



COTTENHAM ROLLER HOCKEY CLUB

NEWS ARCHIVE – 2009

10 August 2009 : Summer Camp Success

A great time was had by all and great achievements for Cottenham players at the NRHA Summer Camp. Lucas, Daniel and Rebecca each won *Player of the Day* Awards, and Freddie won the *Most Improved Player* between camps.



18 July 2009 : Scott wins National U13 Player Of The Year

At the National Cup Finals in Peterborough Scott Neville was presented with his award as **National Roller Hockey Association of England 'U13 Player of the Year'**. What a fantastic finale to the season. Huge, huge well done Scott!!!!



12 July 2009 : Club Awards

The club took time out to recognise the people and players who made this such a great season. Big thanks to Mike and Sue for allowing their garden to be invaded for such a huge turnout. The annual awards were blessed with sunshine and good food, and even better the speeches weren't too long! Trophies were awarded for **Player of the Year** and **Most Improved Player** in each age group decided on by the Coaches, and the players themselves voted for the keenly sought **Players' Players** award. Certificates were also given out to the Coaches and Referees who have extended their skills and qualifications through the year !



Every squad member received a medal they each should be very proud of for the fantastic success they have had this season - well done Cottenham Roller Hockey !

U11s Most Improved Player	Jack Stevens-Lee
U11s Player of the Year	Tom Barry
U13s Most Improved Player	Maia Hawtin
U13s Player of the Year	Scott Neville
U15s Most Improved Player	Sam Casford
U15s Player of the Year	Rebecca Sharpe
Players' Player	Scott Neville

Click [here](#) to see all of the awards given out through the year.

The Club's growing collection of Trophy's was on display during the day - to see them all again look at the 'Online Trophy Cabinet' [here](#)

4 & 5 July 2009 : National Conference Finals

It might have been mentioned just occasionally before BUT this is just the third season the club has existed. This weekend we had two teams representing Cottenham in the National Conference Finals. Each year the top two teams in the final league standings from each age group automatically qualify for the National Conference Finals against the top two teams from the other regions in order to find out who are the **'Club National Champions of England'**. The Minors team qualified due to their

fantastic second place in the league. The Under 11's also qualified but had to go to the play-off's first. All of the third place teams in their leagues are invited to a Conference Play-Off tournament to fight for the last place in the finals.

And back to that thought, "*only our third season.....*", and both teams did incredibly well and did Cottenham Roller Hockey Club very proud. The Minors came third, and the Under 11's came second. Wow!

Under 11's - 1st HBU, 2nd Cottenham, 3rd Manchester, 4th Cambridge

Under 13's - 1st HBU Vipers, 2nd Kings Lynn, 3rd Cottenham, 4th Manchester

Match reports [here](#)

28 June 2009 : Referee of the Year !

A huge well done to Ric Parfit who has been awarded the coveted 'Referee of the Year 2009' title by Eastern Counties Roller Hockey Association.



28 June 2009 : Cottenham win EC CUP FINALS!!!!!!

Breaking News - The Minors team successfully won through the KO Cup competition at Burwell on 31 January to earn a place in the end of season EC Cup Final against Kings Lynn. A hard fought match but Cottenham took control and won 4-1. This third season of the club's history had already passed all expectations but now has gone into overdrive. A huge huge well done to the team. Mike will soon be posting a detailed Match Report once he has recovered from the excitement !!!



Sooooo..... Can this fantastic season possibly get any better ? Its the National Conference Finals soon. Can the Minors' and the Under 11's squads make it a truly magical year over the 4 & 5 July weekend ?

WATCH THIS SPACE !!!!!

7 June 2009 : Under 11's & Minors win through to the National Conference Finals

The Under 11's team went to the NRHA Play-Offs at Soham today to battle for the final place in the National Conference Finals. At the end of the season all of the third place teams in the regional leagues hold a play-off competition join the first and second place teams who all qualify automatically. The first match was against Plymouth and the team cruised to victory winning 8-0. The second match started well getting 3 goals ahead against HBU Pythons, but they fought back in the second half making the tension unbearable. The final score was 3-2 so Cottenham won through into the finals on 4 July.

The Minors team are also going to the National Conference Finals for their league on 5 July - they automatically qualified coming second in the Eastern Counties Division 1.

Good luck to both teams. Another brilliant adventure for Cottenham Roller Hockey !!!!

10 May 2009 : Inters win the league - Champions !!!!!

Cottenham A took the wins needed to come top of the Intermediates (Div 2) league on Sunday. Huge congratulations to the team.

