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History was made yet again at Louth Hockey Club this weekend. The new Pavilion hosted the first Louth mens team game. The sun was shining and both young and old players arrived with nerves, smiles and loads of energy.

Captain Will Bunney had put together a cracking squad. From the starting whistle the players looked the part, supporting, calling and running for each other. Nerves were settled and the midfield of Martin, Daryl, Will b, Alex and Will p began to link their play and feed the forwards of Timmy 118, Harry and Henry. The target for the team was to keep possession and read the play. Understanding of each others runs and passes grew as the time ticked away. Briggs were strong in the defence and play was repeatedly put back to the midfield. Louth used their defence as pivots, switching the ball left and right. On a run from the back Stu weaved through the field, Louth forwards pulled their markers wide and as Stu reached the D he blasted the ball home.

Louth spirits were high and Briggs piled on the pressure, wanting to equalise before half time. Limmer, Stu, Nick and Archie had work to do keeping Briggs at bay. Our mad keeper Andy was on his toes to thwart any shot on goal. A "sour cow" from Limmer started another attack putting the ball forward where Stu struck towards goal and Henry who had timed his run to perfection was able to deflect the ball past the Briggs keeper.

Half time score 2 - 0

The second half saw Louth produce some excellent play. Stringing passes together and using the whole pitch. Timing from runs and support of each other was stronger and more consistent. No more goals were scored but Louth showed stamina and commitment for their first game. Well done to all.

Players of the Match Will Bunney and Harry Meanwell

Team Hodson, Limmer, Howman, Campbell, Trotter, Roe, Kisby, Howman, Parker, Bunney, Green, Norton, Meanwell.