestone Festival was the international match between England and France. England completely outplayed their opponents and scored nine goals to none. England thus have won ten of the 11 matches played, the game in 1908 having been drawn at two goals all. The match on Saturday was played in brilliant weather and there were 3,000 spectators. Although England won so easily it should be remembered that, apart from the drawn game mentioned above, England had to go all out to win in 1923.



The efforts of the French front line were very spasmodic, and the English full backs always were able to deal with them.

[At fullback for England? Jack Bennett of Hampstead]

1934

7 April 1934

To-day's International game between Wales and Scotland at Sealand will bring the season to a close, though there will still be a few club games this week and next. Practically all the leading sides, however, have completed, their fixture lists with the close of the Easter festivals. England have won the International championship with Ireland as runners up but to-day's game is interesting because it will decide who will take last place.

It will therefore be necessary for Scotland to win to-day if they are to avoid being at the bottom of the table for the second year in succession. To-day's game is the 27th between the two countries, Scotland having won 17 of the 26 to date to the six of Wales, with three games drawn. Last season Wales won at St. Andrews by one goal to none and on this season's performances they appear to have an excellent chance of repeating the victory. They played a drawn game with England but against Ireland, to whom they lost by three goals to none, they were without J W S Hardie-and J A

Edwards. Both are playing to-day and a new player. K. Howells, comes into the side at inside left and should strengthen the forward line.

[J W S Hardie and O G Jones, both of Hampstead, represented Wales in this match]

1964

1 June 1954

The British Hockey Board have selected 15 players to represent Great Britain in an international tournament in Brussels next October They are:- I C Burnett (Oxford University) D J Carnill (Cheltenham) J A Cockett (Edgbaston) J V Conroy (The Army) G B Dadds (Swansea) D M R Eagan (The Army) R A Fletcher (City of Oxford) N M Forster (Richmond) J Glaskie (The Army) R J Midgley (Royal Navv) A J B Robinson (West Wanderers) C J D Saunders-Griffiths (Deeside Ramblers) O N D Taylor (Brooklands) C L Vye (Tcddington) and D L Wilson (Old Kingtonians)

[Ian Burnett would later join Hampstead and Luther Vye was on the point of transferring to Hampstead from Teddington (who still maintain that he was one of their members at the Melbourne Olympic Games)]

1964

13 May 1964

Great Britain have been allocated a place in Pool A by the International Hockey Federation in the Olympic Games hockey tournament at Tokyo in October. Pakistan, the Olympic champions, head this pool, with India and Spain, the silver and bronze medal winners respectively in the 1960 Rome Games, top of Pool B. Britain should have an excellent chance of reaching the later stages of the tournament for Pool A does not appear to have quite the all-round strength of Pool B.

The allocation of the pools are (with the numerical placing of each country):-

Pool A: 1 Pakistan; 4 Great Britain; 5 Kenya; 8 Australia; 9 Japan; 12 New Zealand; 13 Poland; 16 Canada

Pool B: 2 India; 3 Spain; 6 Germany; 7 Netherlands; 10 Belgium; 11 Malaysia; 14 United Arab Republic; 15 Rhodesia. France were one of the 16 countries invited to participate but have declined the invitation. Hong Kong are first reserve.

[Jim Deegan of Hampstead would go on to play for Great Britain in the Games]

1974

13 May 1974

The European Hockey Federation (EHF), now under new management, are confident of a bright future for the game on the Continent. It is expanding rapidly and it was perhaps all the better for the game that Spain took the European Cup from West Germany, beating them by 1-0 in an exciting final yesterday.

This was one of the greatest surprises in hockey for several years and Spain, having beaten the Netherlands in the semi-final round and then West Germany, slew two giants. Their victory yesterday was founded on their stubborn and tireless defence, which frequently disrupted West Germany's attacks. Their scorer, Juan Amat, won the match from a short corner in the 15th minute of the second half, but not before Francisco Fabregas had unwound a dazzling piece of stickwork that took him deep into the circle where he was obstructed.

England also completed the tournament on a note of hope. Although they were beaten 4-1 by the Netherlands in the play-offs, fourth position was a welcome improvement on the sixth place acquired in Brussels four years ago.

1984

5 May 1984

Southgate, the London League champions, are without eight of their regular players for the inter-league championship, sponsored by Truman, at Willesden today and tomorrow. Five of them are to be released for an England training weekend. There were to have been two exhibition matches against India today and tomorrow at the same venue, coinciding with the inter-league event and Southgate were prepared to give England first choice on their players but the matches against India have fallen through.

England are continuing with their training weekend and Southgate will give up Dodds, Duthie, Craig, Allcock and Kerly for this training. Southgate's opposition in Group B for the inter-league championship comes from Harborne (Midlands champions) and Cambridge City (Eastern champions). In the other group, Neston have to play Isca and Lyons. champions of the West and South respectively.

