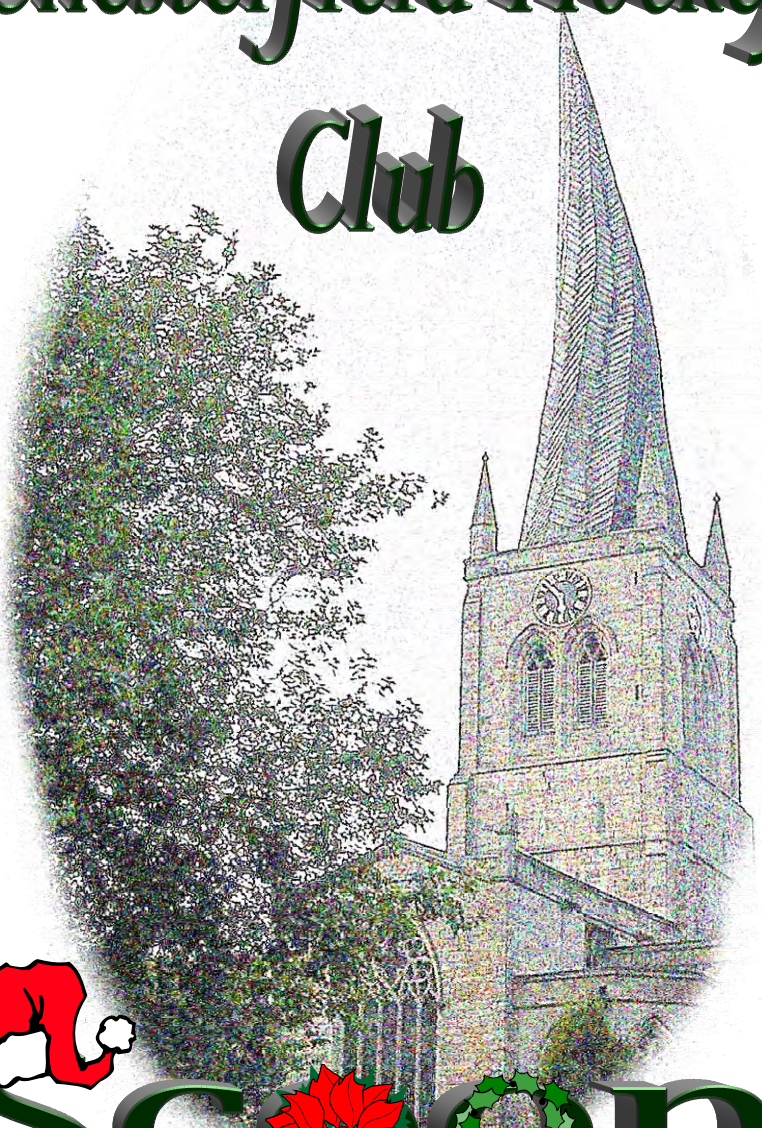


# Chesterfield Hockey Club



SCOOP



Christmas 2010



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**Please continue to send your articles and jokes to us.**

The next issue of Scoop will appear when a sufficient number of reports have been received. Hopefully, more than 1 more issue will appear this season

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**W**e lcome to the first and somewhat slimmer issue of Scoop for the 2010 season. The 'large' list of contributors to this issue shown on this page says it all! # My thanks to Ben and Ashley whose match reports have made it practical for Scoop to appear.

This unseasonal cold weather has taken its toll of both league and friendly matches in the weeks leading up to Christmas. Mind you, the teams results indicate - other than the 2nds - that this enforced break is timely in order to rest, reflect and attack the second half of the season with a vigour that has been lacking so far this season.

It will be a busy start to the second half while we play catch up with the cancelled games We also need to claw back the points that we have needlessly forfeited - in many instances by individuals letting the team down by last minute cancellations, change of plans, misunderstandings, forgetfulness etc. This forces team captains to last minute phone calls and compromises generally resulting in a weakened team facing the opposition.

Please make it one of your New Years resolution to make yourself available for games, and having done so, commit to this, and do not let your captain, or your team down.

The year has flown by, so has this season. Christmas is upon us.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and a very Happy (and successful) New Year.

*Les.*

**If you are easily offended — please read no further !!!**

**A** widowed Jewish lady, still in good shape, was sun-bathing on a totally deserted beach at Ft. Myers . She looked up and noticed that a man her age, also in good shape, had walked up, placed his blanket on the sand near hers and began reading a book. Smiling, she attempted to strike up a conversation with him.

