

## Letchworth triumph over youthful Kings Lynn

Letchworth Roller Hockey Club's Premier league team played host to a young Kings Lynn side on Saturday evening at North Herts leisure centre. The game got off to a dramatic start when Letchworth number 2 Graig Gibson was given a blue card and sent off for 2 minutes. The visitors capitalised on their free shot on goal to go 1 – 0 up in the 3rd minute of the game. It was not until the 10 minute that the hosts were able to equalise through Carlos Amaral, and then go one ahead only a minute later through a scorching goal from Gibson. Both sides fought fiercely, but neither was able to gain an advantage until Kings Lynn equalised with only 2 minutes left of the first half.

The second half was to be even more eventful than the first, with James Taylor of Letchworth finding the back of the net first, only for Kings Lynn to equalise only 20 seconds later. In a frantic scramble on goal, Kings Lynn's captain was given a blue card, only for Taylor to receive one for the hosts before the game had even restarted. Both teams were down to 3 outfield players for 2 minutes, but neither was able to score. The 2 sides were equally matched, and desperate to gain the upper hand, and it was the hosts who finally showed their experience when Taylor scored again with less than 5 minutes left on the clock. He made it a hat trick 3 minutes later, and when Kings Lynn had a player blue carded with just over 1 minute left to play, the home team needed only to defend well to hold on for a win. Final score: 5 – 3.

Team: D Milne (GK) C Gibson, M Giancola, N Allen, A Allen (C), C Westrop, C Amaral, B Howes (GK), R Jupp, J Taylor.