



# The Saints

## Ben Sturgess

Many of you may have heard of the terrible news of Ben's death in a car crash a couple of weeks ago.

Ben had recently achieved a regular place in the Men's 1<sup>st</sup> team, and in recognition of his enthusiasm for the club and the sport his parents would like to contribute a cup in his memory for the end of year awards.

The funeral was a fitting tribute, with the hockey club members that attended finding out a great deal more about Ben that I think we all realised.

Thank you for your contributions to the collection. His family has asked that the collection go towards a charity for disabled children in sport—Get Kids Going.

His parents have given

permission for the following to be published from the service, which I think says it all.

### *Ben Carlton Sturgess*

*10/7/81-25/9/00*

*Ben was a complex soul who loved everybody and everything except for peas, carrots and his homework. He was never a sad boy and this is not meant to be a sombre occasion but one to celebrate the vibrant life of a unique young and energetic individual.*

*Born in Bahrain, in the Arabia Gulf, he played in the ultimate sandpit for the first few years of his life. As he grew up he experienced many different races, colours and creeds as his parents moved around the world.*

*Because of this frequent*

*change, Ben and his family have never focused on once religion but have enjoyed and respected the many faiths that they have encountered. This is the reason for a Humanist Ceremony today to celebrate Ben's life.*

*Ben's love of all types of music is legendary amongst his friends and family and in the small selection today we have tried to reflect his diverse tastes.*

*Ben was a bright and generous chap who had an enthusiasm for enjoying life and all that it involved. He would have wanted you to leave here today better in some way for knowing him.*

*Look after your children and love them often.*

*Love from Dee, David and Kirsti*

## Juniors successful with county honours

The juniors have been busy with Cambridgeshire County trials over the last month.

### **The Boys**

Congratulations to Chris Moore and Robbie Grabarz on making it through the first stage of selection for Cams U-13 - is it the coaching they're getting from Martin on Thursdays or Uncle Bazza on Saturdays that's rubbing off? Good luck for October 22nd when they have a further session and find out whether they've made the core squad.

Well done to Nick Moore and Henry King who did well at their U11 trial, but were unfortunate to have it washed out before they had a chance to shine.

But well done to Michael Grabarz and Tim McGlashan who made it through to the second session. They've not

made the core squad but will get a representative game sometime this season.

### **The Girls**

Katie Williamson and Charlotte Gillam made the Girls U15's a couple of weeks ago, with Becca Nesbitt making the U14 category.

Good luck to Sarah Crabtree, Nicole Bailey and Jessica de Bois who are trying for the Girls U17 category.

This year we have also joined the East Girls U15 league. This is mainly for the juniors that don't make it into county sides, so they can start taking part in full hockey games.

There are 12 games over six dates from October through to March, introducing many of our juniors to match play ready to take on the seniors in a couple of years time.

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I've had a lot of favourable comments about the website, and will continue to post new information on it to make it *the place for up to the minute information for you.*

One good suggestion was "*It would help if you could include a section covering any rules changes or any rules that are habitually misinterpreted*" - if the umpires want to come up with something -

Contact Steve on  
[colts@stneotshc.co.uk](mailto:colts@stneotshc.co.uk)

I'll publish it!

## Goalscorers

Now updated every week is the goalscorers page, showing who's scoring, when and how many, with a league table.

If I get sent a match report, this will also get included - so if you want your name on the World Wide Web, write something and email it to me at [colts@stneotshc.co.uk](mailto:colts@stneotshc.co.uk).

If the match reports are ready by Sunday afternoon they can also be passed to Ros who will send them onto the local newspapers—[secretary@stneotshc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@stneotshc.co.uk)

## Team pages

Each team has their own page—which are a bit bare apart from a few match reports at the moment. Photo's (individual or team), a review of all the players, embarrassing or funny moments—they can be included.

## Sidelines—Sidelines—Sidelines

### Umpiring national league

I went to St. Albans on October 1st to watch a men's national league game, writes club president John Slack.

The game was between St. Albans 1st XI v Ipswich 1st XI, but my main reason for the visit was to watch the umpire.

Vince Furey, one of St. Neots' original colts from 1986, then aged 12 was umpiring his first national league game.

It was great to see him achieve his personal goal after all the hard work he's put in for the past ten years in the umpiring world.

During the game, which was the best he's had (the umpire delegate's word's, not mine), he blew a firm whistle, and even smiled when put under pressure from players. He also played a good advantage situation before blowing. His highlight was giving a good penalty flick decision—his first!

I think this shows what you can do when you work at it and never give up—well done Vince.

### Have your address details changed?

- ? Have you an email address where you don't mind receiving club information on?
- ? Has your work or home telephone number changed in the last six months?
- ? Did your postcode change recently?

If any of these questions can be answered yes—please tell Ros.

We have a comprehensive database of members details that's ONLY used by all the captains and for club mailings.

Keep us up to date

### When are you available?

Availability amongst teams is always an issue, whether ladies or men's.

To make it easier on the captains tell them as far as possible in advance when you can't play. It also ensures effective communication between all captains.

If in doubt, always ring a captain. If no-one has rung you, don't feel embarrassed, chase a captain. They have a lot of other phone calls to make and appreciate it when someone else makes the effort.

We are short of players this year so every week so please ask yourself:

- ? If I'm not available for my normal team and/or that start time, am I available to play for another side,

# St. Neots Fun Run

Sunday 19th November sees the sixth Riverside Runners Nine Road Race.

That's enough about that silly use of energy—we are interested in the two mile Fun Run.

A great success for the Club last season we had 25 mainly juniors with a few seniors and a dog called Murphy take part.

