

## **END OF SEASON 2018/2019 UPDATE – Ladies Section**

2018/2019 Season was not without its challenges for the Ladies' Section but overall we were still able to achieve success in some areas. Half way through the season we were not confident that all teams would survive relegation but this was achieved and the 5s even got promoted.

**Coaching** – We welcomed two new coaches to the ladies' section – Mark Gleghorne coaching the ladies' 1s/2s squads and attending 1<sup>st</sup> team matches, and Zoe Shipperley coaching the 3s, 4s and 5s. Their input was very well received and we're grateful for their dedication and support.

**Volunteers and umpires** – We would like to thank the many volunteers who help with the running of the ladies' section. There are many people who have played a part this year – many are also players, many are not. We couldn't do it without you. In order to meet league requirements we hope to assist in running some umpire development days next season to improve the pipeline of qualified officials.

**Recruitment** – we welcomed several new players this season – some ladies joined us through last summer's Back to Hockey programme, and others moved over from Gerrards Cross. In the first half of the season it became clear that we would have enough players to re-introduce a 6<sup>th</sup> team for season 2019-20 (we last ran 6 league teams in season 2011-12). We joined the league's new team 'waiting list' and heard last month that we were successful. The 6<sup>th</sup> team will play in the newly-created Trysports League Division 7 next season.

**Wycombe High School** – we have played our first season on the new pitch at Wycombe High School. Whilst we have experienced some teething troubles with opening times and off-pitch facilities, we're looking forward to another season and potential clubhouse developments on site. Teas this season were experienced for the first time at the Cricket Club and while a hot meal was very welcome, we feel that attendance was not as good as it could have been. We are hoping to keep options open for next season and if teams prefer to have teas at WHS that should be an option.

**Masters** – we again entered the South Masters league, but this year found some of the opposition teams to be stronger than previously as the age was lowered from O40 to O35. We finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9 teams with wins against Chiswick and Eastcote and draws with Trojans and Basingstoke. In the O40s EH Summer Championships the team have reached the semi-finals which will see them travel to Cambridge HC.

**Indoor** – we again ran the Bucks Ladies Indoor League and entered a ladies team and an U18 girls team.

**Summer League** – we ran two summer leagues at WHS this year with 5 Wycombe teams entered. Not only does this help keep up fitness and allow us to trial new players, but creates crucial income for the club.

## Team Reports

**1<sup>st</sup> XI** – Finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams in South League Division 3A  
The 1<sup>st</sup> team had a challenging first half of the season, not winning a game until December but drawing 5 in that same timeframe. Won 4, drew 6, lost 12. 32 goals for, 49 against.

Players' Player of the season – Milly Lloyd-Hunt

**2<sup>nd</sup> XI** - Finished 9<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams in Trysports Premier Division 2  
Won 5, drew 3, lost 14.

Players' Player of the season – Aby Jones.  
Most improved junior player was from the ladies' 2s – Nicole Sykes.

**3<sup>rd</sup> XI** - Finished 7<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams in Trysports Division 2  
Won 8, drew 2, lost 10.

Players' Player of the season – Zoe Mather

**4<sup>th</sup> XI** - Finished 10<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams in Trysports Division 4  
Won 4, Drew 7, lost 11.

Players' Player of the season – Megan Hopper

**5<sup>th</sup> XI** - Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 12 teams in Trysports Division 6  
A fantastic first season for this newly-formed team. They achieved promotion and will play in Division 5 next season. Won 16, drew 1, lost 5.

Players' Player of the season – Fleur Pedrette.  
Most improved senior player was from the ladies' 5s – Su Konganda

**Next Season 2019/2020** – we have already welcomed some new players over the summer across the section and are looking forward to much stronger performances from our top teams. Training slots are not yet finalised but this will be communicated as soon as possible. With 6 teams playing next year we will be using WHS to greater capacity and hope to welcome some of the men's teams there too.

Pre-season training will begin in August, with friendly fixtures for all teams on the 7<sup>th</sup> September, and club day on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September. League games start for all ladies' teams on 21<sup>st</sup> September and fixtures are available now on the fixtures live website.

Have a restful summer and we look forward to seeing you back on the pitch again soon.

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