

Cambridgeshire Nomads Hockey Club

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Newsletter - 10th March 2007

1st XI report

Nomads started the season with a change in personnel. A new skipper, players from rival clubs and the continued growth of our youth section ensured that there was a sizeable and talented squad for our early games. This advantage was seized and we spent the early weeks at the top of the Div 1 table.

A rash of unforeseen injuries forced widespread changes to the side and we dropped points and places in the run-in to Xmas. After the break, genuine team spirit helped us secure 19 of a possible 21 points and we were back near the top.

After season-defining wins over St Neots and the University seconds, City of Peterboro' 2s proved too strong and we must now win both remaining games to have any hope of what would be a well deserved promotion to Prem B.

Alastair Cole

2nd XI report

The 2s have played a very good season so far sitting in third place in Division 3NW having won 12, drawn three and lost three and possessing a goal difference of 46. They have played some entertaining hockey in most of their games and have a remarkable home record waiting till 2007 to drop the only home points of the season.

Away from home results have been more mixed. Only two out of six home games were won before Christmas. Nevertheless the 2s still have a chance of promotion as they take on second placed Cambridge City 4s at the Abbey Pool Astro.

The first game against Cambridge City 4s was the best of the season so far with a couple of wonderful reverse stick goals by Youngsters Joe Broadbent and Gareth Furlong unfortunately erased by some late City strikes for the game to finish at 3:3.

Felix Polonius

Club Day 2007

21st April 2007 -
Hockey from 12:30 at Coldhams, dinner at the Gonville Hotel (£30 seniors, 15 juniors). Please start collecting numbers and money - cheques payable to Cambridgeshire Nomads HC.



Nomads 1st XI

50th Anniversary

Event

8th September 2007 at Cambridge Rugby Club. Price to be determined - largely dependent on how effective our fundraising is. Please get this date committed to memory/diaries.

Shirts

We are aiming to order the 50th anniversary playing shirts very soon. Price is likely to be around £30. We would like all players to own one of these. Shirts will have a royal blue body and white sleeves and numbered.

3rd XI report

Despite a heart-filled season opener, Nomads failed to find their feet this year as the matches away from Coldhams returned unsuccessfully. By 4th November the 3rd XI found themselves in 9th place in 4NW. A skipper change led to a complete team shuffle with the introduction of Carl Spence-Jones, a teenage Goalkeeper with unbelievable instinctive reactions. New captain Gothard took 12 points from a possible 15 in the run up to the festive season.

Some 6-pointers soon followed as Nomads beat league leaders Wisbech 2s and thumped Ely 2s, by an incredible 4 goals, with in-form top goal-scorer Turland grabbing his first Nomads hat-trick. Nomads were unable to leapfrog St Ives 2s in a tense match that resulted in a last minute conceded equaliser for a 2-2 result. League promotion looms with the top 5 teams all battling for a chance of 3NW hockey next season.

Darren Gothard

4th XI report

Nomad 4ths began the season with a series of difficult fixtures, having just been promoted from 6NW. Despite crushing defeats spirit and camaraderie remained ever in tact.

During the season the 4s brought their game to a new level, paying off after Christmas with a great run of 4 wins and 1 hotly disputed draw, most notable wins against Alford 1s (2.1) and Long Sutton (5.3) after being 3.1 down at half time. Currently wrestling around mid table, the new captain shall leave the team and the club a very proud and honored man.

Under 18 report

The U18s began their conquest for the national knockout cup this year against Norwich U18s who notably had their first team playing in the national leagues. A well fought match ended in a 3.2 win to Nomads. Round 2 against Havering led to a good performance by Nomads and a well-deserved 5.1 win.

Finally the draw brought us against Harleston Magpies, the team responsible for our exit from the competition last year. After an incredibly well fought match where the U18s played the best hockey they have ever played, Nomads U18 exited the competition 1.0 - the goal scored in the dying minutes of the game. Overall an incredible performance!

Dave Oumamar

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