

Mens Masters Report for 2020 AGM

England Hockey Masters cup competitions

a. Over 40's

Westbury & United Banks entered the Tier 3 cup competition and unfortunately lost on penalties to Somerset rivals Team Bath Buccaneers.

b. Over 50's

Cirencester, Bristol & West and Westbury & United Banks all entered the Tier 2 Cup competition and all went out in the first round, Cirencester 5:3 to West Wilts, Bristol & West 3:1 to Taunton and Westbury & United Banks 3:1 to Team Bath Buccaneers. All then progressed to the Tier 3 competition where Bristol & West had a good run through to the Quarter Final by beating Westbury & United Banks 4:2 and Bournemouth by a w/o before losing to Old Cranleighans 2:0. Cirencester exited the competition after losing to Bournemouth 1:0.

c. Over 60's

Once again we managed to enter two sides into the competition which shows the high level of commitment of this age group. Sadly by their own high standards the "A" squad did not have a good year going out in the second round to last year's winners Warwickshire & Worcestershire on penalties after a thrilling 3:3 draw away. However the squad performed extremely well and the first round 3:1 away win against a strong Devon & Cornwall "A" side should not be forgotten. 2021 could be the year for what is now a very strong squad.

The "B" squad once again enjoyed themselves but are still searching for that first elusive win! They were soundly beaten 4:0 by a surprisingly strong Devon & Cornwall "C" team before travelling to Old Silhillians to lose 1:0 in a very tight game in the "plate".

Coronavirus

Covid-19 has put paid to any Masters hockey this summer but our loss is nothing to others who have sadly lost loved ones. I am sure that the Regional competitions, Somerset challenge and maybe even some games v Wales will take place in the future. One worry that I do have is that masters hockey has a significant social element and until the distancing rules can be relaxed some may not want to continue playing. I hope that I am wrong.

Mens Masters Manager

I have really enjoyed my time as Masters Manager but now is the time to step down. I should be thanking masses of people for their help and support but I will probably offend by forgetting someone so I will confine the naming process to Steve Mumford, the Over 60's "A" team captain and Ian Harvey your very able Chairman and outstanding over 60's player!

Thank you. Malcolm Green