



Tring Hockey Club Newsletter



ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND RESULTS FROM THE HOME OF HOCKEY IN HERTS.

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Well with Autumn seemingly fast approaching, the Indian summer we have been enjoying for the last 3 weekends continued with yet another hot and balmy weekend found at all venues as the season openers for the Ladies and Vets sides were completed.

The Ladies 1st XI and Development sides very much enjoyed their respective outings along with the SuperVets having an enjoyable day out at Staines. The 2nd XI pulled off a draw against arch rivals Aylesbury in the first major local derby of the season while Kate and her 3rd XI will want to put the Queenswood visit well and truly out of their minds before next Saturday. The Vets sweltered in the late evening unseasonal heat at Potters Bar, but came good in the 2nd half despite eventually losing. They may well have unearthed a treasure in their new forward line!!

I had the pleasure of umpiring the Ladies Developments and I have to say the youngsters surprised me with their “no fear” attitude against a much ‘older’ Hertford side and fairly dominated the whole of the first half. Even when hauled back to one

all, they remained fearless going forward and well deserved the winner. I look forward to following their exploits as the season progresses and well done to Cath and Fay for organising for the girls.

A quick reminder that Saturday evening will see the first club social at the clubhouse. It will be reverberating to the excellent sounds of the Trilogy Trio with the invite to ‘Party till late’! Get along, enjoy yourselves and help the club raise as much funds as possible for junior hockey in Tring.

Lastly, a big thank you for all the match reports, it is big help in trying to fill the newsletter up. Please keep it up.

Don't forget this is your weekly newsletter so if you have any burning issues you would like to raise or share then please let us know! The editor-in-chief can be contacted at wallim3@hotmail.com. NJW

Don't Forget All Memberships are Due

MEMBERSHIP FORMS

Forms are available from your captains for membership or downloaded from the club website, address is at the foot of each page. Please fill in fully and return ASAP. Don't forget the sooner you do you qualify for the subscription discount!

Do you understand the new self pass rule? - Watch an explanation video on: -

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j63hYOIJBDE>

A good Q&A is:

<http://www.usfieldhockey.com/rules/newfreehitQA.html>

Also guidance from hockey NZ is:

http://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz/files/20090217_new_free_hit_rule_2009_2.doc

Training Continues

Everyone please remember that club training continues on Wednesday evenings at Tring School Astro. The timings are - Developments 7-8pm while the main Club training follows immediately after at 8-9pm.

Senior XI training for both Ladies & Mens is held Thursday evening at the Halton Astro 8-9.30pm.

Junior Coaching is held on Sunday mornings at Tring School Astro from 9.30am.

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Last Weekend's Action



GOOD DAY SUNSHINE

1st XI @ Vauxhall Chiltern – W2-0

In the sweltering sun, Tring Ladies 1 took on the almighty Vauxhall Chiltern in their first league game of the season.

Facing what seemed like a wall of yellow shirts from the whistle, Tring were quick off the mark and hungry for a goal. With attack after attack, Tring were kept at bay by the keeper. Learning quickly that the keeper fell to the ground to save every shot, Jenny Wrench lifted a great ball straight into the back of the net to score our first goal. One nil up and Tring continued to fight hard with very little threat from Vauxhall at the back.

In true Tring style however it was a game of two halves with the second half looking a little less structured. Luckily, set play from a short corner saw an excellent strike from Holly Glover, with a tap from a well positioned Katie Wilson to score our second goal.

Defending two short corners in the final seconds, it looked like the tables may turn, but some great defending kept Vauxhall's attempts out and keeping a clean sheet for keeper Jess Hudson.

Katie Wilson and Vikki Bentley received joint man of the match –well deserved!

A HARD DAYS NIGHT

3rd XI v Queenswood 2– L1-8

It was a tough afternoon for the 3rd XI who toiled in vain against a strong Queenswood side. One bright spot was the goal by Amy Moores, which was unfortunately no more than a consolation in this rout. Hopefully they will have better luck next week as they make the trip to Harpenden.

REVOLUTION

Developments v Hertford 4 – W2-1

The Development side got their league campaign off to a positive start with this victory over Hertford. As the warm sunshine continued, the side put together by Fay & Cath saw a number of the younger girls looking forward to the opportunity of playing an 11-a-side competitive hockey match. Selected for their enthusiasm and ability, along with Liz, Kate and Rachel boosting the average age just a little, the girlies gathered at Tring Astro. Hertford arrived and looked an older more mature squad however they couldn't keep pace with the Tring youth!

The first half saw some terrific defending by Milly Jones, Lucy Cripps and Ruth Hart that kept the sheet clean for Tring. At the other end Tring saw a Katy Hart short corner goal disallowed (you must hit the back board!) and some

PLEASE, PLEASE ME

2nd XI v Aylesbury 2 – D1-1

Also enjoying a hot afternoon were the Ladies 2nd XI who faced off against local rivals Aylesbury as the league campaign got underway. With many of the same faces from last season skipper Tracey Hockley welcomed a couple of new junior players stepping up from the 3rds.

