



Cambridgeshire Korfball Association

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Senior Development

1. Cambridge Clubs

Addenbrookes Korfball Club (A.K.C.)

A.K.C. plays at the Netherhall on Mondays at 9p.m. The new club is now fielding two teams in the local league. It is hoped to expand to three teams over the next year. The club now has its own development officer to pursue this aim.

Cambridge City Korfball Club (C.C.K.C.)

C.C.K.C. and Cambridge Netherhall Korfball Club amalgamated last month as neither club had enough members to function effectively. The club now meets on Tuesdays at 9p.m. at the Kelsey Kerridge Sports Centre. The next year will involve trying to expand the club to three teams from the two that are currently being fielded. Again, the club has a development officer to lead this growth.

2. Cambridge City: Plans for 1993-94

The Association's Korfball League for 1993-94 starts in October, and involves 9 teams, seven of which are from Cambridge (A.K.C. I & II, C.C.K.C. I & II, and Cambridge University K.C. I,II & III) and two of which are from Bedford. The 16 game per team season should provide plenty of playing opportunities for existing players.

As was recognised in the Association's initial development plan, the main problem blocking further expansion in Cambridge is the lack of coaching and refereeing staff. The C.K.A. is holding a refereeing course in Cambridge on October 10th to solve the latter problem, while the B.K.A's Eastern Region Coaching Day will be held in Cambridge during the winter.

Whilst this is going on, it is not practical to expand further; therefore, the next expansion will take place in 1994-95 as planned. The South of the city is served by Addenbrookes K.C., the centre by Cambridge City K.C. and therefore it seems sensible to make North Cambridge the next target. The construction of the Kings Hedges Sports Centre makes this a practical target, and the Cambridge Kings K.C. will be founded in October 1994 assuming a booking is available. Financial support will have to be found to provide equipment, as the current C.K.A. equipment is in use at the Netherhall and will not be free until 1995 at the earliest. Clubs at Cherry Hinton and Anglia

Polytechnic University are secondary targets to be considered closer to the time when the coaching and equipment resources available to the Association can be better judged.

3. Cambridgeshire: Plans for 1993-94

The C.K.A. is not currently in a position to take a lead in establishing the sport in Cambridgeshire as a whole. However, contact has been made with regional bodies such as the Sports Council (Eastern Region) and Cambridgeshire County Council to inform them of the C.K.A.'s existence. The next step is to follow up the B.K.A.'s limited contacts with Peterborough City Council. It is unlikely that this will lead to a club in the short term, but this would still be a useful contact to make.

Youth Development

Dutch Teams Visit

The National Dutch Squads visited Cambridge for one day in June. Although invited to participate in events, Hills Road and Long Road Sixth Forms were unable to host an event, so the projected training for the morning did not occur. Similarly, there was no interest in the hour's introduction to korfbal designed for teachers. Since this point, Long Road have shown interest in the sport, and the new Youth Officer will be following this up soon.

In contrast, the afternoon's schools event was a success. Cottenham, Parkside and Sawston Colleges sent around 90 pupils between them for an introduction to Korfbal. There was much interest from the teachers attending the event, but there remain two barriers to establishing the sport in these schools. First, coaching and refereeing expertise does not exist to support the sport. Hopefully this will be solved by a combination of the refereeing course and the B.K.A.'s Training Day. Second, equipment is also a problem. The B.K.A. has agreed to supply six sets of equipment to schools in the area, but only at a subsidised cost of £250 per pair of posts (this is half the normal price). This means that many schools are going to have problems equipping for korfbal. The C.K.A.'s Youth Officer should pursue this matter with the County Council.

Appointments to C.K.A. Committee

The C.K.A. Committee is now virtually complete, and the following have been appointed to carry out the Association's work in development areas.

These are the people who should now be contacted with enquiries about the progress of korfball in Cambridgeshire.

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Gillian Card is responsible for development of schools and junior korfball (up to the age of 18).

Carline Lee is responsible for any applications for financial support, existing or future and any other financial issues.

Andy Neely is responsible for dealing with any new club developments or senior age group interest in korfball and is the first to be contacted with any questions about development in the area.

Please do not hesitate to contact them.

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