

Bury's Court Slaughter Reigate St.Mary's!

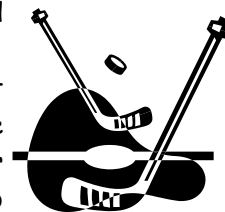
There can rarely have been a more comprehensive victory in the School's recent hockey history than the massacre inflicted upon our oldest rival -Reigate St.Mary's- on Wednesday when the home team were humiliated 8-1 in 30 minutes of playing time on their astro-turf pitch at Hartswood. Confidence was quietly high after Monday's victory but no one could have dreamed of the performance that followed.

It is hard to describe each individual goal because it was all a bit of a blur but the bare statistics are these: Oscar Loft, as centre forward, scored a hat-trick; captain Oliver Bruml scored two as did rookie Nick Gill; George Mustchin scored one. A 4-0 lead at half-time was doubled by the end. What made the performance all the more satisfying was that it was briefly watched by two former Bury's Court hockey stars who were preparing to play for their school against Reigate Grammar -James Maiklem and Ken Headlam.

Every goal was completely controlled; they were either pushed in or -in the case of Bruml and Mustchin- hit in like exocets.

The match produced two particularly pleasing aspects: one was the crossing from the right wing-back by Mustchin who again showed outstanding dribbling and wrist skills; the other most notable feature was the amazing speed with which BC moved with the ball. It really did have to be seen to be believed!

Loft's learning curve is increasing by the day and he used great speed and strength allied with reverse stick skills to bully his way into the D and score two goals; his other goal was the result of yet another devastating Mustchin cross directed from the right with Loft moving into the perfect empty space in which to deliver the coup de grace.



What of the defenders? James Cambra was forced to deal with a few pressurised moments in the second half all of which he handled with great composure as did Corbyn Johannes and Edward Wilkinson who latterly played as left wing-back. Ryan Thorpe, never one to panic, was a comforting sight as right back. Goalkeeper Liam Patel had very little to do bar one save!

Victory!

Bury's Court's hockey team started an arduous hockey season in splendid fashion with an excellent victory over the Hawthorns. This really was a great achievement as nine of the seven players had neither played in a hockey match before nor played on astro-turf! The score line of 2-1 does very little justice to how BC utterly dominated the game.

The quite startling fact clear to all to see was the exceptional stick skills that BC displayed. This was no more apparent than in the first half when the ball barely left the opposition half; indeed, the two backs, Ryan Thorpe and Oscar Loft, only had to execute one tackle each. The goalkeeper, Liam Patel, stood in the goal freezing to death! Yet, despite winning no less than five short/penalty corners in the first half, BC could not convert one of them into a goal.

The second half showed how cruel sport can be. Within two minutes, the Hawthorns had opened with an excellent hit goal -totally against the run of play. Minutes later, a Hawthorns short corner was quite brilliantly defended by left back James Cambra who blocked a missile struck by the opposition's best player - a fantastic example of a back defending the left post in this situation. The game seemed to be turning against the visitors.

Nevertheless, BC never gave up. Skipper Oliver Bruml took the ball into the D and pushed in our first goal. Moments later, Loft, who had been substituted as a back, was re-positioned as a centre forward and powered his way through the opposition defence using both speed and terrific reverse stick moves. The pushed goal resulted in the wonderful sound of the ball cracking into the back board.

But this was a great team effort all round. Edward Wilkinson performed well up front, Corbyn Johannes concentrated hard and the tigerish Nick Gill's goal attempt in the first half would have been one of the great goals -it missed by inches.

Scrooge

We have a DVD available of the College pupils performing Scrooge. Available from the school office at a cost of £5.00.



School Office

Please advise the school office if your child will not be attending school due to sickness, medical or a dental appointment. All absences must be confirmed in writing.

Telephone: 01306 611372 (24 hour answer phone)

Email: musgrover@moonhallcollege.co.uk



Sports Kit and Mouth Guards

Please ensure your child has a mouth guard in their sports bag at all times. **Children will not be permitted to play sport without one. As of Monday of next week anyone without a guard will be issued with a yellow card.**



Please ensure your child has football, hockey boots and shin pads. Could we please remind parents that all items of uniform and sports kit should be clearly named with the child's name. If, as often happens, an item becomes separated from your child during the day, we can then return it to them.

After School Activities

We have a number of spaces left in the following after school clubs:

Monday: Karate

Tuesday: Italia Conti

Wednesday: Football

Thursday: Hockey

Please speak to Ronda Musgrove in the school office.



Half Term

School closes on Friday 12th February at 4p.m. for the start of the Half Term holiday.

School re-opens on Monday 22nd February at 8.20p.m.

February

Monday 8th	2.30p.m. 4.30p.m.	Hockey v Ewell Castle (U11's) (A) Karate Bury's Court Swimming
Tuesday 9th	4.30p.m.	Italia Conti
Wednesday 10th	3.15p.m. 4.30p.m.	Hockey v Hawthorns (U11's) (A) Football Club
Thursday 11th	4.30p.m.	Hockey Club
Friday 12th	4.00p.m.	College 1 swimming School closes for half term holiday.

Court Circle Parents Association

Court Circle Parents' Association - Dates for Your Diary:

Sat 27th Feb - Paint balling for Moon Hall College pupils - details attached

Mon 1st March - Coffee morning in the Dining Room at 8.30am

Sat 6th March - Laser Hub for Bury's Court pupils - details attached

Weds 10th March - Court Circle Meeting at 8pm

Sat 20th March - Quiz Night - details to follow

Fri 30th April - Sponsored Walk and Afternoon Tea

Family Lunch

Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Patel for hosting a family lunch at their restaurant, Little Penang, on Sunday. The meal was delicious and a pleasant time was had by all.

Court Circle Funds

At the recent Court Circle meeting it was agreed that approximately £800 would go towards buying swimming equipment ready for the new season. A further £2,500 was contributed towards necessary repairs and upkeep of the swimming pool. Also the new goal posts for the seniors have arrived to which the Court Circle donated £500.

