



# Cambridgeshire Korfball Association

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Welcome to the second edition of the Cambridgeshire Korfball Association newsletter. This edition will include the first month of results from the two league divisions, as well as the results from the University of East Anglia tournament held in Norwich on the 28th October.

## C.K.A. Committee & Meetings

At the last C.K.A. meeting, Jon Herbert resigned from his post of chairman and also a letter of resignation was also read out from Mark Walters who felt he no longer had the time to dedicate to his role as Refereeing Officer. Thea Bergsma was then nominated for the role of Chairperson and she accepted the position with the understanding that she will get as much help as is required from other members of the Committee. Jon Gregory volunteered to take over the role of Referring Officer when a replacement for his current position of Treasurer could be found.

At the time of writing three posts on the Committee need to be filled, the Treasurer, the Coaching Officer (the post that Thea was holding before becoming Chairperson), and the Development Officer. If anyone is interested in taking over one of these positions can they get in touch with Thea.

The next scheduled C.K.A. meeting is set for the 20th November at 7.00pm at the Milton Arms, so if anyone wishes to put anything on the agenda they need to get in touch with Ginnie fairly promptly.

With Jon's resignation from his post as Chairman, it is a good time to thank him for all the time and effort that he has put into the setting up and the running of Cambridgeshire Korfball in his two spells as Chairman of the C.K.A. As a show of appreciation for the enthusiasm and energy he put into this role, he was presented with two cakes in the shape of Korfballs (even though he seemed more interested in his steak & chips!!!).

## Huntingdon Korfball Club

There is going to be a new team set up in Huntingdon with the first booked session at Hinchbrooke School on the 15th November at 7.30 pm. If anyone is interested in helping out the coach (Jon Gregory) with the running of this club, can they get in touch with him. Also, if there are any players who live around the Huntingdon area, but are not playing for their team regularly due to the distance of travelling between Huntingdon and Cambridge, it might be worth showing up at the sessions held closer to home.

## Division 1: Round-up

After the first month of the season, there are still two teams who are unbeaten: Cambridge City I and De Montfort University. De Montfort University top Division 1 after winning their first four games by convincing margins, while City I have won their first three games, but have had one game postponed.

De Montfort University started their season with a walkover 15-0 victory against University I who could not field a team and felt it was unlikely that they would be able to replay the fixture, they then went on to win the first Bedford derby match against AS Bedford I convincingly 11-4. The following match pitted De Montfort against the then unbeaten Phoenix I at Bedford, this was their closest match so far, but De Montfort eventually prevailed 11-6, they followed this with a crushing victory against City II 15-2 to claim top spot in Division 1.

The reigning league champions, City I started their season by scraping a 14-2 victory against Kites I and the following week again won easily 14-5 against University I. City I's game versus City II on week 3 was postponed leaving both City sides having played a game less than the rest of the league. The final game of the month pitted City I against AS Bedford I and City I preceded to run up the highest score seen in the league so far, running out 19-4 victors.

Phoenix I have established themselves as the main challengers to De Montfort and City I by winning three of their first four games, with victories over City II, Kites I and University I compared to their only loss against De Montfort and are behind City I only on goal difference, but having played a game more. In fourth place, Kites I have recovered after losing their opening two games to win their next two against AS Bedford I and University II.

The next three teams in the table: City II, AS Bedford I and University I have all won one match so far, but City II have played a game less than the other teams and are higher in the table due to a better goal difference. At the bottom of the table sit University II who have lost all their four games and who have games left against De Montfort, City I and Phoenix I left before Christmas.

At the moment, the Division 1 title appears to be a straight fight between De Montfort University and City I and the meetings between these two sides will go a long way to deciding which team will take the title. The first one of these meetings will happen over the next month and will be reported in the next newsletter.

