

### Tunbridge Wells Mens III 1 Holcombe IVa 3

With player availability good following half term and sickness amongst several players, Wells had a good start, with confident attacking and passing. In the first 5 minutes, Wells won a short corner at which Marvo Cawsey duly despatched the ball into the back of the goal. Wells continued to play well for the next 10 mins. However Holcombe started to play, putting pressure on the Wells defence and had a 15 minute purple patch in which they scored 3 goals. At half time Wells discussed the player formation and that Holcombe had to be marked. Once again as in previous weeks, Wells had a much better second half with fluid passing and attacks deep into Holcombe's half. In Wells's end, the solid defence of Nick Higgs, James Barber, Nick Page and Saeed Malik ensured that Holcombe had very little chance to get near to the goal with the goal keeper ensuring a clean sheet in the second half. James Barber made a number of mazy runs up the entire pitch to support the inside forwards and halves of Mark Harrison, Dan Smith and Jack Mauduit who skillfully sliced through the Holcombe midfield. Near the end of the second half, Wells won a further short corner, which Dwiny Miller was unable to convert. Wells should be proud of their second half performance and take many positives forward.

### Grasshoppers 5 Canterbury Friars 2

On a gloriously warm and sunny November afternoon The Grasshoppers were out for blood after the humiliation of defeat last Saturday. Canterbury, old foes, were late and so we were left straining on our leashes and sharpening our sticks.

Before the start a minutes silence was held to remember the two young men from Crowborough Hockey Club, who died in a car crash on the way to a match, the previous weekend. It is a real tragedy that they will not enjoy the spirit and camaraderie of the game, as we do, in our twilight years.

The game went off at a furious pace with our opponents pinned back in their half as attack after attack foundered on their defensive wall. But they could not hold out as we racked up five goals, two from Barker, one from each of Ghostley, Bowden and Robinson. They scored two in reply, the second when Crawford, our goalie, did a remarkable dive over the ball.

As always the game was played in a fine, fair and competitive spirit.

### TW Vets 2s 1 Horsham Vets 1

Entertaining Wells on a very hard and sandy pitch a youthful Horsham side started the stronger against a weekend Wells side. Superb defending by the dependable Mayes, Akery and Holloway protected keeper Digweed but it was man of the match Dudley Knight who excelled with his stick, but definitely not his mouth, in keeping the marauders at bay. It came as a relief that Wells went ahead through a Richard Landolt piledriver following good work by Piers Heagerty and Murray Crosbie. Skipper Mitchell then altered the tactical line up through moving Landolt as a penance to the wide right of midfield. This shrewdness allowed Wells back into the game creating more chances for Digger Barnes, Richard Holmes and Crosbie.

Horsham came back strongly but were well held by the Wells midfield with Robin Holliday working tirelessly alongside the troubled skipper who unfortunately had to remind far too many of his team that the umpires are always right. Horsham scored with a breakaway and the game then became scrappy with a draw probably the right result.

Other Mens results: 1s lost 5-4 to Gore Court 2, Cup beat Burnt Ash 4-1, 2s lost 2-3 to Old Williamsonians, 4s lost 6-4 to Gore court 5, Vets 1 lost 2-3 to Oxted

### Tunbridge Wells Ladies III 2 BromBeck III 3

Tunbridge Wells dominated in the opening 20 minutes of this match with strong forays into the Brom Beck D from Carolyn Pollard. Eventually the pressure paid off when Uschi Moore connected with a cross from Tracey Boorman to open the scoring. Wells were unlucky not to score again before half time, but were kept at bay by strong keeping. Brom Beck counter attacked and Wells conceded a rather messy goal. Brom Beck came out strongly in the second half, taking Wells by surprise and scored their second through a well worked passing move. Wells continued to work hard, winning several short corners, they eventually scored through a strike from player of the match Carolyn Pollard. Brom Beck again passed well and scored through an aggressive attack down the left. Wells threw all they had at the Brom Beck keeper who kept her team in the game with Emma Allington forcing a superb aerial save to prevent the equaliser.