Club Stuff

110 years ago

FIRST TEAM.				HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB—1913-14.				THIRD TEAM.			
Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	Goals For Against	Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	Goals For Against	Date.	Opponents.	Where Played.	Goals For Against
1913.				1913.				1913.			
Sept. 27	Practice Game	Home		Sept. 27	Practice Game	Home		Sept. 27	Practice Game	Home	
Oct. 4	Hawks	Home	3	Oct. 4	Hawks ii.	Oatlands Park	1	Oct. 4	Harrow ii.	Harrow	3
" 11	Wimbledon	Wimbledon	1	" 11	Wimbledon ii.	Home	6	" 11	Wimbledon iii.	Wimbledon	3
" 18	Bromley	Bromley	1	" 18	Bromley ii.	Home	8	" 18	Bromley iii.	Bromley	3
" 25	Blackheath	Blackheath	2	" 25	Blackheath ii.	Home	3	" 25	Blackheath iii.	Blackheath	17
Nov. 1	Oxford Univ.	Oxford	0	Nov. 1	Clare Coll. Camb.	Home	2	Nov. 1	Ryl. Sh. of Mines ii.	Sudbury Hill	1
" 8	Cambridge Univ.	Home	2	" 8	New Coll. Oxford	Oxford	4	" 8	Old Quintinians	Chiswick	6
" 15	Surbiton	Surbiton	1	" 15	Surbiton ii.	Home	5	" 15	BARTON'S BANK	Staines	12
" 22	Beckenham	Beckenham	0	" 22	Beckenham ii.	Home	1	" 22	Beckenham iii.	Beckenham	12
" 29	Staines	Home	0	" 29	Staines ii.	Staines	3	" 29	Kingston Grm. Sh. i.	Kingston	2
Dec. 6	Teddington	Bushey Park	1	Dec. 6	Teddington ii.	Home	4	Dec. 6	Teddington iii.	Bushey Park	1
" 13	Southgate	Home	2	" 13	Southgate ii.	Southgate	5	" 13	Southgate iii.	Southgate	15
" 20	Royal Engineers	Home	5	" 20	Broxbourne	Broxbourne	3	" 20	East Sheen iii.	Kew	5
" 26				" 26	Hendon	Hendon	2	" 26			1
" 27				" 27				" 27	Blackheath iii.	Blackheath	
1914.				1914.				1914.			
Jan. 3	Bromley	Home	7	Jan. 3	Bromley ii.	Bromley	1	Jan. 3	Bromley iii.	Bromley	2
" 10	Staines	Staines	4	" 10	St. Albans	St. Albans	0	" 10	Old Augustinians ii	Home	6
" 17	East Sheen	Home	1	" 17	East Sheen ii.	Kew	5	" 17	Novedians ii.	Acton	2
" 24	Blackheath	Home	6	" 24	Blackheath ii.	Blackheath	5	" 24	Broxbourne ii.	Broxbourne	10
" 31	Teddington	Home	1	" 31	Teddington ii.	Bushey Park	0	" 31	Teddington iii.	Bushey Park	4
Feb. 7	Marlborough Col.	Marlborough	1	Feb. 7	St. Georges Coll.	Weybridge	5	Feb. 7	Dulwich C.C. iii.	Home	2
" 14	Cambridge Univ.	Cambridge	4	" 14	Broxbourne	Home	2	" 14	St. Albans ii.	St. Albans	3
" 21	Southgate	Southgate	0	" 21	Southgate ii.	Home	0	" 21	Southgate iii.	Southgate	7
" 28	Oxford Univ.	Home	1	" 28	Trin. Coll. Camb.	Cambridge	0	" 28	Architect'l. Ass.	Eltham	3
Mar. 7	Beckenham	Home	8	Mar. 7	Beckenham ii.	Beckenham	0	Mar. 7	Beckenham iii.	Beckenham	2
" 14	Hawks	Oatlands Park	0	" 14	Hawks ii.	Home	1	" 14	Old Augustinians ii.	Malden	6
" 21	Wimbledon	Home	4	" 21	Spencer	Merton Park	7	" 21	Mill Hill Sch ii.	Mill Hill	1
" 28	Kingston Hill	Molesey	2	" 28	Herts Wanderers	Home	1	" 28			3
			24				44				57
			10				106				136

NOTE—All Communications by Members concerning matches should be addressed to the Captains of the teams, and not to the Secretary.

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90 years ago

Monday, 9 April 1934

At the Committee meeting, a letter is read from Mr C F B Arthur tendering his resignation as an active member owing to advancing years. A resolution was passed to the effect that a suitable letter should be sent to Mr Arthur by the Hon. Secretary thanking his for what he had done to enhance the reputation of the Club (which letter was written that same evening).

70 years ago

Friday, 2 April 1954

The Chairman of the AGM explains¹⁰ that Vice Presidents were elected from Club men who had brought honour to the Club and to the game and also to others thought worthy of that honour. He proposed the appointment of A B Osmond, S H Shoveller, J H Bennett, F W Orr, E E Trotman, J C Masterman and C S W Marcon and this was approved by the meeting.

[60 years ago](#)

Friday, 29 May 1964

The President calls for a minute's silence in memory of F C Welles¹¹, recently killed in an aeroplane crash.

[50 years ago](#)

Saturday, 27 April 1974

Ron Hart leads a Spaniards XI to the Thanet International Hockey Festival, under the captaincy of Alan Mills, to play four matches in two days, one against continental opposition

[40 years ago](#)

Monday, 16 April 1984

The resolution "that a ladies' playing section be incorporated as part of the Hampstead Hockey Club" is proposed by Dirk Fleming, seconded by Rod Tippen and carried unanimously and with enthusiasm.

[30 years ago](#)

Sunday, 27 March 1994

The Men's 1st XI beats Harborne 2-1 to secure promotion to the National League, with two goals from Dave Dixon, following earlier wins against Olton and West Warwick and Crostyx.



Next edition

All being well, the next Newsletter will report on the start of the 2024-25 season.

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

¹⁰ probably in light of the re-formation of the Club and a lack of awareness within the new membership

¹¹ A Club 1st XI player and Scottish international, a member of the RAF