## Results

Cambridge University II 7 AS Bedford I 9  
Cambridge City I 14 Cambridge Kites I 2  
De Montfort University 15 Cambridge University I 0  
Phoenix I 8 Cambridge City II 7  
Cambridge University I 5 Cambridge City I 14  
Cambridge City II 8 Cambridge University II 2  
AS Bedford I 4 De Montfort University 11  
Phoenix I 8 Cambridge Kites I 2  
De Montfort University 11 Phoenix I 6  
Cambridge Kites I 6 AS Bedford I 5  
Cambridge University II 2 Cambridge University I 9  
Cambridge University II 4 Cambridge Kites I 12  
Cambridge City II 2 De Montfort University 15  
AS Bedford I 4 Cambridge City I 19  
Phoenix I 7 Cambridge University I 3

### Division 1 Table

|                         | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | PTS |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| De Montfort University  | 4 | 4 | - | - | 52 | 12 | 8   |
| Cambridge City I        | 3 | 3 | - | - | 47 | 11 | 6   |
| Phoenix I               | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | 29 | 23 | 6   |
| Cambridge Kites I       | 4 | 2 | - | 2 | 22 | 31 | 4   |
| Cambridge City II       | 3 | 1 | - | 2 | 17 | 25 | 2   |
| AS Bedford              | 4 | 1 | - | 3 | 22 | 43 | 2   |
| Cambridge University I  | 4 | 1 | - | 3 | 17 | 38 | 2   |
| Cambridge University II | 4 | - | - | 4 | 15 | 38 | 0   |

### Division 2: round-up

The picture in division 2, due to the teams having played various numbers of games, is more cloudy. After the first month of the season, there are still three unbeaten teams in the division. At the moment, Cambridge Kites II top the division with a record of three wins and one loss. Kites II, after an initial defeat by Phoenix II, bounced back to win their next three games by margins of 7-0 versus University III, 4-2 against Impington III and 5-3 against the previously undefeated Impington II side. In second place are Impington I who have two wins and a draw in their three matches played so far. Their victories were both achieved at home against Phoenix III and Cambridge City III by scores of 6-2 and 7-2 respectively, their draw came in the battle of the then two 100% winning teams in Bedford, 4-4 versus AS Bedford II.

Currently in third place are another unbeaten team Phoenix II, who have an identical record to Impington I, but have a poorer goal difference. They started the season with a 4-4 draw against Impington II before recording victories over Cambridge Kites II 5-3 and Impington III 4-1. In fourth and fifth place are Impington II and AS Bedford II. Impington II have played only twice after their opening draw with Phoenix II, a convincing 8-0 victory over University III was followed by a 5-3 loss at home to Cambridge Kites II, whereas AS Bedford II are the other unbeaten team, but have played only two matches, prevailing in a high-scoring game against Cambridge City III 12-7 and their 4-4 draw against Impington I in Bedford.

There are also two other teams with one victory apiece: Cambridge City III, who have played three games and University III, who after a winning start have preceded to lose their last three games. At the bottom of the table are Phoenix III and Impington III who have no points so far, however, Phoenix III have only played one game and Impington III three so there is plenty of time for improvement.

During the following months the teams who will be challenging for the Division 2 title should become clearer as the teams currently at the top of the table will begin to play each other.

### Results

Phoenix II 4 Impington II 4  
 Impington III 3 Cambridge University III 5  
 AS Bedford II 12 Cambridge City III 7  
 Cambridge Kites II 3 Phoenix II 5  
 Cambridge University III 4 Cambridge City III 5  
 Impington III 1 Phoenix II 4  
 Cambridge University III 0 Cambridge Kites II 7  
 Cambridge University III 0 Impington II 8  
 Impington I 6 Phoenix III 2  
 Cambridge Kites II 4 Impington III 2  
 Impington I 7 Cambridge City III 2  
 Impington II 3 Cambridge Kites II 5  
 AS Bedford II 4 Impington I 4

## Division 2 Table

|                                 | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | PTS |
|---------------------------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| <b>Cambridge Kites II</b>       | 4 | 3 | - | 1 | 19 | 10 | 6   |
| <b>Impington I</b>              | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 17 | 8  | 5   |
| <b>Phoenix II</b>               | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | 13 | 8  | 5   |
| <b>Impington II</b>             | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 9  | 3   |
| <b>AS Bedford II</b>            | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 16 | 11 | 3   |
| <b>Cambridge City III</b>       | 3 | 1 | - | 2 | 14 | 23 | 2   |
| <b>Cambridge University III</b> | 4 | 1 | - | 3 | 9  | 23 | 2   |
| <b>Phoenix III</b>              | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2  | 6  | 0   |
| <b>Impington III</b>            | 3 | - | - | 3 | 6  | 13 | 0   |

## University of East Anglia Tournament

The University of East Anglia (UEA) Korfball Tournament took place on Saturday 28th October at the Sports Centre of the UEA and the Sports Hall of the City College. Sixteen teams from East Anglia and London took part including four teams from Cambridge: Cambridge City, Phoenix, Impington Tigers and Cambridge Kites. For the initial stage of the tournament, the teams were split into four pools, the teams from Cambridge were all placed in different pools, Kites in Pool A, City in B, Impington in C, and Phoenix in D. Pools A and B were played at the Sports Centre of the UEA, while Pools C and D were played at City College. All games were played over a continuous period of 20 minutes.

