

## LoadsaSTICK - is it still November?

Hello, good evening and welcome - we're back in from the cold for the LoadsaSTICK November, December and January issue!

I could apologise for the late running of this issue and begin to offer you a plethora of excuses but... actually let me do that:

- Laziness
- Snow
- Credit Crunch
- Lethargy
- Fudge Induced Coma
- Computer impounded by internet police in October and only just been released.
- Amnesia
- Swamp Pig ate my computer

(Note - not all of these are real excuses)  
(Extra note - Swamp Pig did try to eat my computer but choked on my dongle)



Hard at work...

So anyway, I've not been a very good editor. Wrists slapped and punishment taken. To try and make it up to you, my loyal readers, here's a limerick:

There once was a player called Frazzle,  
And on the left wing he would dazzle,  
But he turned to the booze,  
And his skills he did loose,  
He ended up posing for Razzle.

Now this may not be strictly true but if you go to [www.omarsbrotherincentrefoldshame.co.uk](http://www.omarsbrotherincentrefoldshame.co.uk) you'll find out for yourself...

Just to get things started this month I'd like to start with a wicked whisper...

*Which club captain, when looking to accessorise her glamorous Christmas dinner dress, looked no further than the belt of her dressing gown?*

Who could it be...? Trinny and Susannah would be proud either way!

Hope you enjoy this issue and I will be back much sooner than last time (hopefully) with more

salacious gossip and titbits from the club.

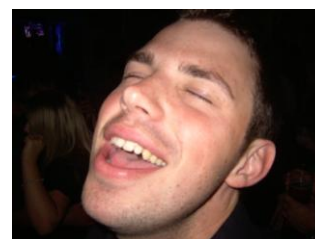
## Big Phil

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## Player Profile

Each month we'll be picking a member of the club (entirely at random) and shining a spotlight into their eyes... This month, entirely at random, it's the maddest of all the dogs... Mad Dog!



GRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRR!

Name: Richard Eggleton  
Nickname: Mad Dog  
Team: Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI  
Position: Midfield  
Years at Cheam: 14  
Favourite Cheese: Boursin

## Captain's Contributions

Back in October I asked the captains for something a little bit different. Rather than give me an update on how the season was progressing I asked: "in as much or as little detail as you like please describe your favourite goal that your team has scored so far this season." Now obviously thousands more goals have been flying in for the mighty Cheam since then but it's always interesting to look back into the archives... Here's what they said:

### Mens 1<sup>st</sup> XI

Omar Shibli

In deciding which of the team's goals has been the most memorable, I start with a process of elimination. 1) Discount mine (don't want to look biased, even though they were the best really...). 2) Discount any goals scored by Baby (which are none, not that that should surprise anyone). 3) Decide which of the best of the rest are the most memorable.

Any of the goals scored against Spencer, who we

demolished 4-1, would be good to write about. They were rather awesome, particularly one scored on the counter from their short corner. But for me, the most memorable goal (or alternatively the only one I can really remember properly) thus far was one of the purest simplicity. It came last weekend in a 2-2 draw with Barnes. Match was deadlocked at 0-0. Short corner to Cheam. Saved by the keeper, who holds it under his pads to stop the onrushing forwards. Penalty flick awarded.

I should say that this was no ordinary keeper. He was the biggest one we'd ever seen. Rumour has it he's got a job on the side, fighting David Haye for the WBC Championship. Not only that, but he was playing a blinder, having already made a number of seemingly impossible saves to keep Barnes in the match. So who had the task of putting one past him?

Up stepped VDL, my good and loyal captain of vice (**Captain of Vice sounds like the sort of title a number of the Mens 1<sup>st</sup> XI could vie for - Ed**). And

VDL had pure fear in his eyes, possibly also in his shorts. But, he scored an awesome flick, cool under pressure, to put us a goal to the good. So for sheer guts, I'd plump for that.

Special mention, though, goes to Mad Dog's goal in that very same game. Because any flick that goes into the net via a defender's face really has to be applauded...

### Mens 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

James Mantle

Well I missed the cut by 7 minutes but I'll have to wait and see if this makes it. **(three months later and it appears to be in - Ed)** Season has started well in third, scoring loads and the highlight has been smashing Kenley and an 8-2 win over Purley, although can claim no credit in that one.

New lads are integrating well, Deano has scored a cracker, A-Ventris was with us for a brief moment, Ben O has popped up with a couple, the Si's have been impressive and molly has been vocal from the back.

Few tough games ahead but

we're playing well and i have a good feeling.

