

THE BANKER

Your monthly roundup of SUBHC News

A moment with our Ladies Club Captain

On Board the Bankers Banter Bus - The Ladies are on their way to Halifax to defend their cup titles!

Never thought in our wildest dreams this would happen, but the women have only gone and bloody done it! Both our Yorkshire Cup and Yvonne Horner Shield teams defeated our two biggest arch-nemeses - Hull Hawks and Hallam - to reach Cup Finals Day for the second year in a row.

An absolute thriller of a game was held first by the ladies 2/3s at Fortress Norton - physical, not as many death threats as last time (Nathan wasn't on the pitch which probably helped), but we found ourselves ahead twice before Hull fought back with a couple of average goals. Soggy was determined not to let in another, and we managed to cling onto our 3-2 lead in the final few minutes.

The ladies 1/2s dominated their semi-final, with Captain Fingers smashing the ball top bins during a shorty in the early moments of the game to set the scene. Mace was sure to remind everyone watching that his wife Emma was playing, which was really helpful. Fingers slotted another 2 for her hat-trick and Liv went 1 on 1 with keeps to finish the score at 4-0 - EZ.

Get the dates in your diaries guys, 13th April is Cup Finals Day - we are getting the Banter Bus booked ASAP and Batt has secured breakfast butties from Crooked Cafe as per. Another brilliant day to secure more cup success, only waiting on the men's 7s now to join us once they see off their semi-final opponents!

COME ON YOU BANKERS!

News in Brief

Training

Training has finished for 2018! Really pleased to see the improved attendance this half of the season - despite changes in time, day & the venue!! We will confirm the re-start once confirmed, likely to be w/c 7 January as some teams have games on the 12 January 2019.

Christmas Break Fitness

Over the Christmas break we are holding a Mince Pie Marathon! Basically we are challenging you all to run 26 miles in 26 days. Starting from Monday 10 December until the 4 January all you have to do is run a total of 26 miles, easy!

To register your miles you can post them on the Facebook event or register them on Strava - [Strava.com/clubs/subhc](https://www.strava.com/clubs/subhc). This year, we would like to encourage some friendly inter-team and intra-club competition so, we will be offering prizes with categories as following:

Longest Distance Ran: Male (1st, 2nd and 3rd)

Longest Distance Ran: Female (1st, 2nd and 3rd)

Longest Daily Running Streak

Team Prize for Most People in a Team to Complete the Challenge

A wee little prize for anyone who completes the challenge!

England Hockey Team of the Week

Since the beginning of the season we have already had 3 players from SUBHC star in England Hockey Team of the Week! Nominated by captains and fellow players for their outstanding efforts on the hockey pitch! It is great that we can celebrate players every week to the rest of the hockey community! Well done to all those who have been nominated and those who have been selected! It will continue to run in the next half of the season so plenty more nominations to be made!

Lily Matthews: After a return from an injured knee, Lily was placed up front instead of usual defence. She helped her team come back from 2-0 after 20 mins to win 6-2, scoring two goals, assisting others and altogether being enthusiastic!

Paul D'Souza: Paul scored two fantastic penalty corner goals to ensure a 2-2 draw against title contenders in their division.

Mathew Jones: Played left back and kept calm under pressure and made vital defensive tackles to stop the opposition from scoring. A key player and a valued member in the team.

Top Goal Scorers!

11 - Edward Ide

8 - Jacob D'Souza Kelly 7 - Olivia Wallace

6 - Fiona Small 6 - Michael Kerr 6 - Tom Hawthorne

5 - Amelia Beauchamp 5 - Nicola Connell

5 - Simon Yates 5 - Kieran Lewis

A moment with our Men’s Club Captain

Why We Play:
Things are settling down nicely at Norton, aren't they?! The pitch is really living up to expectation; the hockey is fast, we can practice new skills, we can make the most of the new pitch space that we have and, to be honest, Goodwin really does feel like a pitch of the past!
The results, though, may not quite be there for some teams, and try as our amazing captains might, we just can't quite seem to put it together – yet!
But, to me, it begs an important question – in amongst all of the disappointing results, and the long away trips which really do not bear any fruit, the question I keep asking myself and I'm sure other people are asking is, why do we play? Why do we put ourselves through the heartbreak? Why do we give up, sometimes our entire Saturday for the sake of hockey? What is it that is so special?