"How are you today?"

"Fine, thank you," he responded, and turned back to his book.

"I love the beach. Do you come here often?" she asked.

"First time since my wife passed away 2 years ago," he replied and turned back to his book.

"I'm sorry to hear that. My husband passed away three years ago and it is very lonely," she countered. "Do you live around here?" She asked.

"Yes, I live over in Cape Coral ", he answered, and again he resumed reading.

Trying to find a topic of common interest, she persisted, "Do you like pussy cats?" With that, the man dropped his book, came over to her blanket, tore off her swimsuit and gave her the most passionate lovemaking of her life.

When the cloud of sand began to settle, she gasped and asked the man, "How did you know that was what I wanted?"

The man replied, "How did you know my name was Katz?"

Because they had no reservations at a busy restaurant, my elderly neighbour and his wife were told there would be a 45-minute wait for a table. 'Young man, we're both 90 years old, ' the husband said ... 'We may not have 45 minutes.' They were seated immediately.

**Please volunteer a couple hours a season to help at Junior -Hockey**

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Match Report

**2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**CHESTERFIELD 1 – 2 RUGBY & EAST WARWICK**



In immediate reflections of the game everybody was disappointed not to have taken something from this game. Since this match we have struggled during the initial parts of the season and Rugby have stormed to the top of the table with five wins and a draw at the time of writing. Therefore in hindsight the influences of a lack of match sharpness and fitness combined with a disjointed preseason and a first full collective outing for the 2's produced a performance that offered plenty of potential for the season ahead, with us just lacking the clinical approach we needed against a far fitter but not superior Rugby side.

Tom Stolworthy scored our only goal late on after they had scored early in each half to wrap up the first contested points of the season.

*Ben Young*



**9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

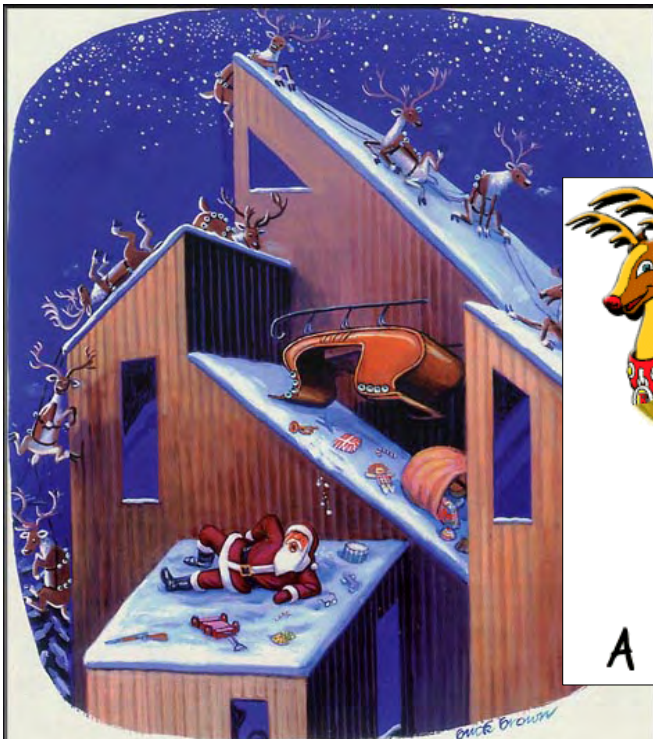
**BOURNVILLE 2 – 1 CHESTERFIELD**

Having been buoyed by the positives of the week before we travelled to Bournville, a historically tough opponent in high spirits, but left with a rather bitter taste in the mouth rather than the sweetness we associate the place with. The first half was closely contested, with both sides having opportunities without ever having a clear cut chance. Our improved fitness and general all round play restricted them to long balls down the centre of the pitch which we were able to intercept and build constructive attacks from.

Going in all square at half time confidence was high. Minutes into the second half we were awarded a short corner which was controversially deflected in by Robbie Anderson from a shot by Dave McCormick, who then celebrated with the rest of the team, only for Robbie to claim it after the match.

