

2005-2006

Men's Club

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Men's

Division 5NE

12/11/05

Norwich Union IV 2

Harleston Magpies VI 2

Union started brightly against an ever demanding and always unpredictable Magpies side. Union's passing was much improved over recent weeks and took an early lead from a short corner which was played to Alan Quinton who struck the ball across the keeper which went in the opposite corner. Magpies quickly re-grouped and ten minutes later had equalised, as the half drew to a close Magpies scored again on the very last minute of the half from a short corner. The second half saw Union equalise from Alan Quinton again, who kept his head and slotted the ball away during a tussle in the Magpies area. It was end to end stuff from then on and Union could have snatched the winner close to the end when Will Kirby collected a cross, beat the keeper, only to be denied by the opposition's defender who cleared the ball off the line.

Division 5NE

22/10/05

Norwich Union IV 11

Thetford 1

After turning up with only 8 players, Thetford put on a gutsy display in a game which they were always going to struggle. As a result Union soon had scored and went into the break 3-0 up. The second half was a goal riot for Union and unfortunately conceded a goal from a fast through ball which, from some rare defending, gave away a penalty flick which Thetford converted. Despite the result, Unions passing was not the same as the previous week and with a break next week must improve this for their next game.

Division 5NE

15/10/05

Bury IV 0

Norwich Union IV 2

Both sides started the game quite evenly with Bury looking the more likely to score with a better organised team for the first 20 minutes. Union started to string together clean passes and make attacks just before half-time. They stepped up a gear and carried this into the second half and were finally rewarded when Simon Garner scored from a short corner. 10 minutes later Union were on the attack again and building right up from their defence and 5 quick passes saw Alan Quinton cross the ball for Garner to turn his man and slot the ball away. Union continued to press forward and looking slightly fitter could have scored a third with some driving runs from Chris Harrison. Union have their season underway.

Division 2N

8/10/05

Norwich Union II 3

Cambridge University III 1

Norwich Union won their second match of the season 3 -1 against Cambridge University 3s. Cambridge University started quickly and were eventually rewarded with a well-worked passing move to score from a tight angle. Norwich Union quickly countered with pressure on both wings with Josh Mylne scoring from a crowded D to level before the break. In the second half, Norwich Union looked the stronger side with greater composure. Ricky Powley's sliding tackles in midfield and penetration on the wings by Adie Kemp and Simon Parsons won Norwich Union a short corner which was struck cleanly by captain Rob Panter for the home side's second. A direct drive from half way by Josh Mylne, before passing the ball in the D to Alex Brown who secured Union's third goal with a well taken tap-in in front of goal.

Women's

East Women's League Division 1N

25/3/06

Norwich Union 1

Dereham 1

In a closely fought last game of the season, points were shared between the two local clubs. Union took the lead through Claire Baker, finishing off a well polished short corner routine. The game was evenly balanced with both teams creating chances and both being well saved by both defences. Dereham levelled the scores through Chrissie Maccrimmon half way through the second half.

East Women's League Division 1N

18/3/06

Wisbech 6

Norwich Union 1

After two consecutive wins, Union travelled to the second place side in high spirits. Union started the brighter, scoring first, through a Gail Thomas short corner strike. Union were then pegged back and were unable to cope with some clinical passing and finishing from the Wisbech side.

East Women's League Division 1N

11/3/06

Cambridge University 1

Norwich Union 3

In a game of huge significance at the bottom of the table, Norwich Union came out on top with some of their best hockey this season. The first half was fairly even, with both teams creating chances but both goalkeepers making good saves. The second half saw the University side take the lead. This kick-started a Union team who suddenly found themselves passing the ball confidently around, with player of the match, Becs Dungay, contributing effectively to this. Goals from Sally Small, Charlie Hemmant and Shelly Garrod, have put a 4 point gap between Union and Cambridge with two games to go.

East Women's League Division 1N

4/3/06

Norwich Union 1

Norwich City 0

Union lifted themselves off the bottom of the table with a well earned victory over local rivals Norwich City. Both teams battled hard on a snowy Saturday afternoon, but it was Union who took the advantage half way through the first half with a smart finish from Sally Small. Union increased the pressure and created many chances, many of which came through player of the match Kate Nichols, but could not increase their lead. With three games left to play, Union have it all to play for, starting with a crunch relegation battle against Cambridge Uni next week.

East Women's League Division 1N

25/2/06

Ipswich II 2

Norwich Union 0

Union went to Ipswich in positive spirits after a couple of good results in the half-term friendlies. The first half saw lots of possession for both sides with neither making any clear cut chances. Union were unfortunate to lose Ally Gunton through a head injury in the first Half, but substitute Charlie Hemmant stepped into the role well. The second half became end to end with both sides going out for the win and good defence from Rachel Suckling kept them at bay for long periods. Union were unfortunate to concede two quick goals, but with four games left and a very tight table, Union have got all to play for.

East Women's League Division 1N

4/2/06

Norwich Union 1

Sudbury 3

Union played top of the league Sudbury in high spirits after their win the week before. The game was very physical and Union deserved to be at level terms at half time through a Gail Thomas short corner strike. Union continued to push forward but were unfortunate to concede two clinical goals within minutes of each other to give the top of the table side three points. Union must take heart from a solid performance, especially in the midfield from player of the match Lynne Price.