I remember back to a speech that Bob asked me to give at End of Season Meal a few years ago - in it, I zoomed in on a little part of history – documented by Shakespeare, he tells of the overwhelming odds facing the English as the French hordes approached at a place called Agincourt:

The troops are nervous, they're probably terrified if truth be told. Henry has to say something to rally them. And he comes out with this absolute corker...well Shakespeare does anyway! Henry says:

“From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered-
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother;”

You see, Henry recognises a bond amongst his men. They're not just a group of soldiers. They've been fighting together for a whole year, if not longer. What Henry recognises is a bond. A bond of brotherhood and sisterhood. A band of brothers. Why do we play?? Well, I think that Shakespeare sums it up here really well – the few, the happy few, the band of brothers! Yes, getting great results is one thing, playing slick hockey is to be desired, but at the end of the day, it's the chance to spend time with close friends and team mates that drives us forwards. The laughs during training, during and after the game, the pints shared in the evening, the socials we are able to enjoy together – it creates this wonderful spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood!

It's something that we are delighted to be able to see in Bankers, it's something that lasts and lasts as those you play with become friends that you're still close with 20 or 30 years down the line!

I think that this is the spirit of SUBHC, and it's something that continues to make me proud of the club!
So, on that long away day to Lincoln, or worse, Gateshead – bear this in mind – why do we play? Because we are, in each team, in each squad, in the whole club, a band of brothers and sisters!

Current League Positions

North Hockey - Div 1	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 - Harrogate Men's 1s	12	9	3	0	30
2 - Bowdon Men's 2s	12	9	2	1	29
6 - SUBHC Men's 1s	12	6	0	6	18

Yorkshire Hockey Division 2	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 - Ben Rhydding 2	12	10	0	2	30
2 - Ramgarhia 1	12	9	0	3	27
3 - SUBHC Men's 4s	13	8	0	5	24

North Hockey Division 2 SE	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 - Lindum Ladies 1st	12	10	2	0	32
2 - Boston Spa Ladies 1s	12	8	2	2	26
5 - SUBHC Ladies 1s	12	6	2	4	20

North Hockey - Div 2 E	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 - Sheffield Hallam 2s	12	10	1	1	31
2 - Uni of Durham 3rd	12	8	2	2	26
12 - SUBHC Men's 2s	12	0	1	11	1

Yorkshire Hockey Division 4 South	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 - K-U-Hull 2	12	11	0	1	33
2 - Slazengers 2	12	10	1	1	31
4 - SUBHC Men's 5s	11	6	3	2	21
12 - SUBHC Men's 6s	13	0	2	11	2

Yorkshire Hockey Division 2	P	W	D	L	Pts
1- Harrogate 3	12	9	2	1	29
2 - Doncaster 3	12	6	4	2	22
8 - SUBHC Ladies 2s	12	6	0	6	18

Yorkshire Hockey Premier Division	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 - Harrogate 2	12	9	1	2	28
2 - Bradford 1	12	8	3	1	27
12 - SUBHC Men's 3s	12	0	1	11	1

Yorkshire Hockey Division 5 SW	P	W	D	L	Pts
1 - Hudd Dragons 3	12	12	0	0	36
2 - Wakefield 7	11	9	0	2	27
3 - SUBHC Men's 7s	11	3	0	8	9

Yorkshire Hockey Division 4 South	P	W	D	L	Pts
1- Brigg 2	12	8	2	2	26
2 - Phoenix 1	12	7	3	2	24
3 - SUBHC Ladies 3s	12	7	3	2	24

SUBHC Team of The Month



L1 - Cath Heath



L2 - Liv Wallace



L3 - Escher Luton



M1 - Tom Hawthorne



M2 - Louis Glass



M3 - Henry Dale



M4 - Will Farmer



M5 - Chris Thomas



M6 - James Hipkiss



M7 - Michael Kerr

Player of the Month

Ladies 1s - Cath Heath - always gives 100% is fully committed and she's solid at the back.

Ladies 2s - Liv Wallace - Liv has played very well this month, showing lots of aggression and determination to score a goal and never giving up. She also had her debut for the 1s.

Ladies 3s - Escher Luton - Been going from strength to strength. Really stepped up since moving over to Norton and even scored her FIRST EVER goal in the cup semi-final against Hull Hawks!

Mens 1s - Tom Hawthorne - "Groin" scored some good goals & set up others, always up for the fight.

Men's 2s - Louis Glass - Always puts in 100% very committed to the team and has been very consistent with his performances.

Men's 3s - Henry Dale - Supreme commitment and some fantastic hockey played as well.

Men's 4s - Will Farmer - Been outstanding so far this season, picked up the majority of the Man of the Match nominations.

Men's 5s - Chris Thomas - Did an outstanding job as standin 5s captain achieving 2 good results against teams in the top half.

Men's 6s - James Hipkiss - Always puts in 100% in every game, we've not had an easy time in this half of the season but has been supportive and committed to playing hockey every week.

Men's 7s - Michael Kerr - Scored 2 hatricks which helped us win some key games, a general good team player & finisher.