In Pool A, Cambridge Kites started strongly with a 4-2 victory over University College London (UCL) I (the eventual losing finalists), but could not follow this win up with a 0-0 draw and a narrow 2-1 defeat against the host's first team after taking the lead. This condemned Kites to third place in the pool behind UEA I and the winners UCL I who after their initial loss had comfortably won their other group games to top the pool by virtue of a better goal difference.

### Results

#### Pool A

University of East Anglia (UEA) I 2 Stingers II 0  
 University College London (UCL) I 2 Cambridge Kites 4  
 Stingers II 0 Cambridge Kites 0  
 UCL I 2 UEA I 1  
 UEA I 2 Cambridge Kites 1  
 Stingers II 1 UCL I 5

#### Pool B

UEA II 0 Cambridge City 1  
 Stingers I 2 UCL II 0  
 Cambridge City 7 UCL II 0  
 Stingers I 6 UEA II 3  
 UEA II 2 UCL II 1  
 Cambridge City 5 Stingers I 1

#### Pool C

Norwich City A 6 Impington Tigers 0  
 Balls Up 6 Oxford University II 2  
 Impington Tigers 1 Oxford University II 3  
 Balls Up 3 Norwich City A 2  
 Norwich City A 5 Oxford University II 2  
 Impington Tigers 0 Balls Up 3

#### Pool D

Norwich City B 2 Essex University 0  
 Oxford University I 3 Phoenix 3  
 Essex University 2 Phoenix 7  
 Oxford University I 4 Norwich City B 1  
 Norwich City B 2 Phoenix 4  
 Essex University 1 Oxford University I 3



Cambridge City, in Pool B comfortably topped their group with a perfect record of three wins. City, after an initial slow start with a single goal victory in their first game against UEA II, hit their stride in their other two group games, a crushing 7-0 win against UCL II, and then (despite histrionics and a theatrical walkoff from their coach) kept their cool in the deciding group game against Stingers I to run out easy winners 5-1.

Over at City College, Impington in one of their first tournaments, found the going tough in Pool C and lost all three games. An initial 6-0 defeat against Norwich City A was followed, however, by two encouraging results, including a 3-0 defeat against the eventual champions Balls Up.

In Pool D, Phoenix started off their games with a 3-3 against Oxford University I, this was followed by an emphatic victory over Essex University 7-2 and followed that up with a 4-2 win over Norwich City B. The margin of these victories were enough to ensure that Phoenix would top their group over Oxford University I who had finished with an identical record of 2 wins and 1 draw.

#### Pool A

|                        | W | D | L | Pts |
|------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| UCL I                  | 2 | - | 1 | 4   |
| UEA 1                  | 2 | - | 1 | 4   |
| <b>Cambridge Kites</b> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3   |
| Stingers II            | - | 1 | 2 | 1   |

#### Pool B

|                       | W | D | L | Pts |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| <b>Cambridge City</b> | 3 | - | - | 6   |
| Stingers I            | 2 | - | 1 | 4   |
| UEA II                | 1 | - | 2 | 2   |
| UCL II                | - | - | 3 | 0   |

#### Pool C

|                         | W | D | L | Pts |
|-------------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| Balls Up                | 3 | - | - | 6   |
| Norwich City A          | 2 | - | 1 | 4   |
| Oxford University II    | 1 | - | 2 | 2   |
| <b>Impington Tigers</b> | - | - | 3 | 0   |

#### Pool D

|                     | W | D | L | Pts |
|---------------------|---|---|---|-----|
| <b>Phoenix</b>      | 2 | 1 | - | 5   |
| Oxford University I | 2 | 1 | - | 5   |
| Norwich City B      | 1 | - | 2 | 2   |
| Essex University    | - | - | 3 | 0   |

The second round of the tournament pitted the pool winners against each other, the teams who finished second in the group against each other, and so on at each location. Impington, in the battle of fourth place teams at City College, lost a close match 3-2 against Essex University to condemn themselves to play in the match to avoid finishing last. Cambridge Kites, at the UEA, lost 2-0 to UEA II to place them in the playoff for 11th and 12th. In the games to decide the finalists, Cambridge City took an early lead against UCL I before being overcome 3-2, while Phoenix were being beaten 4-0 by Balls Up. This left an intriguing game for 3rd and 4th places between City and Phoenix, while the final pitted UCL I against Balls Up.

