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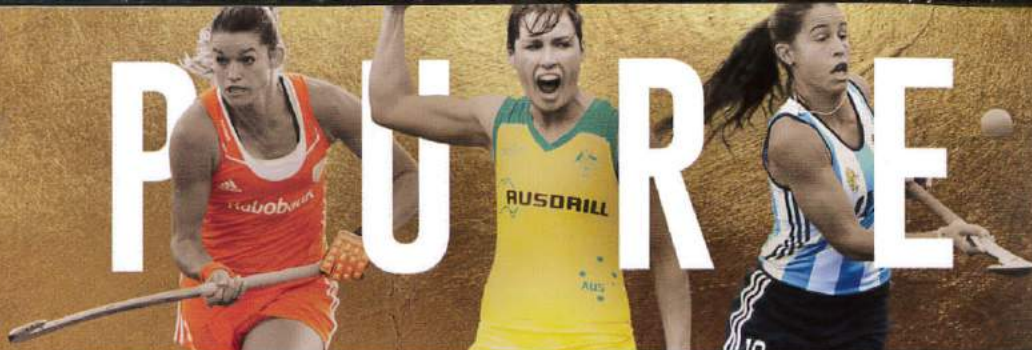
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**MEN'S HOCKEY  
LEAGUE**



Sunday, February 18, 2018



**Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI**  
v  
**Reading**

13:30

**Paddington Recreation Ground**

Umpires: David Monger, Nick Padget

Assessor: Andy Stalker

Match official: John Breen

**Thank you for coming!**



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### 1<sup>st</sup> XI Captain, Toby Roche



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This week we welcome Reading Hockey Club to Pad Rec. They have returned to fine form this season and currently sit in the Play-off spots. A combination of experience, in the shape of Richard Mantell and Dan Shingles has been paired with a fresh crop of young and hungry internationals which has had terrific success. We had a very tough away fixture before Christmas at Sonning Lane and eventually won 3-2 which we hope to repeat this afternoon.

In their ranks will be the familiar face of Stu Loughrey after his relocation to Bristol. Stu was a great member of the squad here for 2 seasons and it was sad to see him go - having said that be sure to put him under a bit of pressure from the sidelines!

Last week we had the difficult away trip to Manchester and were delighted to come away with the points. It's fair to say we gave them a couple of gifts but the lads worked incredibly hard and nullified their threats. A 5-3 win was a fair result and the first time we have won up there since 2012 when we bagged a 3-1 win (thanks to Ian Smith for the stats).

This will be Harry Martin's last game for a few weeks as he disappears to Malaysia for a couple of weeks. Good luck to him with all that entails.

The job for us remains quite straightforward - we have to keep winning to put pressure on the sides above us. So please get behind the boys and see you in the bar.

Toby



## Inside Hampstead – Rupert Shipperley



How long have you been at HWHC, and why did you join us?

*This is my second season at the club, I joined because I heard the annual dinner was at Lords.*

After your time at HWHC how would you describe the club in 3 words?

*Chicken pad Thai*

Which team do you look forward to playing against the most and why?

*Surbiton, playing against an old club is always fun*

On the flip side, is there a team you don't look forward to playing?

*Canterbury away, I have never played there when it hasn't rained sideways.*

What is your personal aim for the season?

*Score more goals and win the playoffs*

What do you do when you're not on a hockey pitch?

*Spend a lot of time singing songs about Northern Irish footballers I don't know. When I am not at work, which is a lot of the time as I am a teacher, I like to boris bike around London going to museums, with a few beverages on the way.*

Do you have a pre-game ritual?

*A coffee from Kwan's cafe.*

What's your favourite post game tittle?

*Guinness*

Do you have any nicknames within the team?

*Shippo, Shippers*

When did you last score, and was it a stunner?

*Scored an absolute beauty in training the other week, but if training goals don't count then my most recent goal was at indoor in January, just a tap in.*

Most embarrassing moment on a hockey pitch?

*Had a few, most recently, shouting Marc Edwards nickname at the top of my voice in front of the crowd at Pad Rec and then being told off for it.*

If you could be another teammate for a week who would it be and why?

*Mikie Watt, being able to wear tight white t-shirts to show off my Olympic tattoo to ladies in bars in SW London.*

If you could attend any sporting event in the world, what would it be?

*England hockey playoff final is up there, but I think the Rugby World Cup final just takes it.*

Who is your role model?

*Stu Loughrey, can't wait to see his golden locks grace Pad Rec once again.*

Who is your dream date?

*Blake Lively, and if she isn't available Mollie King.*

Who's the best and worst dressed in the squad?

*Best dressed - Sam French*

*Worst Dressed - Will Byas, the combination of his haircut and short sleeve shirt choice makes Toby Roche look fashionable.*

Which teammate would be voted off Big Brother first and why?

*Geoff McCabe, he would become increasingly aggressive and would just want to watch amazon prime and relax with his chica.*

Which teammate is most likely to avoid paying for a round when you are out?

*Will Calnan*

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

*In Northcote Records with Mikie looking for a younger woman.*



### Sponsorship Opportunities

The club is pleased to say that we are developing our sponsorship opportunities. This will include both the chance to advertise within the match day program and have your support shown upon the new club website. There will also be various other benefits available.

If you have any interest in finding out more and entering into discussions about what this sponsorship opportunity could look like for you we would very much welcome the conversation. Please make contact with Richard Smith at [rsmith28@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rsmith28@hotmail.co.uk)

The first teams, individual players and the club as a whole highly appreciate any support in their collective ambitions to be one of the leading teams and clubs in the country.

### Next 1<sup>st</sup> XI Home Fixtures

We hope you enjoy the action today, and would love to see you down at Pad Rec another time soon. Here are all the National League home games for the remainder of the season!

03 Mar @ 13:30  
Ladies' 1s v Sevenoaks

11 Mar @ 13:30  
Men's 1s v Surbiton

17 Mar @ 13:30 (time TBC)  
Men's 1s v Beeston

18 Mar @ 13:30  
Ladies' 1s v Surbiton – England Hockey Cup Quarter-Final

24 Mar @ 13:30  
Ladies' 1s v Chelmsford

### Other Men's Premier Division Fixtures Today

Canterbury v Wimbledon 14:30

East Grinstead v Beeston 14:00

Sevenoaks v Holcombe 14:00

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