## Mens 3<sup>rd</sup> XI

Krishantha Gunatunga

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2009, we were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league. As you read this, we are not. The plan of losing our pre-season friendlies to lull teams in to a false sense paid off with two victories in the first three games. A few rum results in recent matches, all self inflicted. Once we get back in to the swing of things with the slick passing hockey we saw in the first few games, we'll do just fine.

Last season it was not an uncommon sight to see the 3s have 13 shorts corners in a half and not score one, in fact last season you were more likely to see a panda on a unicycle, than a goal from a shortie. New season, game one, another short corner, ball to Brian, slipped left to Graham head who slapped buried it. No drag flick nonsense, no spinning at the top of the D, but it was my favourite goal so far because 1. It was a simple slip pass, 2. It was a short corner routine 3. I love it when a plan comes

together... now where's that panda.

We sit mid-table, but there are glimmers of brilliance and flashes of great hockey, I'm confident it will all come together for us, it's been great to see so many new players enter the fold and such a solid turn out at Tuesday training.

## Clarets

David Balchin

The choice for vets goal of the month award for October turned out to be between Mike Henwood and Anton Mostert, the only players who managed to score! Anton's approach is to fire rockets, which normally hit the keeper or just fly the wrong side of the post. However, his goal against St Albans was a delicate flick over a prostrate goalie that surprised us all. However, Mike takes the award for his magical drive from the back of the circle in the same game on the basis that two in one season must beat his all time record.

## Ladies 1<sup>st</sup> XI

Roz Plowright

Oh dear... no report submitted from the Ladies 1s. I'm prepared to let this go once but next time I'll be making something up on the captain's behalf. Suggestions welcome - Ed

## Ladies 2<sup>nd</sup> XI

Bev Nicholson

Oh dear... no report submitted from the Ladies 2s either. As with the 1s I'm prepared to let this go once ...

My creative juices are ready to flow - Ed

## Ladies 3<sup>rd</sup> XI

Ellie Waller

The threes haven't had the best relationship with goals so far this season, (just don't mention the match against Mitcham!), however we are beginning to realise the potential that we showed at the start of the season - it was in our first game that our best goal was scored. From the centre push-back, after having just conceded a goal, Emilia Stenner passed back to centre-mid Bendy, who passed out wide to Ellie on the right, who hit it up to Clio on the right wing. Clio then ran into the D, swung

back, had a whack....and the next thing we heard was the crack of the ball on the backboard...it was a brilliant set piece and showed we come out fighting....now we just need a few more of them!

## Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> XI

Ads Parry

Thanks goodness you gave me the extra week to submit copy, affording me the opportunity to gloat and crow over our complete spanking of the Surby girls!! We put 11 past them and all 11 are the best goals I have ever seen in my life. All my favourites as I still bask in the total experience of our stunning victory. A special mention to Alex who blatantly showed off by scoring 5 goals...what a drama queen...she even claims to have a tear in her thigh muscles!!!

Bring on our next victims!!

## Mixed

Rob McKenzie

Without a doubt the outstanding goal scoring performance of the Mixed Hockey campaign this season goes to the one they call Anna "The Sniper" Tiri.

The story starts on a cool and very damp Sunday afternoon, the kind of day that strikes fear into the hearts of the opposition when they turn up to the fortress that Cheam call home. Some might say that the mere act of opening the gates and allowing the 11 timid foe of Merton to enter our midst under such circumstances was heartless, what they saw of the strike force facing them once they entered was surely enough to seal their fates, and in their hearts they knew it was defeat that they would be tasting that day. Now that the scene is set, the whistle is blown, and the 70 minutes of blood ravaged carnage is unleashed. By the end of this day Merton will have conceded 9 goals in a whirlwind performance, including no less than 3 from "The Sniper". They say that chasing shadows is a fraught and thankless task, and so it proved for the first, a slick passing move from the solid back wall Oddy to Caz, Caz to Shags, Shags to Sylv, a pass to the back post with nobody in site, until the sickening thud of the ball against the backboard, "The Sniper" appears from

nowhere and as fast disappears into the mists. 1 - 0, it has begun. For the next, I fear no man or woman will be able to recount the swiftness of the action, the flow of the passes, the poetry of the finish, but needless to say The Sniper finished clinically, the keeper rises broken from the floor and picks the ball from the net. 2 - 0, we are just getting started. By the time The Sniper reappears for her third, some are asking whether this blood sport should continue, lambs to the slaughter, or the like, but she shows no mercy. Although the finish is so simple, the mirthless look in her eyes says there would be more, but we have scored 9, the final whistle blows and the mighty Cheam have dispatched another foe foolish enough to enter the Fortress. They leave; some might say never to return. And as the victorious Cheam return to the Orchard of Peaches, the final sick twist to the story is thus, never let a colt score a hat trick, because the captain has to buy the jug in the bar..