Mike : "It's hard to believe that 12 months have passed since the final tournament last year when we clinched the Division Two Minors title. We needed two wins and a draw and although I believed we would be too strong for our opposition we had to make sure we did not slip up. This has been a truly fantastic season for the team losing just once all season and growing stronger with every tournament. It has been a total pleasure to have been involved with these players. "



This is another fantastic result after the Minors team had already secured second place in the top division and the Under 11's team have finished an amazing third position in their league. More results soon from a brilliant season - not bad for a three year old club !!!!

Read Mike's full match report [here](#)

And just to see how far Cottenham Roller Hockey Club has come in just three seasons - look back to where it all started [here](#)

3 May 2009 : Inter Regional Competition

The 2nd to 4th of May Bank Holiday weekend saw an outstanding competition bringing the best players selected from the Eastern, Southern & Northern regions compete at Peterborough. It is a mark of how strongly and quickly the club is developing to see how many Cottenham Players were selected to represent the Eastern Counties Region. We had players selected for all of the age bands we play at and above !

Cottenham players were selected to represent the Eastern Counties in the U11s, U13s, U15s, U15 ladies, and U17s teams.

Southern Counties won the U11 and U13 competitions with Eastern Counties coming second, but Eastern Counties dominated winning all of the other age categories - full results can be downloaded [here](#).

A huge well done to all of our players selected : Charlotte Johnson, Nathaniel Johnson, Jack Stevens-Lee, Tom Barry, Lucas Pembrey, Rees Parfitt, Nicolas Pembrey, Scott Neville, Fred McCann, James Neville, Matt Stearn, Rebecca Sharpe

1 May 2009 : More Coaching & Referee success

We often have much to celebrate on the rink with our amazing players but lets not forget the invaluable contribution of the parents - the strength of the Coaching, Refereeing, and Team Management are all vital ingredients to a sucessful club.

Congratulations to the following parents on successfully passing their recent exams :-

Referee Level 1 : Peter Fraser

Coaching Level 2 : Mike Neville, Mona Pembrey, Paula Johnson, Ric Parfitt

26 April 2009 : Jubilee Cup

Cottenham put two team forward to the annual Jubilee Cup held at Burwell and Soham over the weekend of 25 & 26 April. Cottenham fielded two teams in this under 13's tournament. Ten teams took part, including the eventual winners the amazing CP Ribes from Spain.

Cottenham A did really well to finish 5th in a very strong competition, and Cottenham B had a great day given the amount of players playing well above their age group. Well done to all of the players.

The final results were :-

- 1st : CP Ribes (Spain)
- 2nd : Kings Lynn
- 3rd : HBU
- 4th : Peterborough
- 5th : Cottenham A
- 6th : Bury
- 7th : Ely Green
- 8th : Cottenham B
- 9th : Ely Blue
- 10th : Plymouth

Full results can be downloaded - [here](#).

28 March 2009 : WOW, WOW, WOW !!!!

Last year the Minors team acheived the impossible - second year in the sport and we were champions of Dvision 2. Great results at Soham today have secured 2nd place in Division 1 for this season. In just our third season to be contending for the top division is just fantastic. Everyone at the club is so proud!

Well done to the team - and well done to Mike who will be shortly posting a thrilling match report from a very proud team manager !



8 March 2009 : Farnham Shield - Cottenham join the Schoolboys

A day trip to Farnham for the 2009 Farnham Shield gave us the opportunity for our first run out at Schoolboys level. For a team consisting of one 12 year old, five 13 year olds and two 14 year olds playing in this under 17s tournament may have seemed all too premature but at Cottenham we are used to be against it. The standard of our hockey was brilliant and the team felt comfortable at this level, competing on equal terms, battling for everything as if lives depended on it!



Well done to everybody, particularly our two goalkeepers who were both outstanding and endured a day of shots from some players who will shortly move up to senior level.

A very proud and memorable day for Cottenham Roller Hockey !

Read Mike's exciting full match report [here](#)

1 February 2009 : More success for Cottenham in Project 2010

Carlos Amaral recently extended his Project 2010 squad to 16 players including Cottenham Intermediates A captain, James Neville. Following Cottenham Intermediates A goalkeeper, Matt Stearn, James becomes the first outfield player from our club to be selected. As September 2010 approaches the 16 in the squad will be reduced to 10 players for the European Championships. For these players to even reach the squad is a phenomenal achievement bearing in mind both players are playing in only their 3rd season of hockey. Good luck to both players for 18 months time. Congratulations and well done James for joining the squad.



31 January 2009 : Minors A win through to the Final !!!

With tremendous results the Minors A team picked themselves up after a slow start to the Minors EC Cup Knockout Tournament at Burwell to finish strongly and win through to the EC Cup Final in June against Kings Lynn - well done for another great achievement. For the full match report look [here](#).

