

Mens' Hockey

Dysynni 5 – 0 Northop Hall

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Dysynni entertained Northop Hall on Sunday in their latest North Wales League match. In cool conditions Dysynni went straight into the attack pinning back the Northop Hall defence and the early stages saw several assaults on the visitors' goal. It wasn't long before Steve Bowen picked up the ball at the top of the D and smashed it home for Dysynni's opening goal. Northop Hall defended well and only some spectacular saves from their keeper kept several shots from Adrian Bennett and Tom Lewis out of their goal.

Lewis had to leave the field shortly after having picked up an injury from a collision with the goalkeeper on an attacking run on their goal. Several more attacks then ensued, the best of which was when Dylan Jones picked up a ball that the keeper had saved at the post and drove it just inside the opposite post. His goal celebrations were embarrassingly cut short though as he turned to find that the keeper had somehow managed to get across the goal and save it.

Frustrations built on both sides and an argument between Northop Hall's central midfielder and Dysynni's Iestyn Richards saw the umpire brandishing green cards to both of them. Dysynni were unlucky to go into the half-time break leading only 1-0.

The second half saw a shuffling of positions with Steve Bowen moving into an attacking role. This paid off quickly into the second half with a goal from him from a short corner then soon afterwards, his free hit just outside the area was beautifully deflected into the opposition goal by man-of-the-match, Brian Sellick – the culmination of months of practice on that particular drill.

Northop Hall never gave up and made some good attacking moves during the second half, but sterling defending by Trevor Humphries and the returning Harry Davies kept them well away from Dysynni's goal for most of the match. The final stages of the second half saw Jack Iffla drive home a thundering shot from just inside the D for his first goal for the senior side. Two more green cards were shown to Northop Hall defenders as frustrations surfaced again and disagreements ensued between their own players.

Dysynni's fifth and final goal came from some great passing play by Brian Sellick and Steve Bowen, drawing the defence and the keeper out then gifting the ball to the right for Josh Haylock to finally connect to with only the goal line to beat.

Final score – Dysynni 5, Northop Hall 0

Next fixture – Rhyl v Dysynni (Away) on 4th March.