Cambridgeshire Korfball Association Development Report No.4: January 1994

1. Cambridgeshire Korfball Association (C.K.A.)

The Cambridgeshire Korfball Association was founded with the aim of promoting Korfball in the region. It does this by coordinating a local league, organising tournaments and courses. During 1993 the association founded two clubs (Addenbrookes and Cambridge City) and a further three (A.S. Bedford, Bedford College and Cambridge University) became affiliated to it.

As announced in the last development report the C.K.A. spent the latter part of 1993 consolidating its position. More specifically a voluntary committee, consisting a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, development officer, coaching officer, refereeing officer and league officer, was established.

2. The Cambridgeshire Korfball League

The C.K.A. winter league runs between September and April. Nine teams entered this year and to date they have played 58 games. The purpose of the league is twofold. First it gives clubs affiliated with the C.K.A. valuable playing experience. Second it provides an opportunity for "novice" referees in the region to develop their skills (see next section).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cambridge University I	7	7	0	0	101	19	14
A.S. Bedford	6	5	0	1	43	22	10
Bedford College	6	5	0	1	42	23	10
Cambridge City I	7	4	0	3	45	26	8
Addenbrookes I	7	3	0	4	28	35	6
Cambridge University II	7	2	0	5	32	48	4
Cambridge City II	7	2	0	5	17	66	4
Addenbrookes II	6	1	0	5	17	51	2
Cambridge University III	5	0	0	5	3	38	0

3. Refereeing Course

In addition to the problems caused by the lack of equipment in the region, the development of Korfball is hindered by a lack of qualified coaches and referees. To ease this problem the C.K.A. organised a refereeing course in October 1993. The twenty people who attended this course are now qualified to referee local league matches.

4. Cambridge University Tournament

The C.K.A. held its first national tournament in May 1993 on Jesus Green. Cambridge University Korfball Club organised its second on Saturday 4 December. Sixteen teams from around the U.K. competed, including three affiliated to the C.K.A.

5. Progress of Local Clubs

5.1. Addenbrookes

Addenbrookes Korfball Club still meets at the Netherhall Sports Hall and fields two teams in the C.K.A. winter league. Four of its players (Debbie Challis, Matt Doran, Jo Fallows and Andy Richards) were selected to represent Cambridgeshire at the County championships in July and following a recent recruitment drive the club has been able to recruit a number of new players.

5.2. A.S. Bedford

A.S. Bedford, sponsored by Action Sport Bedford, is one of the clubs affiliated to the C.K.A. and has entered one team in the local league. The A.S. Bedford team also played as Bedfordshire in the County championships, where they came 9th.

5.3. Bedford College

Bedford College Korfball Club is also affiliated to the C.K.A. and the team they have entered into the local league is currently in 3rd place on goal difference. Two Bedford players; Charlotte Halliday and Alan Bray, were selected to play for the Southern Universities in the annual match against the North. While the rest of the team has had a good start to the season finishing 4th at the U.E.A. tournament; 3rd at the Southern Universities championship; and 2nd in the first round of the Southern championships.

5.4. Cambridge City

Cambridge City Korfball Club now meets at Kelsey Kerridge and progress for the club has been steady. Membership has stabilised at twenty people and the club fields two teams in the local league. In addition the experience that members of the club are getting at tournaments appears to be paying off, with Cambridge City being placed 13th at the U.E.A. tournament and 9th at the more recent Cambridge University tournament. Adrian Nankiuell was chosen to represent Cambridgeshire at the County championships.

5.5. Cambridge University

Cambridge University has an active Korfball Club and fields three teams in the local league. The club won the U.E.A. tournament and the C.K.A.'s summer league. Five of its members were chosen to represent Cambridgeshire at the County championships (Manir Ali, Gillian Card, Rebecca Elliott, Jon Herbert, Jenny Winn)

6. Future Plans

The C.K.A. is currently undertaking three major initiatives. First it plans to introduce a formal Cambridgeshire refereeing qualification, the purpose of which is to encourage the continual development of refereeing skills within each club. Second the C.K.A. plans to organise a Cambridgeshire cup competition which will involve invited clubs from East Anglia. Third the C.K.A. is considering founding a further Korfball Club. Kings Hedges has been targeted as a possible location and the Cambridge City Council's Citysport programme may provide a vehicle for doing this.

This is the fourth bulletin on Korfball development in Cambridgeshire. The fifth will be issued in July. Enquiries can be sent to Andy Neely, C.K.A. Development Officer, 27 St Andrews Road, Cambridge, CB4 1DH. Tel: (0223) 338196.



