



Welcome to Chelmsford Hockey Club

Chelmsford hosted Sevenoaks at Chelmer Park on Sunday after a minute's silence in respects of Harlow Hockey Club's loss two weekends ago.

Chelmsford started well off the pace early in the first half with the Sevenoaks players rolling the ball down the wings and cutting in from all angles. The pitch was very wet and slippery which meant that changing direction and turning was very hard, something that Chelmsford learnt the hard way trying to take on the Sevenoaks players individually.

Sevenoaks scored four times in the space of 15 minutes which was a massive set back for the Chelmsford team however they stayed positive and got themselves back into the game after Adrian Palmer slotted home a drag flick and then a superb individual effort from Chris Rich who took on 3 or 4 players before smashing the ball into the corner of the goal from the top right hand side of the 'd'. Just before the end of the first half Sevenoaks snuck in another goal which put a dent in the confidence of Chelmsford who were getting back into the game more and more by the minute.



Chelmsford had a period of dominance in the second half and won a number of short corners. Josh Mepham had a number of shots saved by the goalkeeper after pinpoint passes from Chris Rich & Luke Mepham. One of these efforts led to their third goal where Marc Pike deflected in Luke Mepham's effort on goal from a short corner.

In the last 10-15 minutes Chelmsford were pushing hard to snatch a couple more goals however this resulted in Sevenoaks adding to their total with two late goals making the final score 7-3 which is a fairly harsh score which did not reflect the performance and effort put in by the team which has in the past decreased when going behind.

Next week there is no league fixture, Chelmsford play Staines in the England Hockey Cup at home on Sunday at 2pm.

Chelmsford's next league game is away to Southgate on the 8th of November where they welcome back the experienced centre back David Hunter back from travelling and potentially his brother Adam Hunter who is recovering from a broken hand. This is a massive boost for Chelmsford who have not been as solid defensively without them. These returning will hopefully lead to better results and maybe bring with them the ever illusive bit of luck Chelmsford need to kick-start their season. Along with these the much missed Will Hales and Goalkeeper Jason Evans will be back in contention for places come January.

Only 6 games have gone by and there are still 12 to go so there is still a lot of time for Chelmsford to turn their season round.

Scorers: Adrian Palmer, Chris Rich & Marc Pike. Photos by Mike Byford

