

Men's Hockey

Northop Hall 1 – 4 Dysynni

11 Nov 2007

The minute silence at the start of the game to commemorate Remembrance Day was in sharp contrast to the bruising encounter that was to follow. Dysynni started well retaining possession for long periods. They penetrated the opposition defence on numerous occasions but were unable to capitalise with a goal. The Northop team found it hard to get into the D to create any chances.

Near misses by man of the match John Wright, Tom Lewis, Stewart Langston and Brian Sellick to name a few did nothing to lighten the spirits of the Dysynni side on this miserable wet afternoon. The first half ended 0-0 with Dysynni feeling the most disappointed.

The second half got even worse for the away side when Northop dealt a sucker blow scoring a simple goal 10 minutes in. Dysynni had a few decisions go against them and the fireworks started to fly. Unfortunately for both teams this culminated in 2 red cards - one for the Dysynni keeper and the other for Northop Hall's centre forward. The game did settle down after a short delay when Glyn Lewis stepped into the breach and took on the goalkeeping duty.

Dysynni seemed to compose themselves and started to play some good hockey, the outcome being a straight ball from midfield to newcomer John Wright for the first of his and Dysynni's 4 goals. Before long John Wright had yet again got himself into a goal scoring position to slot away his second goal of the game. Dysynni had brought along a decent squad and it allowed multiple substitutions throughout the game giving us fresh legs at crucial stages. Although Northop did threaten a number of times they were unable to find the net.

Dysynni on the other hand were in full flight passing the ball well causing Northop to tire in the last quarter. Individual skills by John again saw him score his hat-trick to put Dysynni 3-1 up. The game was competitive at this stage and the Northop keeper was a little over zealous with his challenge on stalwart Dave Bowen and was yellow carded for the last 5mins. Another delay ensued before Dysynni's short corner which was unsuccessful.

John Wright was determined to keep everyone else off the score sheet and again showed considerable ball skills in the D lifting the ball over the keeper for the final goal of the match. Tempers had cooled by the end and all players left the pitch agreeing what a great game of hockey had taken place. Any disputes were resolved and refreshments were taken back at the Northop Hall Hockey and Cricket Club.

Final score – Northop Hall 1, Dysynni 4

Next fixture – Dysynni v Rhyl (Home) at 11:30 on Sunday 18 November.
All supporters welcome.