**"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - Groucho Marx**

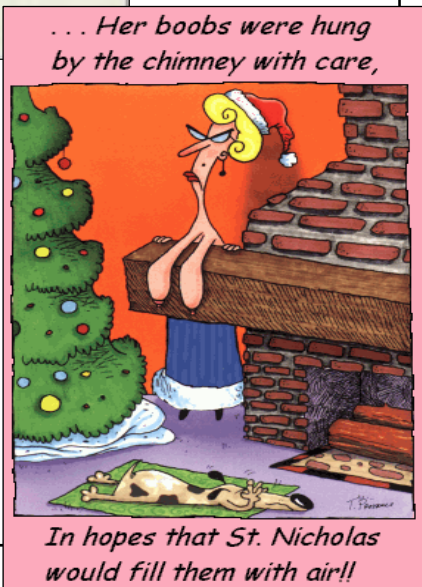
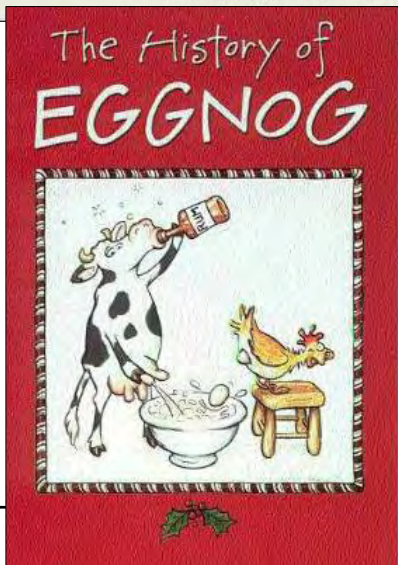
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"Damn contemporary, bullshit architecture!"



A D:LL DOE



... Her boobs were hung  
by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas  
would fill them with air!!

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After that it would be fair to say we self destructed. Two softly given short corners resulted in two even more pathetic goals giving Bournville an undeserved three points. Our work rate or 60 minutes was ruined by an inability to see out the game and a lack of concentration when we needed it most, a harsh lesson from a higher standard of league then the 2's have been accustomed to, however our improved performance boded well for the rest of the season.

*Ben Young*

**16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**CHESTERFIELD 0 – 2 WARWICK UNIVERSITY**

So far we had played twice, lost both games by only a single goal and should have taken something from each game. We knew what to expect from Warwick, as with any Uni side their levels of fitness exceeded our own but generally their structure and team play are weaker points that can be exploited. This game was no different. They ran a lot and we countered equally as much, until two familiar trends from the previous two games came back to haunt us; an inability to convert chances and a lack of concentration proved to be our downfall.

The warning signs of another defeat were clear to see, when Alex Kennerley - our mute, butter wouldn't melt, rock in the defence was sin binned for abusing the umpire! Collectively we outplayed Warwick, individually however they managed to convert a half chance by deflecting it into the net, then as we pushed for an equaliser we got caught on the edge of our area allowing them one pass offering them an open goal where two starving students awaited hungrily for the easiest goal they will get all season.

To make matters worse, not only did they take all the points off us, the tax dodging bastards ate all the chips in Brampton Manor after, leaving us with a meal reminiscent of the Atkins diet.

*Ben Young*

**"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it." - Mark Twain**

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Match Report

23<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2010

SUTTON COLDFIELD

3 – 3

CHESTERFIELD

**W**e travelled to Sutton with a weakened team. Whisky, our talismanic captain had decided Antigua was a better destination than Staffordshire and Robbie had a buffet to attend and oversee. But their replacements from the 3's, Alex and Shaun did admirably in what was a very open game. All the elements as the game started were against us; an away trip with a weakened team after losing our first three games, coupled with Steve Lords woeful meteorologist skills (He confidently proclaimed it wouldn't rain for the rest of the afternoon, so on his guidance we left our kit out in the open... ten minutes into the game we were thick into a hail storm! Cheers Steve!) and, to hinder us further, I don't think one of the umpires was aware what game he was officiating; one didn't give any decisions through not knowing the rules, and the other one had the ball sack reminiscent of a pre pubescent boy as he demonstrated an inability to award the tough but obvious decisions. ...But I digress. We soon went down 2-0 after they took the lead when Perry was accosted from behind (!!!) leaving them with a two on one against Pingu, then followed by a goal I can't even remember. At this point our outlook looked as favourably as the weather... crap! But tireless running by the midfield dynamo Joe Scott (Who post match self proclaimed himself man of the match... if there was one, every five minutes, to whoever would listen) was awarded with a goal that was so soft, we collectively felt sorry for the keeper. That coupled with two goals by Dan Molloy leading the line drew us level once then once more as they still attacked in numbers.