#### Round 2

Stingers II 4 UCL II 2  
**Impington Tigers 2** Essex University 3  
 UEA II 2 **Cambridge Kites 0**  
 Norwich City B 4 Oxford University II 3  
 UEA I 6 Stingers I 0  
 Norwich City A 3 Oxford University I 2  
**Cambridge City 2** UCL I 3  
**Phoenix 0** Balls Up 4

The final playoffs were all played at the Sports Hall at the UEA. Impington, not put off by a goal from a guest player, came back to triumph 2-1 against UCL II to avoid finishing last. Cambridge Kites in the 11th/12th place playoff, overturned an early two goal deficit to win 3-2 with the winning goal coming in the final 2 minutes (all due to the wonderful feed, Susan!!!!). In the 3rd/4th place playoff between Phoenix and City, Phoenix took the lead early and never relinquished their grip of the game with some good defence to eventually triumph 3-1 to finish 3rd.

The final played over two halves of 15 minutes was won by Balls Up, who overcame an initial deficit to turn a 5-3 half-time lead into an eventual 7-3 victory. So, congratulations to them, even though a full strength Phoenix I or City I would have probably cruised to victory against them. The only negative aspect of the tournament, in my opinion, is with the use of the electronic clock at the Sports Hall in the UEA. The use of this clock ticking down the time led to some frenetic play at the end of games with teams panicking with the seconds ticking away, and also with teams in the lead playing negatively towards the end of games to preserve their lead.

### Friesland Tour

On the 24th and 25th October, Cambridge played host to 2 teams from Friesland in Holland who were en route to play the English National A and B teams. On the evening of Tuesday 24th, they were guests at the Cambridge City training session.

The following day, they saw the sights (singular perhaps, the Cathedral) of Ely before holding a training and demonstration session at the Frank Lee Centre at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. Here they demonstrated their skills and training techniques in front of around 20-30 English players who came from most of the Cambridge clubs, as well as a few beginners who came to see what the game was like.

This session lasted for a couple of hours and finished with a couple of games in which the Dutch and English players intermingled within the sides. The players then retired to the bar for a sport that we are perhaps equal at, drinking alcohol! The evening seemed to be a success with some invaluable tips about the strategy as well as the technique of Korfbal being imparted.

### Round 3 - Final Play-offs

UCL II 1 Impington Tigers 2  
 Stingers II 1 Essex University 3  
 Oxford University II 2 Cambridge Kites 3  
 UEA II 4 Norwich City B 4  
 Oxford University I 2 Stingers I 5  
 UEA I 1 Norwich City A 7  
 Phoenix 3 Cambridge City 1

### Final

UCL I 3 Balls Up 7

### Final Standings

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Balls Up            | 9=. UEA II               |
| 2. UCL I               | 9=. Norwich City B       |
| 3. Phoenix             | 11. Cambridge Kites      |
| 4. Cambridge City      | 12. Oxford University II |
| 5. Norwich City A      | 13. Essex University     |
| 6. UEA I               | 14. Stingers II          |
| 7. Stingers I          | 15. Impington Tigers     |
| 8. Oxford University I | 16. UCL II               |

Many thanks on this evening need to go to Justin Gooding who was made impromptu organiser of the training session, while I was only trying to make sure the bar was going to be open after we finished!

### **Future Tournaments**

Dec 2 Cambridge Univ.      Hugh Barker, C.U.K.C

After the University Tournament, there will be an opportunity to have club photographs taken, this will take place between 4-5 pm. Also, on this day will be the C.K.A. Christmas Party with the added incentive this year of having that man of music, Jon Herbert, as the DJ. Lets hope he doesn't bring out his Perry Como and Val Doonican records!

Anybody with any information that they wish to put into the newsletter can get in touch with Julian Lipscombe (01223) 330109 \*work\* or (01223) 412917 \*home\*.