

St Neots 3rds News letter 6/10/6

Gentlemen Players of the 3rd team we are now well into the season. The holiday season is long gone ; those heady long summer days are now behind us. No more idling by the pool nursing a long cold one. No more the gentle thwack of leather on willow. No more long lazy Sunday afternoons where the only enjoyment to be had is to annoy the neighbours by mowing the lawn. That bubble has long since burst. We are now into that Autumn slog with a vengeance ; the only thing to look forward to in the dim and distant future is Christmas with its associated festive delights. Chestnuts roasting on the open fire , the scent of a perfectly cooked turkey waiting to be carved , the cosy warm welcoming atmosphere of a classic English pub serving winter ale with the dulcet tones of Noddy in the background telling us “So here it is Merry Christmas” (Copyright Holder 1973 By Permission).

Enough of that nonsense we are here to play hockey – that is what is going to get us through the next 3 months. A swift stock take of the season so far is as follows :

League – Played 2 Won 1 Lost 1
Friendlies – Played 2 Lost 2

On to the important reason for this note :

1.0 Introductions

Captain Jonathan Percival currently 3rd season for St Neots
Vice Captain Kieran Williams a St Neots stalwart

2.0 Fines

In order to enjoy some of those winter benefits previously alluded to , gentlemen we need to raise some hard cash , readies , wonga , simolians , bread , dough , folding stuff ,

We could agree to simply levy a flat charge per head but this is normally viewed as un-democratic and against the natural order of things (see Poll Tax Margaret Thatcher for details).

Therefore we (I) have agreed to raise the said bunce by means of fines. We have to have some rules so they are as follows

1. JP is the final arbiter of the decision to fine
2. JP's decisions are final
3. Fines Committee (JP) will meet approximately once every two weeks or so
4. All monies to be held in trust by JP
5. Fine level to be decided by JP

To indicate what actions may be considered fineable the following list has been drawn up. Future fines may include some many or none of the following (all of these examples are real (except those that aren't) but to avoid any potential litigation and avoid embarrassment names have been withheld):-

1. 4 shit push outs from a short corner (Bedford Steve Moore)
2. 2 passes to the opposition (Bedford Jonathan Percival)
3. Arguing with the umpire when clearly wrong (Wisbech Mike Cartwright)
4. Jug avoidance 2 goals only (March Mel Emery)
5. Trying to decapitate own keeper before the game starts(Kieran Williams Horncastle)
6. Switching off sat. nav. before arrival at destination (Horncastle JP)
7. Jug avoidance 2 goals only Sean Sanderson (Horncastle SS)
8. Improper kit (Horncastle, Bedford, Wisbech etc JP)
9. Wearing useless kit (Horncastle TH) (see 5 above)
10. Late turn up
11. Showboating
12. Eating too much tea
13. Diving and feigning injury(Kieran Williams Horncastle)
14. False accusation
15. Poor accusation
16. Repeat accusation
17. Questioning decisions

All players are encouraged to raise incidents and point out where fines may be levied (aka sneaking) but incidents must be witnessed and seconded. The following of private vendettas or revenge is also discouraged.

Enjoy the season and one for all and all for one !

Jon Percival