**Captain's  
Contribution Prize**

Each month I'll be awarding one of our captain's the prize for the best contribution based entirely on my own bias (e.g. Shagger or Brandi will never win it).

This month, there were excellent efforts (ie they submitted a report *and* stuck to the theme) from Shags, Flasher, Ads (almost) and clubhouse leader Ellie, but this month's prize goes to...  
**DAVID BALCHIN!**

At the end of the season the captain with the most monthly wins will take home a magnificent prize.

### Current Leaderboard

David Balchin - 1  
Ellie Waller - 1  
Rest - 0

**We believe the children are our future...**

### **Colts Corner**

Denise Edwards

I have tried to join in your favourite goal theme by asking the colts for their contributions. However although the teams have scored 20 goals between them this season so far,

they must all have been rubbish because no-one has sent me a description of a single goal.

Instead here is a brief and rather boring description from me of the season so far:

"It has been a busy season for the U16s with three league matches so far. They started with a narrow loss against Brom/Becks, followed it with a draw against East Grinstead, and then a 9-1 victory against Epsom. If results continue to improve at that rate then the score against Oxted this week will be huge. The U14s have had one league match so far, a convincing 6-1 victory over Epsom, and play Wimbledon this week.

Unfortunately either all of the 20 goals scored so far this season were rubbish or all of the girls are suffering from amnesia because my attempt to elicit a description of the favourite goal of the season from the girls was totally unsuccessful.

Two of our boys have played in a league match as part of the Epsom team and we are

working on building a whole team of U14 boys.

The U10 girls will be playing their first matches of the season at a mini-festival at Epsom this weekend and both the girls and boys U12s will have friendly matches in the next few weeks.

As usual, many thanks to everyone who has helped out at training or has umpired for us."

### **Social**

Andy Martin & Amy Collins

Well, the original piece that A-Mart and Amy sent me said how well the bingo night had gone and gave details of the Christmas Dinner. Well I can officially say the Christmas dinner went well too and below is some information on the quiz night:



That dance...

The Quiz Night...

Every fancied yourself as an Egghead or a champion of Mastermind?

Ever wondered whether Anne would say those iconic words... 'you are the weakest link.. goodbye', well, here is your chance to find out whether you can make it against Cheam's finest intellects!!!!

CHC are holding their annual Quiz Night on Saturday 6th February!

Meet in the upstairs room of Peaches Close from 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start.

Teams consist of 6 players.

A dinner will be included in the price of the tickets (more details to follow re food). Drinks can be bought at the bar.

Prices

£10 = Adults

£8 = U23's

(Money to be paid on the night)

Family and Friends Welcome.

Please email Amy Collins ([amycollins@cheamhockeyclub.co.uk](mailto:amycollins@cheamhockeyclub.co.uk)) before Monday 1st February to confirm your team's place.

We hope to see you there,  
Amy and Andy

## FUN AND GAMES



**YES! A SECRET MAN**  
(Or... Anagram of the Month!)

Anagram's are back in fashion this year after the summer sensation that was Caster Semenya = Yes, a Secret Man.

This month we have:

**Neil Weston = Nestle Wino**

A man who likes his chocolate and booze - who can argue with that?

**LOIS HARE LOGS HARD**  
(or... Predictive Text of the Month!)

It's the craze that's sweeping the nation... What do your favourite Cheam players names' come up as when using predictive text? This month:

**Rose Hutson = Sore Gutpoo**

Maybe she's been on the Neil Weston diet...

## POSITION OF THE MONTH

No. 2 - Defender



Considered by many to be the most boring of positions why not spice things up by working together? Four in a line is always exciting and one can go in front or behind - depending on how tight you want to keep it. Enjoy!

## Top 5 of the Month



This month's new feature is a Cheam Top 5. This month, with number 1 inspired by Chairman and Lizzie Tebbs' new arrival we have the Top 5 Cheam Crisps...

1. Freddie Salted

2. Frazzles
3. Spicy Amato Wheat Crunchies
4. Kevin French Fries
5. Cheam & Onion

## Celebrity Weasel of the Month

As this is three month's worth of weasel all in one, how can we look any further than two time Ashes losing Australian captain - and contender for King Weasel - **Ricky Ponting**.

## End Bit

That's all for this month folks. We'll be back for another fun packed issue in February (ish) but in the mean time feel free to get in touch (details just over there) to offer praise, abuse or suggestions.

It's your newsletter (well, it's mine really, but you know what I mean) so tell me what you want to see and I'll put it in. I'm not fussy...

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