The main aim was to raise money for the junior section of the Club—and we raised nearly £400—money that went towards sticks, balls, cones and importantly two sets of junior goalie kit.

But we need more money—the juniors are looking to raise cash

towards even more sticks, even more balls (they always go missing) and to contribute towards extending training time for another half hour.

## Juniors

We sometimes have up to 50 juniors on a Sunday morning—for only one hour. This is getting very busy and nearly impossible to get much done.

By extending training by half an hour we can split the age and ability groups up, and spend more time with individuals.

If anybody would like to run with the juniors, and raise some money for the Club please see Wurzal, Steve Moore or Ros for an entry

form and a sponsorship form.

## Coaching

If you are interested in helping with junior coaching you don't need to hold a certificate.

Wurzal, Phil & Helen Sargeant, Steve Moore, Lesley Staddon, Ros Twemlow, John Haines, Barry Harness and some mum's and dad's are regulars, but we need more help desperately.

Junior training is from 10-30 on a Sunday morning. Be scared by Keeley and Dannielle, gossip with Charlotte, argue with Kieran and Daniel, giggle with Garth, watch Oliver tackle everybody, and see exactly how long Wurzal's 30 seconds actually last!

## Subscription payments poor this season

Collection of subscriptions has been poor so far this season.

We have over £2000 of affiliation and league fees to pay before the end of October, and most of this usually comes from our subscriptions. This includes a bill of £1200 from the English Hockey Association.

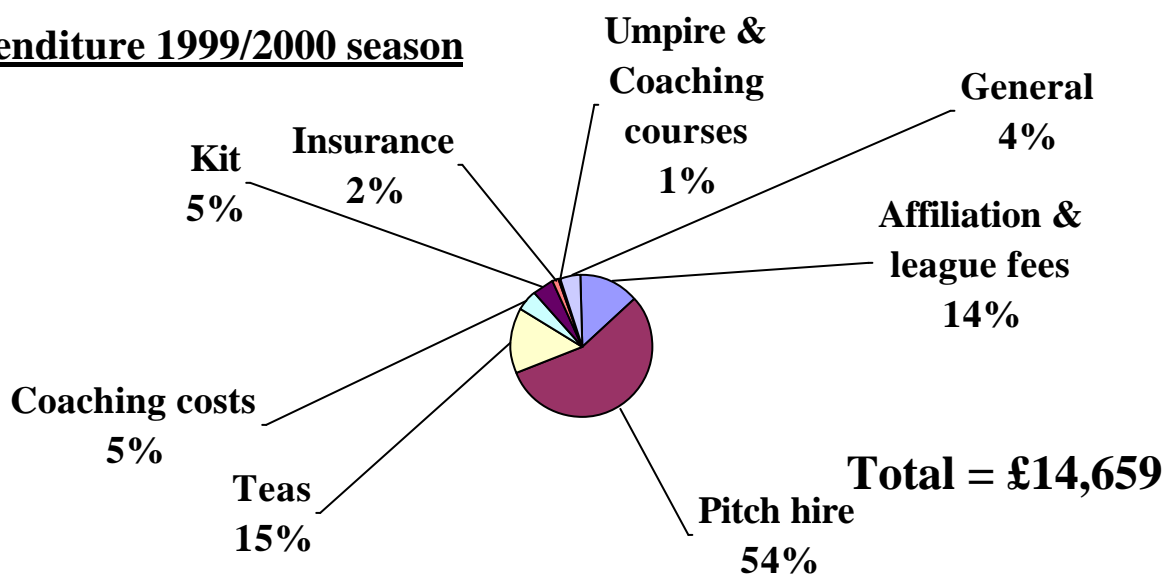
We estimate that we are £2000 down on this time last season. As you can see from the diagram 14% of our expenditure comes from affiliation and league fees.

**Senior subscriptions are now £75**, as the end of September deadline of £60 has passed, with junior subscriptions up to £35.

The club costs a lot of money to run and we don't have much of a surplus in the bank to cover us.

To be a drama queen—we need your money to keep the Club running. **Please pay NOW!**

### Expenditure 1999/2000 season



## Club looking good in new clothing—want some?

Please fill in and hand to Ros Twemlow or send to secretary@stneotshc.co.uk

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Order\*      Jacket      Sweatshirt      Fleece      Hat

Size      Junior

Senior

Extra's      Name wanted\*      Y / N

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\* delete as required

### JACKET

Seniors      Showerproof, no hood, and navy colour. Sizes M, L, XL, XXL (chest sizes 49, 52, 54, 57 “). Price before extra's = £23

Juniors      Different design to seniors, showerproof, hood, and navy colour.

Sizes S, M, L (size (cm) 116-128, 128-140, 140-152). Price before extra's = £22

### JUMPER

Seniors      Drop shoulder style, and a drop tail hem with side vents. Navy, sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL (chest size 40, 44, 48, 52, 54 “). Price before extra's = £19.50

Juniors      As seniors. Navy, sizes M, L, XL, XXL (chest size 26-28, 30, 32, 34).

Price before extra's = £15.00

### FLEECE

Navy, sizes S, M, L, XL, XXL (40, 44, 48, 52, 54 “). Price before extra's = £23

### HAT

A navy fleece ski hat with the “SAINTS” logo across the front. Price = £10

On the back of all jackets, fleeces and sweatshirts will be an embroidered light blue “SAINTS” with a light blue/white halo included in the cost. On the front for an extra **£3.50** an embroidered “St. Neots Hockey Club around a crossed sticks” logo (LHS), and for **£3.50** your name (RHS). Any old jackets where the transfer has rubbed off can be sent off for embroidery as well. Speak to Ros for prices.