

Water Polo Match Report: 13 October 2010: Sussex Senior League: Mid Sussex Marlins v Brighton B

Mid Sussex Marlins v Brighton B WON 6-4

Some of the finest specimens of Sussex Manhood were on display at the Dolphin on Wednesday evening when our men's senior polo team took on Brighton B in the Sussex league. In what turned out to be a low scoring and competitive match, Marlins managed to prevail. Due to the unavailability of any of our recognised goalkeepers, Tim Mason agreed to stand in and acquitted himself solidly with some fine saves. Attacking the deep end in the first quarter we established a 2-1 lead with goals from Jonathan Bates. A further goal from JB and one from Chris Eden without reply resulted in a 4-1 lead at half time. Brighton rallied with 3 goals in the next quarter against a further 2 for Marlins from Nick Clapp & Richard Cooper. A tense final quarter proved goalless despite numerous misses and goalmouth incidents at both ends.

While the game was played in good spirit by both teams, there were nevertheless 11 exclusions in total during the match; 4 for Marlins & 7 for Brighton) as both teams struggled with the difficulties of trying to play within the rules in the shallow end. The difference in resulting "man ups" in favour of Marlins proved decisive as we managed to convert more of these opportunities.

With only 2 matches of this season's Sussex league remaining, Marlins are likely to end up somewhere mid table. We are next in action away at Worthing.

Team with scorers & Major fouls (X) :

Tim Mason, Nick Clapp (1)(X), David Geale, Tim Fraser, Chris Eden(1), Paul Howie, Chris Allan(X), Jonathan Bates(3) (X), Richard Cooper(1) (X), Luke Woodman

Tim Fraser October 16 2010