Chesterfield should have been awarded a flick when Ben Young burst into the area only to round the keeper who duly wiped him out. Needless to say, only a short was given. Macca then vented his anger by playing pinball using the ball and the keeper's knees, but in the end we held out for a well deserved first point of the season, that on another day could easily have been more.

*Ben Young*

John was on his deathbed and gasped pitifully. 'Give me one last request, dear,' he said. 'Of course, John,' his wife said softly. 'Six months after I die,' he said, 'I want you to marry Bob.' 'But I thought you hated Bob,' she said. With his last breath John said, 'I do!'

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# 2<sup>nd</sup> Team Match Report



**30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**CHESTERFIELD 3 – 2 WARWICK**

**F**inally the heavens opened and shined down favourably upon us! Just! Our first three points of the season certainly were not easily gained. Having switched to a four man midfield in the previous game to substantial success it had been decided to trial the system again, with a centre partnership of Dave McCormick and Ben Young, who both challenged each other for the worse tackle going during the match, leaving Warwick very much aware of the game they were in. Their efforts were in vain however, as Chris Cowely took the award with a dubious sliding tackle feet first... wrong game Chris!

Within the first fifteen minutes we had built a confident 2-0 lead, with goals from Macca after several "well timed" dummies and a well taken "fox in the box" type goal from Pat Grant. This was due to us being aided by the cream of the third team, who didn't have a game this week and the return of Robbie. Whisky was still enjoying his all inclusive in

The short fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium  
at large.

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the warmth of Antigua! However, typical of our season we let our standards slip and allowed Warwick back into the game through a flick.

With their confidence lifted they piled forward. At half time Nashy delivered an emotionally fuelled rousing speech that in essence was that he didn't want the midfield and forwards to waste possession and cause him to run more then he considerably was already! However, not long into the second half Warwick drew level with an unmemorable goal.

With our backs against the wall but still with victory within our sights we spurned chance after chance, with Dan Molloy bizarrely opting to pass then shoot when in a one on one against the keeper. Thankfully he redeemed himself with a rocket of a shot that found the top corner, leaving the keeper dazed and confused and in turn handing us a massive three points.

*Ben Young*

**6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**MELTON 0 – 1 CHESTERFIELD**

**M**elton Mowbray is world renowned for its delightfully tasty meat filled pies, however our trip to the East Midlands left a far from savoury taste in the mouth. Prior to the match our team talk consisted of "C\*\*nts", "Bastards", "Wankers", "Arseholes"... you get the picture, this was due to being told that we had 3 minutes from arriving on the pitch to get ourselves ready to start, after they had proclaimed the start time had been changed from 1.30pm to 1.00pm, which was contrary to all the paper work exchanged during the previous week. Unsurprisingly we started slowly and allowed far too much pressure to be applied upon us without fortunately conceding any clear chances.

Gradually as the game developed we got ourselves into the game and if anything created the better chances via several shorts after capitalising on their inability to tackle. We were happy to be level at half time after the fiasco at the start, but still had a lot to do. No motivation was needed for the second half as we hadn't travelled that far to be treated like shit by a team that had as much charisma as a North Korean tea

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party. The second half was far more open, mainly due to us being more physically prepared and through that we created many chances that could have been converted if we had been a bit more selfless in the attack. Thankfully justice prevailed as a well taken scoop by Dan from a short, aided by a setting autumnal sun, nestled favourably into the back of their net. Our smash and grab was in motion. For the last ten minutes Melton threw everything at us, (kitchen sink NOT included – they needed it to wash up after making all their pies) but heroically we held on and happily stuck two fingers up to them by taking three points home with us.

It would be fair to say their hospitality was as warm as an ice bath after the game as well, probably due to us reminding them that we hadn't had a warm up and still won, but overall that was insignificant to the epic win that we had achieved!

*Ben Young*



**In winter why do we try to keep the house as warm as it was in summer when we complained about the heat?**

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Match Reports

**2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**SOUTH NOTTS 5 – 0 CHESTERFIELD**

**A** disappointing start to the season for a youthful 3<sup>rd</sup> team, who went down 5-0 to an experienced South Notts team. A combination of ill discipline, lack of attacking options, and keeper errors lead to the defeat. The only clear cut chance for Chesterfield came on a counter attack, but it was squandered by Alex Frazier who failed to put it in the open net.

