

# JOLLY HOCKEY STICKS

## HALF TERMLY HOCKEY HANDBOOK

### 1-1 DRAW RESULTS IN VICTORY FOR STAFF TEAM VS PUPILS

#### WARMINSTER STAFF PUSH PUPILS TO THE LIMIT

On 12<sup>TH</sup> December a number of Warminster staff were keen to show co-curricular involvement for Mrs Rogers and volunteered to play in the Staff vs Pupils Hockey Match. After a barn storming start, where the pupil team were blown away, great passing saw the staff team make one of many dozen visits to the pupils' D and dark horse, Tim Watts scored, totally flummoxing Germany's number 1 hockey goal keeper. In the post-match interview, Watts said *'it's a privilege to play, and now I am in my late thirties I am really chuffed I managed to get on the end of what would have been Ali Higgin[son]'s goal.'*



*Crinion in goal*

As Warminster pupils realised that staff were 'actually pretty good', Bork, 2018, they had to up their game. Sterling work by rock in defence, Ed Hall, kept the staff in check and clever play by Maclean added interest to the Staff half. The staff defence were often stretched but luckily, beginner players Buckingham and Phillips managed to abate any onslaught. Badminton professional Adam Jacob, was plucking aerals out of the air and sending them back with interest whilst ex England midfielder Sarah Shanks, was 'everywhere the ball is' according to pupil striker Whichello.

In the dying seconds of the first half, a neat piece of play by Whichello, and some very long advantage from pupil umpire Walker, saw a cracking shot smash the back of the net. The leaping salmon of Crinion in goal could only get an edge to the shot.



*Mr Watts successfully completes on his mortgage for the hockey goal having lived there for the whole game...*

Following a rousing half time team talk by Jem Evans, the rest of the staff quickly discussed what curry they were having at Naga's straight after the match, as well as discussing where Mr Mortimer had gone. He only played 10 minutes. This might be due to the fact that he came dressed in his Marathon des Sable rig thinking the new astro was sand based.

The second half was scoreless, but that is not the only statistic that matters. The staff had a penalty corner and not since the flu vaccine scandal of 1986 has there been a worse injection than that given by Evans. Luckily, stand out performer Hunter lived up to her name sake and stopped the counter attack in its tracks.

It is hard to say who was more in the ascendency in the second half, but it was probably the staff. Rory Smith was gazelle like in his running and it was clear that Vicky Wood had been using her quiet days in Denys boarding house to hone her skills. The best opportunity in all of the game for the staff came in the dying seconds when, in what can only be described as an open goal, the giant Matt Dixon of Trowbridge FC, skyed the ball which is now somewhere with his keys. The game ended 1-1, a victory for the staff.

