

**KINGSTON HILL III v. STAINES III.**—At Malden. Kingston Hill III. won by 11-4.

**SOUTHFIELDS II. v. BARNES II.**—At Southfields, on the 13th inst., and won by Barnes by 16 goals to 2.

**LEYTONSTONE v. BRENTWOOD.**—At Leytonstone, on Saturday, Leytonstone winning by 7 goals to 0. This was the opening match of the home team, who quickly got into shape and assumed the aggressive, Green, at inside right, being very prominent. Brentwood's attack was never very dangerous, and the team as a whole, while showing good individual play, lacked combination, which largely accounted for their defeat. Brentwood: F. E. D. Townsend; J. L. Duncan and E. W. Woosnam; W. J. Hartley, D. D. Duncan, and W. H. Gordan; J. D. Hartley, K. B. Hartley. T. W. Fooks, O. de Prina, and F. R. Barlow. Leytonstone: W. E. Kekwick; A. J. Walker, and A. E. Ramey; F. Bailey, L. Robinson, and A. J. Skelt; E. Robson (capt.), W. H. Scott (2), A. C. Wallis (1), H. W. Green (4), and H. H. Kingdon.

**OLD AUGUSTINIANS v. ELTHAM.**—At Sidcup, on October 13. The Old Augustinians showed great improvement on their last week's form, and were always on top. Fooks opened the scoring for them after about five minutes' play, and before the interval three more were added, Eltham only managing to get through once. The second half was more or less a repetition of the first, the Old Boys doing most of the pressing, but only actually netted the ball on three occasions, several shots being within an ace of scoring. Eltham added one, Jackson taking the ball from half way, and the game ended in a victory for the Old Augustinians by 7 goals (Tooks 3, Roope, 2, Hession, Butterfield) to 2.

**BARNES v. SOUTHFIELDS.**—At Barnes, on the 13th inst, and won by the home team by 4 goals to nil. Barnes played one short throughout, but did most of the pressing and should have scored from the "bully-off," the final shot only just missing. Two bad mis-hits by Mander proved expensive for Southfields, both being turned to advantage by H. A. Busher. H. L. Wootton continually broke up the Barnes attack, but after Stedman had saved from Blake a good bout of passing enabled S. E. Busher to add to the lead of the home side, the score at the interval being Barnes 3, Southfields 0. The visitors had much more of the game in this half, but several dangerous rushes were well stopped by Marler, who was very safe at right back, and with Hooper at centre-half doing a lot of worrying Southfields were unable to score. Before the finish Rees outpaced the opposing backs and scored again for Barnes. For the winners H. A. and S. E. Busher were good in attack, S. E. playing a particularly clever game. Umpires, Messrs. A. G. H. Stevens and F. C. Tillbrook. Barnes: Stedman; Marler and Peel; Fleuret, Hooper, Manders; Rees, H. A. Busher, S. E. Busher, Kahrel. Southfields: Mander and Houdret; Stevens, Lee, H. L. Wootton, and Hawkins; Barton, A. G. Wootton, Orr, Blake, and Gilks.

**ST. JAMES', HATCHAM II. v. DULWICH II.**—At Crofton Park. Dulwich opened the score almost immediately after the "bully-off," but were not able to score again until almost the end of the game. After a fast and enjoyable game St. James' won by 5 goals to 2. St. James': Fairbairn; Turner and R. Gummer (capt.); Wise, Eastaway, and Doe; Matthews, Fowling, Longes, Stevens, and Pearce. Dulwich: H. Jones, Measures; Trehearne, Cane, Snowsil; Skinner, Copa, Oliver, Powell, and Mason.

**STREATHAM III. v. EPSOM.**—The opening fixture of both teams were played at Epsom last Saturday. Play started very even until about half-way through the first half, when Streatham scored four times in quick succession, and just before the cross over Epsom scored. After change of ends the Streatham forwards showed great dash and combination and ran the total to nine goals. This deficit made no difference to Epsom, as their forwards kept on pegging away and scored twice. The final scores were 9-3 in favour of Streatham, who were chiefly indebted to their forwards. The Epsom front line were also very good, especially the centre.

## SOCCER AND HOCKEY.—A COMPARISON.

By J. A. LAMBIE.

When I first came to town, hockey as a game was almost unheard of. I am speaking of the early '90's, but now the game from an amateur point of view is a keen rival to Association football. There is no doubt in my mind that the great popularity hockey enjoys is due in no small measure to the advance of professional football. For an amateur to play in a professional football team nowadays he must be prepared to sacrifice a great deal socially, and not even allow his profession or business to militate against his appearance on the field. Such is the importance of the paid football player keeping faith with the public that the amateur who is keen on the game and good enough for his place in the eleven must fall into line with his professional confrere, and undergo the same stringent regulations which have been laid down for the satisfaction of the public. Even in amateur football that the liberty of the subject is interfered with far too much by the governing body is the opinion of many amateurs anxious to enjoy a Saturday afternoon's recreation.

In hockey they have a pastime which meets their requirements, inasmuch as the game is always enjoyable from a social point of view. There are no Cup ties or League competitions to worry about, no gates to consider; simply the pure sport of the game. The time may come, however, when the popularity of hockey will bring about its own undoing, as was the case with Soccer football from the amateur point of view. Even to-day in the South there are numerous amateur Soccer clubs who play the game with a whole-hearted enthusiasm and love for the sport that must necessarily characterise all good amateurs in any pastime. But one cannot point out many organisations who run four or five elevens such as is the case in many instances of Metropolitan hockey clubs. I am not going into the matter of comparison as to the relative merits of the games, as I did not play hockey until my football career was over, but I must say from a relaxation point of view and also with the idea of keeping one's self fit, hockey has many advantages. At the same time, I hold that the best game for the strenuous youngster is amateur Soccer football, and when his enthusiasm for footer is on the wane he can safely turn his attention to the milder, but none the less enjoyable, game of hockey, as his theoretical and practical experience of football stands him in good stead when he takes the hockey stick in his hand. For one thing the laws of the Hockey Association and those of the Football Association are practically synonymous, and a good Soccer player who is at all useful with the cricket bat must invariably become a useful hockey player. That there is plenty of room for both games no one will deny. So long as the Hockey Association refrain from instituting Cup ties, League competitions and such like, so long will the game prosper from the strictly amateur point of view.