

# Mens Mid Week Open Gold 2009 Team Report

The 2009 season saw the Gold Team feeling much happier playing in the "B Division" after doing a swap of Divisions with the Blue Team before the season started. For the normal competition we played 14 games, won 10, drew 1 and lost 3 with some fantastic games and goals scored against at times teams much younger than ourselves (we only had 3 guys out of 16 **not** playing masters). Probably the game of the season came in the semi final against a much younger Hornby Vampires where we saw goals being scored from a 16 yard hit at our end to 4 or 5 passes later celebrating another goal with us finally winning 7-2 (this same team having beaten us the previous week 6-5 highlights the effort put in, in the semi). In the final we met yet another young side in University Black whom we had already beaten twice during the season in very hard fought and at times bruising affairs. Unfortunately this time youth and speed over came maturity and good old fashioned skill to lose 3-nil.

The Porrit Cup had us up in the middle 4 group with our Blue Team and their speedsters chomping at the bit to take us on. Having won 2 of our 3 games we faced the Blue Team in the semi final having beaten them earlier on in the comp in a hard fought match 4-3. Again these speedsters (with a number of mature gentlemen might I add to hold the reigns) pushed us to the limits but the Gold Team hung on to win 6-5 to put us into the final. In the final we met HSOB/Burnside White who had beaten us during pool play 2-1 were again to good and won 1-0. After such a great season on the field the one disappointing aspect for me was the excessively high number of games we had to play at 8.40pm, it made for some late nights home especially for the half dozen or so guys who live out of town! On that note I must say thankyou to the wives, partners and girlfriends for allowing the lads out that late on a Monday night. Talking of thankyou's I would like to extend many thanks on behalf of the Gold Team to Les Smith for looking after us again this year it was very much appreciated and can I say thanks to the lads in the Gold Team who helped in making it a really enjoyable season. Cheers till next season AC.

## **SEASON STATS.**

19 Games with 13 wins, 1 draw and 5 losses. Goals for 55, goals against 30.