



# An investigation into the Squanderer's victory over Leadenham 1<sup>st</sup> XI

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**ABSTRACT** An investigation was carried out in to the performance of the squanderers over the past week to determine any correlations between recent activities and their convincing 4-0 victory against Leadenham Hockey Club. Conclusions were drawn that a high level of social activity corresponds to high performance and it is strongly recommended that the squanderers remain very social to maintain strong performances throughout the season. The recent performance by the Squanderers' show great promise for the rest of the season in their promotion push.

## KEYWORDS

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## INTRODUCTION

Cambridge University Hockey Club 3<sup>rd</sup> XI, better known as the Squanderers, are widely regarded amongst scholars as the best team in CUHC. Known in the scientific community as *homo sapiens squanderae*, this sub-species is famed for its' below average chat, questionable lids and frequent chopping.

However, the Squanderers are an endangered species and are prone to an accute illness, *wandereritus*, which has been known to decimate some of the finest specimens of *homo sapien squanderae* in recent years, and is of great concern to the scientific community as a whole. This illness was recently researched by world renowned Dr. Fletcher. (Fletcher 1890) Dr. Fletcher is a Squanderer himself and battled with the illness a few years ago.

In this volume of CUHC review, the recent activities of the Squanderers' will be analysed to determine how recent activities have led to better on-pitch performances using anecdotal evidence from various verified sources.

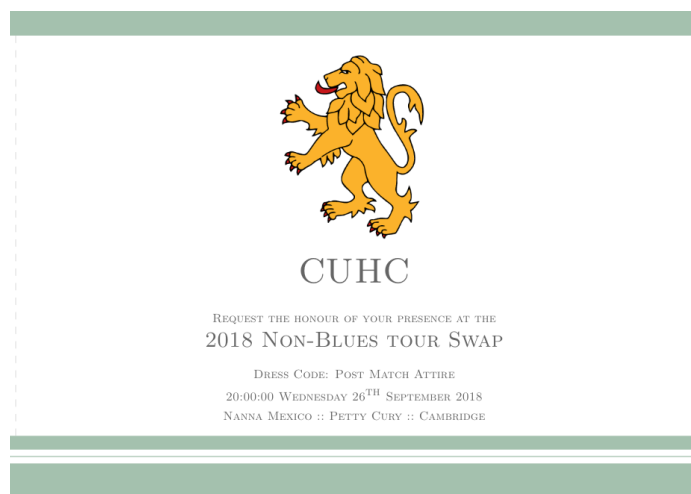
## MATERIALS AND METHODS

### Early in Week

The week began on Sunday morning with a poor man's Kieran and el Capitan looking after a silly fresher. Despite missing some of the evening's highlights, it at least meant el capitan had a quieter evening. Every cloud has a silver lining. After hours of beauty sleep, essential to keeping my pristine freshness, the squanderers

returned to the newly reinforced Wilberfortress for a few sessions with ball and stick.

Whilst sessions were what some might call "meh", (Anonymous 2018) the sun did shine a lot and the squanderers bronzed well with the exception of George Weasley, Fred Weasley and Nicola's brother. (Cass 2003)



**Figure 1** "The greatest act of intellectual property theft since Alexander Graham Bell stole the telephone". Source: Anonymous Squanderer

The remainder of Squanderer time was spent organising the CUHC swap. At this point, the Squanderers as a collective would like to thank M. Diesel *et al.* for the Swap invite template, which

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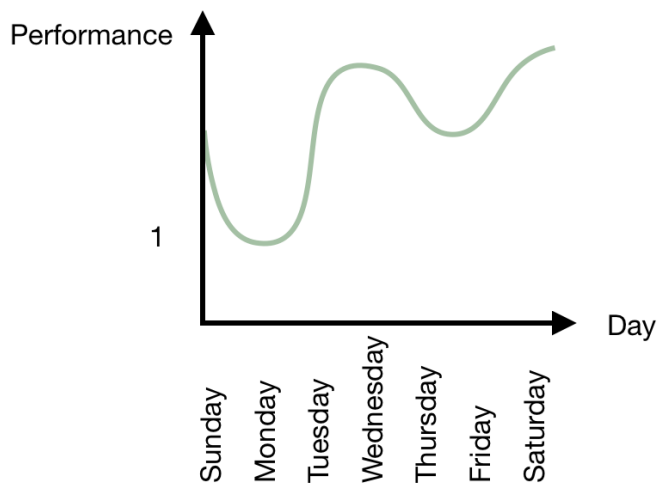
was wrongly accredited to Jallen, in one of the largest injustices seen in the recent CUHC era.

### Wednesday

After some more ball and stick sessions, the Squanderers went to watch poor man's CUHC play some big fellas in purple. They were quite big and fast, and I would not have like to compete against any of them in one of Christmas' dinners big sporting events. Whilst many of us enjoyed the spectacle, the Weasleys got very bored, and wished they had brought their broomsticks to play another sport elsewhere.

After a few lager beers, the Squanderers went for a burrito with other members of CUHC. Houghton had a burrito with chicken, brown beans, rice, cheese, jalapenos and tomatoes. The cheese's part in the burrito was best described by a common euphemism, "a third wheel". It was one of the many poor decisions made by el Capitan that evening. In other events, Paddys foot fetish came to light with his evident passion for shoes whilst in the burrito selling establishment.

After a brief visit to meet Andy, the Squanderers decended on Cinderellas, where Squanderers cut many shapes. In the euphoria of cutting such shapes, Brignal lost many shirt buttons, and el Capitan collided with the beak of the Coach's bird, for which he was incredibly apologetic. This highlighted why Squanderers should not spin on or off the pitch.



**Figure 2** A strong correlaiton is shown between social activity and on-pitch performance via a plot of performance (normalised arbitrary units) against time

### Thursday & Friday

Following a brief de-brief on a freeware and cross-platform messaging and Voice over IP service called "WhatsApp", Squanderers rested before more practice time with ball and stick. Most Squanderers then practiced corners to some quality tunes, by our resident DJ. Corner quality was very high although many Squanderers need to hit the gym to increase power. In the evening, Squanderers went for food. In light of the lack of success brought by a "Cheeky Nandos", the Squanderers decided to venture to the newest restaurant in town "Franco Mancas", famed for its' opened out calzone. The ambience was rather delightful for a civilised squanderer, and one would highly recommend to others'.

In another part of East Anglia, one Squanderer was found astray as his love of antiquities lead him to play "Bargain Hunt in Peterborough". On his return, the Squanderers were excited to see if Adam could value some of our own famed antiques. However, we were disappointed that Gleeson was only worth £40-60 which meant he could be traded for circ. half a box of cocktail. The Squanderers are currently discussing how we can add value to one of our oldest possessions.

### Match Day

Squanderers scored lots of goals and conceded none. The hockey quality was high and many freshers played well. Celebratory beverages were consumed in a competitive manner, followed by some horse riding lessons at a nearby venue.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Using advanced quantitative estimations, Figure 2 shows there is strong indication that performance correlates with social activities. Further investigations are to be carried out to corroborate our findings and novel advanced techniques such as Brewery tours and "Squanderers come dine with me" will be used (Figure 3). It is hoped that such social activities will lead to positive results both on and off the pitch, and with the return of Mr. A. Bird, an expert in optimising the social performance of *homo sapien squanderae* as well as fixing tractors, it is very likely that such targets will be achieved. After a turbulent first week, but a much better second,



**Figure 3** Coming soon via a live twitter feed near you

the Squanderers hope to score lots of goals and concede fewer/less (I'm really not sure which one it should be here). The future looks bright for the *Homo sapiens squanderae*.

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