East Women's League Division 1N

28/1/06

Norwich Union 2

Braintree 1

On a bitterly cold day at Pinebanks, Union started brightly controlling the pace of the game. Braintree scored first with one of their few attacks but Union quickly equalised from a short corner, Shelly Garrod scoring on her return from a broken arm earlier in the season. Union continued to dominate the game, excellent work from player of the match Sally Small and Ally Gunton helped create many chances. Union scored their winner from a delightful short corner strike from Gail Thomas, a well deserved winner and three points.

East Women's League Division 1N

21/1/06

Bourne 4

Norwich Union 1

In a game where the score line didn't reflect the game, Union battled hard for little reward. A game which was end to end saw both sides create many chances, Bourne converting their's to go 3-0 up. Union continued to play their game and scored a consolation goal through Kate Nichols after good interchanging play between her and Claire Baker. Bourne scored again quickly after the restart to make the final score 4-1.

East Women's League Division 1N

14/1/06

Norwich Union 0

Watton 0

In this first league match of 2006, a closely contested match resulted in points being shared. Both teams started the game brightly with chances being created at both ends. Player of the Match, Goal keeper Sam Jelliff was in great form in helping earn Union their first clean sheet of the season and a well earned point. It was a positive start to the second half of the season for Union, who saw some inspiring individual performances and generally an excellent all round team performance to keep out a hard working and physical Watton side.

East Women's League Division 1N

3/12/05

Dereham 3

Norwich Union 1

Union were put under pressure from the off in their last match before Christmas and found themselves 1-0 down after 5 minutes and 2-0 down shortly after. This somehow kicked a bit of life into the Union team and they then started moving the ball around well and retaining possession for good periods of the game. They rewarded with a goal just before half time when Claire Baker rounded the keeper and passed to Sally Small to slot home. The second half was end to end with chances for both sides. Dereham managed to convert a further effort, with the score finishing 3-1.

East Women's League Division 1N

26/11/05

Norwich Union 1

Wisbech 4

A very cold and blustery day at Pinebanks saw Norwich Union lose to a well organised Wisbech team. A solid first half from Union allowed them to go into half time level after some fantastic saves from player of the match Sam Jelliff. wisbech stepped up a gear in the second half and Union were unable to keep up. 4 quick goals in 20 mins put the game out of reach. Credit to the Union side who kept going forward and were rewarded with a consolation goal scored by Micheala Mcgarvey, after a well worked short corner. Union go into their last game before the Christmas break against Dereham next week.

East Women's League Division 1N

19/11/05

Norwich Union 2

Cambridge University II 2

Union started the game in high spirits and were creating many chances in the opening half. They went ahead through Micheala Mcgarvey and a second was added before half time by Kate Nichols. Union sat deeper in the second half and the University team came at them, scoring twice to level the scores. Both teams had chances to win it, but none were converted, resulting in a share of the points.

East Women's League Division 1N

12/11/05

Norwich City 1

Norwich Union 1

A closely contested game at Taverham ended with points being shared on Saturday. City did start the brightest and took the lead in the first half shortly after Union's influential captain Shelly Garrod was taken to hospital with a broken arm. Great play from the defence, particularly Susan Mylne, kept the score at 1-0 in the first half. Union showed great spirit in the second half and put City under pressure. They were rewarded when player of the match Sally Small grabbed Union an equaliser from a short corner. Either side could have gone on to win it, but a draw was a fair result.

East Women's League Division 1N

5/11/05

Norwich Union 2

Ipswich II 1

Union picked up their first win of the season with a fantastic team performance. Union started the game in a positive spirit enjoying good spells of possession. A fine move seeing the ball transferred from one side of the pitch to the other resulted in Natasha Blyth's first goal for the first XI. Union continued to play well in the second half and rewarded with a second, through player of the match Gail Thomas from a fizzing short corner strike. Ipswich battled well and pulled one back to set up a tense finish, but Union held on determinedly to earn the 3 points.

East Women's League Division 1N

29/10/05

Sudbury 5

Norwich Union 0

Union travelled away to league leaders in high spirits after 2 solid draws in their previous league fixtures. Union had spells in the game where they played some flowing hockey. Some great work in midfield by Gail Thomas, Lynne Price and Hannah Austin created chances but unfortunately Union were unable to convert any of them.

East Women's League Division 1N

15/10/05

Braintree 1

Norwich Union 1

Union travelled down to a sunny Braintree in high spirits and started the game positively, having the majority of the possession. They deservedly took the lead through Player of the Match Shelly Garrod after a neat short corner routine. Union continued to push forward but were unable to convert any more before half time. The second half saw Braintree pressure a hard working Union side and were rewarded with an equaliser 5 minutes before full time.

East Women's League Division 1N

8/10/05

Norwich Union 3

Bourne 3

Union played their first league game at home in high spirits after a difficult result in their previous fixture. Although Union started the brighter, creating chances, it was Bourne who scored two before the half time interval. Union showed great spirit and pulled one back through Gail Thomas with a sweet short corner strike. Union then levelled through Shelly Garrod, again from a short corner. Bourne, didn't give up and took the lead once more, only for Kate Nichols to bring Union level again with a very cool finish when one on one with the goal keeper. A special mention must also go to Hannah Ronney, a new recruit who had a great game in defence.