### Tunbridge Wells Ladies V 4 New Beccehamians III 1

Wells took the field with yet another new combination of players. In the first few minutes they played like strangers and in a strange déjà vu from previous matches allowed New Beccs to score from a promising Wells attack. However, with the introduction of Sasha Spink, initially at left forward the way was shown to break down the defence. Denise Holme, playing deep, hit a hard pass down the left where Spink neatly took the ball. She streaked past the defence to open her account.

Wells moved into the lead fifteen minutes into the second half. In a mirror image of the first goal, Holme moved onto yet another excellent ball from Humphrey-Baker and passed to Spink now playing right forward. Different side, same result.

The Wells defence was by no means underworked, but goalie Charlotte de Burgh Marsh had a quiet time as Claire Bowler and birthday girl (and new Veteran) Sam Barker swept the ball away.

With Holme off injured, Spink moved to centre forward. Tessa Harrison kept the action in the Beccs final quarter and one attack found Spink in the circle again. From the back line she squeezed it past the goalie for her hat-trick.

One final goal remained. Niamh Blackburn astutely moved to the right to feed Spink for number 4. This was an excellent game for Wells with new girl Louise Drew showing huge stamina on her return to hockey.

Other womens results 1's drew 1-1 with Waltham Forest, 2s lost 4-2 to Gravesend 1, 4's beat Edenbridge 2-1

### Tunbridge Wells GirlsU16B1 2 Burnt Ash 1

Two quite well matched teams played good hockey throughout the first half however a short corner was declared seconds before the half time whistle. The short corner was taken and the goal was scrambled through our defence into the back of the goal. So unfortunately our girls went into half time being 1-0 down which by then was completely against the run of the play. We came back into the second half with a bit more determination and with a couple of changes on the pitch we managed to get two quick successive goals from short corners. Our play looked more promising and the team was working well. However in the final stages of the game we had to defend on numerous occasions with their breakaway moves. Looking overall at the game we dominated in possession terms but failed to get sufficient goals to really make it our game conclusively. This was due to a little bit of a lack of finishing ability on our part. Defensively we were at times scrambling back to cover a break, which we did effectively, however it's better not to have to be in that position in the first place. Overall a good result, it was surprisingly chilly at the pitch and a BIG thanks to Megan Grist who played in goal. Well done. Man of the match Saskia Coakley-Black.

### Boys U14A 3 Sevenoaks 0

A great opening few minutes with an early goal helped build the teams confidence which grew as the game went on. The passing improved as we discovered both sides of the pitch proved an effective attacking position resulting in some cracking drives into the D and powerful shots. The whole team supported each other well allowing free flow of substitutions and a variety of positions being played by most players. Sometimes this meant the players were in unusual positions for them allowing a better understanding of the problems faced by their team mates. Oli Kemp managed to gain 2 goals and was frustrated not to get a hat-trick whilst the third was added by Pete Moore. The second half proved a little more difficult to achieve the ball to hit the back of the goal with multiple attempts, airshots and missed opportunities.

On reflection watch the ball (less likely to be an airshot) you can get past one man maybe two but then pass ( the third one will definitely tackle you ) remember rollouts and v drags work a treat and don't forget "REACTION". I hope you all had a great morning and would like to thank Lawrie for excellent umpiring and don't forget to thank you parents for supporting you and driving you to the game see you next week.

### Tunbridge Wells U14C 2 Holcombe 3

Tunbridge Wells took a U13 side to this fixture and for the most part they dominated the play; but were unlucky that Holcombe had two big experienced players and the three goals conceded when lapses in midfield led to solo break-aways. In the second half, the defence (Beth Wilson, Katy Fraser and ....) tightened their play. Georgie Barker played tirelessly in midfield and linked well with Niamh Blackburn and Emma Gull who made several penetrating attacks and Emma and Niamh were finally rewarded with two well taken goals; and were unlucky not to score several more. A much improved performance from a young side with significant promise for the future.