However, solid performances were logged by the ever skilful Ash Higginbottom at centre midfield, and the experienced defensive pairing of John Nash and Andy Fisher. Club debutant 16 year old Tom Branson gave a good performance on the right of midfield.

Despite the defeat the outlook is positive for this youthful 3<sup>rd</sup> team, who seek to stay in the division. They are only going to improve as the season goes on.

Better things to come from the 3's.

*Ashley Gill*

**A** man goes to see the Rabbi. 'Rabbi, something terrible is happening and I have to talk to you about it.'

The Rabbi asked, 'What's wrong?' The man replied, 'My wife is poisoning me.' The Rabbi, very surprised by this, asks, 'How can that be?' The man then pleads, 'I'm telling you, I'm certain she's poisoning me, what should I do?' The Rabbi then offers, 'Tell you what. Let me talk to her, I'll see what I can find out and I'll let you know.' A week later the Rabbi calls the man and says, "I spoke to her on the phone for three hours. You want my advice?"

The man said yes and the Rabbi replied, 'Take the poison'

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9<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010

CHESTERFIELD

1 – 6

LICHFIELD

The 3's suffered another deeply frustrating loss, in a game that they looked to be dominating for the early part of it. This domination was rewarded by a goal from the returning Chris Cowley. It was manufactured by a swift passing move starting at the back with Deej, and finishing with a shot from another returning star Kev Tann, which was saved and then tucked home by Chris.

But these swift passing moves were few and far between for the rest of the game, and another inexperienced third team, which lacked chemistry, went down to a 6-1 defeat.

Positives were to be taken out of the game some of which being Kev Tann and Chris Cowley looked to still have the flair up front that has been shown in teams of the past, and the ever solid James Kay gave a good performance at sweeper. However the return was an unhappy one for Tanny, who limped off half way through the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with an ankle problem.

As the team gels together they will improve, and better results will come. A tough season ahead but the 3's are up to the task.

*Ashley Gill*

Smith climbs to the top of Mt. Sinai to get close enough to talk to God. Looking up, he asks the Lord... 'God, what does a million years mean to you?' The Lord replies, 'A minute.'  
Smith asks, 'And what does a million dollars mean to you?'  
The Lord replies, 'A penny.'  
'Smith asks, 'Can I have a penny?'  
'The Lord replies, 'In a minute.'

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**16<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2010**

**LOUGHBOROUGH TOWN 3 - 1 CHESTERFIELD**

**A**nother disappointing day for the 3's who valiantly went down 3-1 to Loughborough Town. Things went wrong before we even got there, as Elliot Hill cried off ill (aka hung-over) at 10:50am before an 11am meet, meaning we had to go with 9½ men (due to Kev Tann's dodgy ankle).

The 3's defended well for the most part, however they were punished twice for dropping concentration, and Loughborough's 3<sup>rd</sup> goal came from a penalty flick after DeeJ stopped the ball on the line after a short corner.

The 3's left Loughborough battered and bruised, as Ash Gill was KO'd mid way through the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, but managed to play the remainder of the game, despite not being all with it, and Kev Tann's ankle injury came back to haunt him. But this didn't stop him from scoring Chesterfield's only goal from a short corner late in the game.

Solid performances were also given by Tom Farr and Branson on the right side. These two are growing more into their respective roles within the side. John Nash also gave another stirring performance for the side in his floating role between the defence and midfield. However this match again demonstrated the 3's lack of ability in the final third.

For a successful season to occur we have to keep Chris Cowely and Kev Tann 100% fit. Not the easiest task.

Must win soon.

*Ashley Gill*



**A**foursome of guys is waiting at the men's tee while a foursome of women is hitting from the ladies' tee. The ladies are taking their time. When the final lady is ready to hit her ball, she hacks it 10 feet. Then she goes over and whiffs it completely. Then she hacks it another ten feet and finally hacks it another five feet. She looks up at the patiently waiting men and says apologetically, "I guess all those F\*\*king LESSONS" I took over the winter didn't help." One of the men immediately responds, "Well, there you have it. You should have taken "golf lessons" instead!" He never had a chance to duck. He was 43.

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**What would have happened if it had been the three Wise Women instead of three Wise Men ?**

- ⊕ They would have asked directions ...
- 🕒 arrived on time ...
- 📖 helped deliver the baby ...
- 🕸 cleaned the stable ...
- 💰 brought practical gifts ...
- 🍲 and made a casserole



- ◆ But what would they have said as they left...?

