

Compass Sport Cup Heat 2012

There were angry scenes in Delamere at the weekend as Deeside OC members vented their frustration at team management, having failed to qualify for the prestigious Compass Sport Cup final. They blockaded the palatial home of stand-in team captain Jon Hateley, throwing dirty socks at his windows and demanding his immediate resignation.

"How could a club with the pedigree of Deeside come only 4th in a qualifying round?! It's a disgrace!" insisted one little old lady near the front of the baying crowd.

"He's rubbish!" said another beardy member, *"Not got a clue at all. He made me run the brown - and I'm nearly 60!"*

"Bring back Mike Smithard!" cried others, referring to the popular Team Manager replaced by Hateley in a controversial appointment at the start of the year.

Our reporter was able to break through the mob and snatch an interview with Hateley as he cowered behind some rich tapestries in his billiard room. He was unrepentant.

"I fort the team done really excellent." he blustered, *"We had a tuff heat, and we was up against some really good opposition, but we stuck to our task and maintained our focus and delivered some strong performances in difficult conditions ...innit."*

When asked why the team of 65 was only able to deliver one class win, he became very defensive.

"I don't want to make excuses," the player-manager continued, *"but we was not playing on a level playing field. In fact there was loads of hills all over the place ... and lots of 'em had trees on them! How can that be fair?!"*

"And the officials was rubbish! Liz Jackson was blatantly tripped and seriously hurt ... but the ref did nuffin'!"

"We beat four quality teams – so I don't accept we was poor . Our juniors done really excellent – kids like Hannah, Lachlan, Evelyn and Nina really knuckled down well. And I was dead chuffed the way them young fast lads tackled the Brown".

But many of the protestors were unhappy the way the team had prepared for the event. The club had hired a hostel for the weekend, but by all accounts the training camp degenerated into farce and a general state of debauchery.

"He thought the best preparation for an orienteering event was a visit to a museum or a canoeing trip down the river!" said the anonymous son of the club's chairman, *"He wouldn't let us go out for a training run, so we had to sneak out when he wasn't looking."*

"Hateley acted like Silvio Berlusconi!" said an ageing man with a tree-like surname, *"He was only interested in getting money off us, and then he spent it all on a wild birthday party in the evening! He was always hanging around two young blonde girls, drinking beer and scoffing chocolate cake. He's not just rubbish ... he's unprincipled and corrupt!"*

An angry Hateley retorted, *"It's some of them old codgers outside what should take a good hard look at themselves!"* he moaned, *"Our Green men under-performed ... they're paid film-star salaries and they did diddly on the day! I should have replaced them during the January transfer window."*

"That's fresh coming from him!" said an anonymous club member who wished only to be known as Denis Murphy, *"He was so knackered going up the hill, I had to give him a push!"*

This dispute is clearly set to rumble on. The controversial manager says he's going nowhere and already has great plans for the club at the forthcoming JK relays.

A defiant Hateley said from behind his couch, *"I'll 'ave the last laugh ... just you see! As soon as I've dealt with that tax evasion court-case, I'll be head-hunted to manage the World Class Podium Squad!"*

DEE's Scorers:

Name	Class	Score
Hannah Hateley	Orange Women	100
Lachlan Chavasse	Orange Men	96
Jon Hateley	Blue Men	96
Liz Jackson	Green Women	94
Mike Beasant	Brown	94
Chris Owens	Brown	93
Paul Chavasse	Blue Men	91
Evelyn Elmes	Orange Women	88
Malcolm Irvine	Blue Men	87
Olly Williams	Brown	86
Nina Jones	Orange Women	84
Sara Campbell	Blue Women	84
Kate Ingleby	Green Women	84
Richard Hill	Blue Men	80
Maggie Hateley	Green Women	80
Pat Moody	Green Women	78
Norman Hall	Green Men	74
Clare Crocker	Short Green	74
Nigel Beasant	Blue Men	72
Helen Elmes	Light Green Women	72
Edward Calow	Light Green Men	72
Noel Schorah	Brown	68
Steve Ingleby	Blue Men	65
Sean Pickering	Light Green Men	64
Duncan Harris	Brown	63