

Dysynni Mens Hockey: **Northop Hall 0-2 Dysynni, 12th Nov 2006**

Dysynni men's team travelled to Northop Hall on Sunday for their first game in over 3 weeks but the enforced break showed no signs of having caused any lack of match readiness on Dysynni's part.

The match got off to an effervescent start with Northop Hall making the initial attack, almost catching Dysynni off guard early on, firing in a shot that brought an excellent save from keeper Iestyn Richards.

Dysynni adjusted to the pace of the game well and increased the pressure on the Northop Hall goal with several good chances going missing for a while. Mid way through the first half, Brian Sellick made a run down the right side to the back-line followed by a pass back to the middle of the D for Stewart Langston to thwack home for Dysynni's first.

Dysynni worked hard at penning Northop Hall back into their own half and went into the half time break leading by the one goal.

The second half started as the first half had finished, with Northop Hall finding difficulty getting the ball out of their own half. Dysynni had several goal-scoring opportunities that they were unable to capitalise on. Shots on goal from Dave Bowen, Brian Sellick and Steve Bowen were kept out by some excellent saves by the Northop Hall keeper and some staunch defending until mid way through the second half, a long corner from Jamie Hooper on the right found its way through a melee of players. Josh Haylock performed yet another outstanding dummy allowing the ball through to Dylan Jones who slipped a precision pass through to Stewart Langston to drag flick the ball just inside the left post for his and Dysynni's second goal.

On the few occasions that Northop Hall managed to penetrate the Dysynni midfield, the defence, led by stand-in captain Phil Parton, were solid, leaving Dysynni's keeper only having to make one save during the second half.

Manager and Captain Adrian Bennett, who was unavoidably absent from the game was contacted later. He commented, "I knew the lads could do it without me, but rumours of my impending retirement have been greatly exaggerated!"

Final score – Northop Hall 0, Dysynni 2.

Next fixture: Dysynni v Rhyl (Home), next weekend (18/19 November, TBC).