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Sport at Bletchley Park



Sport at Bletchley Park started in the form of rounders on the lawn during lunch hour. Two tennis courts were built in 1941 then a badminton court became available and there was a fencing club. All these activities became the Bletchley Park Recreational club. Hockey was also a popular sport.

'It was very informal. People came out from lunch and joined either side. When there were just a few of us we hit the ball between two deciduous trees, but when the numbers increased someone would

shout out 'Conifers!'. So then we hit the ball between the conifers which were more widely spaced. We didn't bother very much about keeping score... We just played for fun.'

The game of chess was also a favourite among the codebreakers with both Hugh Alexander and Gordon Welchman (both leading lights of BP) being international players.