

## Dysynni Mens Hockey: **Dysynni 6-8 Rhyl, 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2006**

Dysynni men's team hosted their first home game of the season on Sunday against Rhyl. The game started at a fast but evenly-matched pace, with quick goals coming from both sides in the opening minutes. Dave Bowen's early run down the right wing and precision pass back to Brian Sellick at the top of the D caught Rhyl out as he walloped the ball home for Dysynni's first. Rhyl responded quickly on the break to equalise within a couple of minutes.

A well-practiced short corner routine resulted in Dysynni's second goal. Steve Bowen received and immediately returned the ball to Brian Sellick to score his second. Rhyl proceeded to take control of the game at this point, putting a further three goals into the Dysynni net and going into the half time break leading by 4 goals to 2.

The second half was much more evenly matched overall. Rhyl began with early renewed pressure and from their central midfielder, Tom Carter, in particular, who put the next two goals into the Dysynni net in the early minutes of the second half.

Then the tide turned and despite being 6-2 down, Dysynni found another gear and increased the pressure and pace. The midfield dynamic duo of Brian Sellick and Steve Bowen strung together some skilful moves and before long were managing to penetrate the Rhyl defence. Josh Haylock moved from front-line duties to midfield for the second half and also created some positive plays for Dysynni.

Their third goal came from a well struck shot from man of the match, Steve Bowen into the top of the Rhyl net. This was quickly answered by Rhyl on the break once more but some more excellent short passing play created several chances, one of which was converted by returning Captain Adrian Bennett, who managed to quell any further rumours of his retirement by then scoring his second and Dysynni's fifth.

Rhyl responded once more with Tom Carter's fifth goal, taking their tally to 8. But then with only a few minutes left, Dysynni finished with some spectacular hockey. Brian Sellick and Steve Bowen flip-flopped the ball through the Rhyl defence finding Dave Bowen inside the D who powered the ball home with a first time shot for Dysynni's sixth.

The match was attended by the biggest crowd of the season so far. All those involved and all the supporters agreed that it had been an exciting match from start to finish and an excellent standard of hockey played by both sides.

The Rhyl players were particularly impressed by the post-match hospitality as the Whitehall had laid on a Sunday roast for both teams. "It beats the sausage and chips we get everywhere else in the league, including Rhyl!" said one of their players.

Final score – Dysynni 6, Rhyl 8

Next fixture – Dysynni v Wrexham (Home), next Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.