Right from the start both teams were committed and determined to open the scoring, it was Tring though who drew first blood. With some strong passing play in midfield by Hazel and Esther, the ball broke to Emma on the right flank and delivered the ball into the D where Katie passed onto Tracey who then slotted the ball past the Aylesbury keeper.

The goal spurred Aylesbury back onto the attack but with some strong skills from the new player Olivia supported by Claire and Charlotte the Tring lines were cleared. As the half progressed play ebbed and flowed but eventually Aylesbury using the new rules to their advantage took Tring by surprise and equalised just before half time.

The second half saw both sides exchange passes but neither could break the deadlock further, although several Aylesbury attacks saw some excellent saves by keeper Mel with assistance from Vicky and Mia.

skilful interchanges between Liz, Katy and Molly Beard in midfield to create several through balls for the forwards. It was a super through ball from Liz that Katy Hart latched onto and slotted comfortably past their keeper for the lead.

The second half saw Hertford attack with renewed vigour and Tring fighting to stay on top. Despite some sterling saves by Phoebe Toms in goal and defending by Rachel (the Anchor!) at the back, Hertford drew level. With a side line shout from Fay of 'five to go girls' Tring were re-energised. Hannah Prentice, Daisy Moor-Radford and Molly Kempster were moving the ball around well and a cross from Katy as she entered the D was 'sniffed' home by Molly and the victory. A determined all round performance from the girls who were dangerous going forward and never gave up on the game even once Hertford had got themselves back into the game midway through the 2nd half.

Many thanks to Fay for all the water and encouragement from the sideline and it was great to see Lynn out supporting the girls also. Bring it on division 7!!!



Middx, Berks, Bucks & Oxon - 2009/2010

JUST LET IT BE

2nd XI v Milton Keynes – W4-3

The first game back for many with the Lisbon contingent just about recovered, carrying their limp livers over the white lines of Halton astro. With a couple of excellent additions to the 2nd team this year, they were confident of testing themselves against league rivals of MK, who will no doubt be one to watch for this season.

After a pretty slow start from Tring, MK took the initiative and were pressing Tring back, testing the new 'Dixon-Adams-Keown-Winterburn esque' back four early on! MK deservedly took an early lead through a short corner. Tring struck back soon afterwards however, through a 'superbly' struck shot from the 'in-form' Russell Pert, placing top spin on the shot and through the keepers pad!

Tring seemed slow and were battling to keep possession and maintain parity. With the odd possession held, Jones and Payne combined well and 'tore' the MK defence apart, but quite frankly the only thing torn after the move was Jones's knuckles as he scuffed his pass into the side netting. Tring then led through a Pert tap-in from on the line. MK drew level just before the break much to the frustration of Tring,

The 2nd half started and the introduction of Russell and his young spritely legs will pay dividend to the 2's, come March time and the older generation are ready for the long summer evenings again! A wise 'buy' by Sharpy.

MK were soon 3-2 up, but Tring seemed to be more comfortable on the ball. Ken was a tiny bit confused at one point however, confusing an MK player with the Umpire and asking the wrong person if it was ok to play from a specific place. That aside, a solid performance from the 'playmaker' who almost got into 5th gear before realising his contender was just going to get there first, so retired from the race with dignity. Tring drew level when Cobby's 10th attempt at putting Jonesy through paid off and came straight to him, who was behind the MK line. With the thought of, 'what would Davide do in this position', Jonesy kept it simple, placed it past the keeper and reeled off to celebrate with no-one in particular.

With 5 minutes to go, Pert and Jones showed their true understanding of one another's play that will no doubt give the captain sleepless nights for his next team selection. It was imperative Tring got the winner and when Pert 'passed' to Jones to tap-in for his 2nd, returning the favour from an earlier assist, and the win secured.

A good start from Tring, who have OMT for their first league game and what is always a tricky affair, but with some good additions to the team and the ever aging (happy birthday again Ken!) experience, there should be no reason why the 2's can't go and get the first 3 points of the season.

THIS BOY... 'WILL'

3rd XI @ Milton Keynes – D1-1

Ben's troopers in their last outing before the season starts next week battled out a draw with MK from the division above. Will Holderness continued to show his natural talent and killer instinct in front of goal by scoring the 3rds only goal that cancelled out the MK effort. Scott Whittaker continues to impress in goal and the so called 'Leg ends' are looking well set for the season ahead.

WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM MY FRIENDS

Development XI @ Milton Keynes – L1-4

Or not as the case may be for the developments. It was one of those days when a little help from your 'more experienced' friends goes awry and backfires! Despite such luminaries as Matt Hyde and Tom Elliott being selected, the vastly experienced, on paper that is, development side seemingly hit a brick wall and were easily undone by the junior MK side! Better luck next week boys.



WE CAN WORK IT OUT

Vets @ St Albans Praetorians – L3-4

The Veterans team had the proverbial 'game of two halves', looking very rusty in the first period and allowing St Albans to take a 4-0 lead. Tring hardly seem to venture north of the halfway line as they seemingly struggled with St Albans passing and movement. Brendan Wright pulled off a number of crucial saves. The second half however was a completely different story as the Vets started to pass the ball around and utilizing the gaps that the forward line were creating. Steve Warr and Nick Wallinger linked impressively on a surging run forward through the middle that split the St Albans defence asunder only for the move to break down inside the circle and an oncoming keeper. It was Nick however who got the Vets opening goal with a thunderous shot across the keeper, to be followed by Steve Warr scoring from a short corner. Captain Steve Collins converted a penalty flick after Nick Zagni had been hauled down

by the Saints' keeper but unfortunately, the fairy tale ending was not to be as time ran out before Tring could complete their escape.

DAYTRIPPER...GLEE FOR PHIL

SuperVets @ Staines – W5-2

The Supervets welcomed a new boy, Tim Spencer, to their ranks and he duly bagged a brace of goals that skipper Phil Withers described as being 'very coolly taken'. Keith Stokes grabbed 2 also, with one being a superbly hit lofted shot over the Staines keeper. Davie Lane added a fifth and was a culmination of a flowing team move that ended with a well timed run and finish by Laney. Overall the team played well with good control with Clive Hicks and David Wright controlling the midfield whilst the back four all worked extremely hard to control the lively fast Staines forward line. This was an excellent way to start the season for the Supervets and its Old Loughtonians up next for Phil's men.



Remember – Respect your umpires!

Where to catch the action this weekend



Saturday	H	L	Opponents	Venue	Pushback
Mens 1	H	L	Eastcote	RAF Halton	1030
Mens 2	A	L	OMT 2	Merchant Taylors School, N'wood	1200
Mens 3	A	L	Witney 3	Wood Green School, Witney	1400
Developments	H	L	Phoenix & Ranelagh 3	RAF Halton	1200
Veterans					
Supervets	H	L	Old Loughtonians	Tring School	1645
Ladies 1	A	L	West Herts 2	Newfield Cassiobury, Watford	1330
Ladies 2	A	L	Harpenden 2	The Brache, Gypsy Lane, Luton	1130
Ladies 3	A	L	Stevenage 4	Nobel School, Stevenage SG2 OHS	1045
Developments					

Your October Fixtures

Please ensure your captains are informed of your availability as this will hopefully make selection easier!!

Mens 1				Mens 2			
03/10	Eastcote 2	(h)	1030	OMT 2	(a)	1200	
10/10	Mill Hill 1	(a)		West Hampstead 4	(h)	1030	
17/10	Aylesbury 1	(h)	1030	Marlow 2	(a)		
24/10	Wokingham 1	(a)		Maidenhead 3	(h)	1200	
31/10	Amersham & C	(a)		Windsor 1	(h)	1200	
Mens 3				Mens Development			
03/10	Witney 3	(a)	1400	Phoenix & Ranelagh	(h)	1200	
10/10	Gerrards X 4	(h)	1645	Swans 1	(a)		
17/10	Windsor 2	(a)		PHC Chiswick 6	(h)	1000	
24/10	Reading Uni 1	(h)	1515	West Hampstead 7	(a)		
31/10	Bracknell 3	a)		Eastcote Eagles	(h)	1030	
Vets				Supervets			
03/10	no game			Old Loughtonians	(h)	1645	
10/10	Old Crans	(h)	1515	St Albans	(a)	1630	
11/10	Lincoln	(a)					
17/10	Oxted	(h)	1200	Bromley & Beck	(a)	1200	
24/10	HAC	(a)	1400	Southgate	(h)	1645	
31/10	no game			Hampstead & Westm	(a)	1330	
Ladies 1*				Ladies 2*			
03/10	West Herts 2	(a)	1330	Harpenden 2	(a)	1130	
10/10	Bedford 2	(a)	1100	Bedford 3	(h)	1345	
17/10	Letchworth 2	(h)	1215	Berko & Hemel	(a)	1345	
Ladies 3*				Ladies 4*			
03/10	Stevenage 4	(a)	1530	no game			
10/10	Letchworth 4	(h)	1200	Queenswood 3	(a)	1330	
17/10	Welwyn 4	(a)	1000	Stevenage 5	(h)	1045	

**Weekends of 24 & 31 October are free weekends for the Ladies leagues.*

All timings are subject to change so please refer to your captains.

That's all folks