**Let's hear about your travel stories then!**

An Italian, a Scotsman and a Chinaman, are hired at a construction site.

The foreman pointed to a huge pile of sand.

He said to the Italian, 'You're in charge of sweeping.'

To the Scotsman he said, 'You're in charge of shovelling.'

To the Chinaman, 'You're in charge of supplies.'

He then said, 'I have to leave for a little while. I expect you men to make a dent in that pile of sand.'

When the foreman returned after a couple of hours, the pile of sand was untouched.

He asked the Italian, 'Why didn't you sweep any of it?'

The Italian replied, 'I hava no broom. You saida to the China fella he wasa ina charge of supplies, but he hasa disappeared and I no coulda finda him nowhere.'

Then the foreman turned to the Scotsman and said, 'And you, I thought I told you to shovel this pile.'

The Scotsman replied, 'Aye, that ye did laddie, but ah could nae get meself a shoovel. Ye left th' Chinese gadgie in charge of supplies, but ah couldna fin' him either.'

The foreman was really angry and stormed off towards the pile of sand to look for the Chinese gent.

Just then, the Chinaman leapt out from behind the pile of sand and yelled, 'SUPPLIES!!!'

## As they left, they would have said.....



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Match Reports

**6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**CHESTERFIELD 6 – 3 NOTTINGHAM**

**F**inally after 5 games, the 3's have recorded their first win of the season, a new found aggression by the 3's lead to a commanding 6-3 win over a youthful Nottingham team.

The 3's exploded out of the blocks cutting through the Nottingham defence at will, consequently leading to a quick 2-0 lead in the first half. The first goal coming from a tried and tested short corner routine, with the ever powerful James Kay finishing the move, with a well placed strike. The second goal came from a swift and well worked breakaway by the thirds, which started from a pass out of defence by James Kay out to the left towards Ash Gill, who cut it back inside to Nashy, who managed to find the returning Gaz Hunter to finish with finesse into the bottom corner.

A penalty flick given away by Deej from a short corner gave Notts a life line back into the game, this was followed by another well worked move by the 3's, which ended in another goal for Gaz, to make it 3-1. Defensive frailties reared their head again for the 3's, as they conceded 2 soft goals before half time to allow Notts back in it at 3-3.

An aggressive pep talk at half time gave the 3's a new lease of life after the break, and they emerged in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half a new, more aggressive team, competing for every ball, and getting in the faces of the opposition. It was this aggression that frustrated Notts, leading to them giving the 3's a penalty flick early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. It all came from a short corner that was drilled in by Kay, rebounded out to Nashy, who shot at goal, the shot was deflected by Ash Gill, and this deflection hit the defender on the thigh. The umpire pointed

**If you jump off a Paris bridge, you are in Seine.**

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for a short corner, but after the defender kicked out at Ash, it was upgraded to a flick. This was expertly put away by the clinical Nashy, to make it 4-3.

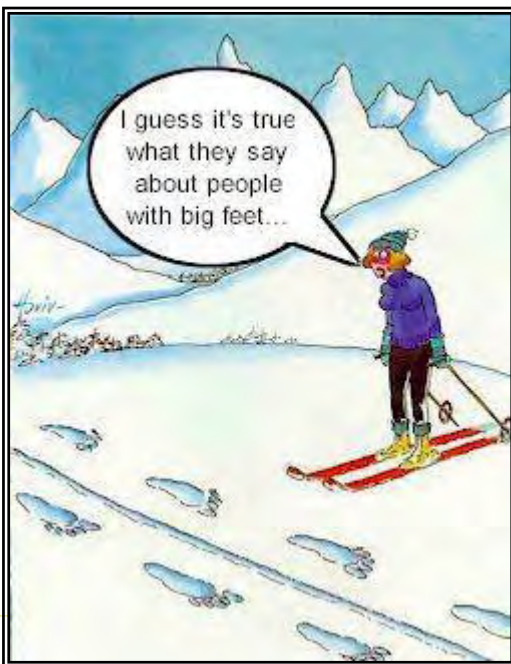
The aggression from the thirds continued, this coupled with the stalwart defending from the likes of Tom Branson and Perry further frustrated the opposition, and lead to them becoming exposed at the back. This was capitalised upon by Sam Unwin who added 2 further goals late on for the thirds to confirm their dominance over Notts.

Special credit has to go to Gilson, who, after a couple of games out came back and had an outstanding performance in net, stopping more or less everything that came his way, even using his head to stop one, to show his commitment to the team.

It looks like this young and talented third team is finally finding their feet in this league after this dominant victory. If the new found aggressive and hard nature of their play keeps up I can see us upsetting a few more teams in this league.

Another "MINI" (but at least we do them) report from,

*Ashley Gill*



**A boiled egg is hard to beat.**

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Match Reports

**13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**LEICESTER 1 – 3 CHESTERFIELD**

**W**ins must be like buses for the 3's..... 4 games without one, and then 2 come in 2 games. Another dominant, aggressive and defensively sound performance from the 3's saw them control the game and run out 3-1 winners against Leicester.

Credit has to go to Nashy, who seems to have found the magic formula that makes the team tick now, and this is shown by the togetherness of the whole team who all work for each other.

Things started well for the 3's, who managed to control the majority of the possession, and stopped Leicester attacks from reaching our 25 yard line. It was this controlling of the possession that led to the first goal, with Andy Fisher winning the ball in defence and playing into the midfield to Nashy, who found Lee out on the right. He played it forward into Ash H. With his stick skills he made his way into the D where he let off a shot that was deflected into the roof of the net by Sam Unwin.

The second goal came again from the ball being won in defence, this time on the left by Deej, who played it up the line to Ash Gill. He played it inside to Nashy, who was at the centre of everything for the 3's. Nashy then played up the pitch to Ash H, who again with his sublime stick skills made his way into the D, where he shot half way up into the right hand corner.

But the 3's did concede late in the first half after a defensive mix up led to a Leicester player becoming free and scoring past Chris Gilson (who didn't do anything wrong here after).

**Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.**

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was a dogged effort by the 3's who defensively controlled the game, with much thanks to the midfield, Sam Unwin, Nashy, Lee Dyson, Ash Gill, who were breaking up everything in the middle of the park. Mid way through the 2<sup>nd</sup> half the 3's made it 3-1, with a goal from a short corner by guess who? James Kay again, striking home in typically powerful style.

The 3's then had to survive a period where they were down to 10 men after Nashy was sent to the bin after a tackle that would have been more at home on a rugby pitch. We'll blame the water based surface for this. However despite this period with the number against us, the 3's still managed to control the game, thanks to the exceptional defending of, James Kay, Andy Fisher, Deej and Tom Branson. Special commendation to Gilson, who again had a fantastic game between the pipes yet again.

Let's keep winning. Belper next week... Upset on the cards maybe?

*Ashley Gill*

**A** man owned a small farm in Powys. The Department of Wages claimed he was not paying proper wages to his staff and sent a representative out to interview him.

'I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them,' demanded the rep.

'Well,' replied the farmer, 'there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years. I pay him £200 a week plus free room and board. The cook/housekeeper has been here for 18 months, and I pay her £150 per week plus free room and board.

Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here. He makes about £10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a bottle of whiskey every Saturday night. He also sleeps with my wife occasionally.'

'That's the guy I want to talk to...the half-wit,' says the agent.

'That would be me,' replied the farmer.

*The Half-Wit*

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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Team Match Reports

**20<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2010**

**CHESTERFIELD 0 – 5 BELPER**

The 3's came up against a very fit and well organised Belper team, who topped the table on Saturday, and consequently it led to a disappointing and frustrating 5-0 defeat, ending a 2 game winning run.

Although the 3's didn't play particularly badly, they were caught on a day where they were lacking the guidance and leadership of their captain Nashy, who failed to make the game due to illness. As a replacement they drafted in Lloyd, who, no offence to him isn't exactly the same quality outfield player as Nashy. The absence of Nashy left the tactical side of the game to Kay and Dee, who didn't really manage to get as much out of the team as was hoped for. The 3's also suffered injuries throughout the game; one to Tanny, whose ankle was playing up as usual, and one to Tom Branson, who hurt his foot. They were further weakened mid way through the 1<sup>st</sup> half when Ash Gill received a yellow card for retaliating against an opponent.

On the day Belper were just too good for the Chesterfield defences, cutting them open on many occasions, leading to the 5-0 loss.

An easier game this week though against the bottom team Coventry and Warwick, hopefully the form will be found once again that allowed us to pick up 2 wins in a row.

Have to focus on winning our mini league at the bottom and staying in the division.

*Ashley Gill*



**Acupuncture: a job well done**

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