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Mens 1s secure a point at home in 2-2
draw against Fareham

Ladies 1s start their League campaign with
2-1 win against Reading 1a

Current news:

New GHC website & online club system going live soon. Ask your captain for more details.

FIXTURES

All of the Guildford Hockey Club fixtures are available through the following links or by going to the FixturesLive website www.fixtureslive.com

MEN

Team	Role	Name/E-mail	Telephone	League	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Manager	Tony Hall	01483 768832	National West Conference	1st XI
	Coach	Ian Jennings	07802 886000		
2nd XI	Coach	Guy Fordham	07725 959205	London League Prem	2nd XI
3rd XI	Captain	Phil Harris	07825027938	London League Div 2	3rd XI
Shadows	Captain	Steve Morris	07788784143	Surrey Open Premier	Shadows XI
4th XI	Captain	Adey Sell	07973 731402	Surrey Open Div 4	4th XI
Pilgrims	Captain	Nick Winn	07766 827461	Wessex Masters	Men's Vets
Gondoliers	Captain	Andy Roberts	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	Men's SuperVets

Mens 1s – EHL National Conference West details at <http://bit.ly/qubxys>

LADIES

Team	Captain/Email	Telephone	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Sam Carr	07810 880153	1st XI
2nd XI	Claire Coles	07727 100118	2nd XI
3rd XI	Jane Hampton	07957 225751	3rd XI
4th XI	Vicky Martin	07854113929	4th XI
Fireflies	Kirsten Foulkes	07747 631731	

... also see The Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League www.surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk

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Upcoming fixtures at Broadwater School

Water based pitch

2011	W1	W2	W3	W4	W5
	10.30 - 12.00	12.00 - 13.30	13.30 - 15.00	15.00 - 16.30	16.30 - 18.00
01-Oct			Mens 4's	Mens 2's	Pilgrims
02-Oct					
08-Oct	Ladies 1's	Ladies 3's	Mens 3's	Shadows	
09-Oct					
15-Oct		Ladies 3's	Mens 4's	Mens 2's	
16-Oct		Mens 1's			
22-Oct		Fireflies	Ladies 1's	Mens 2's	Gondoliers
23-Oct					
29-Oct		Mens 3's	Ladies 2's	Gondoliers	
30-Oct					
05-Nov			Shadows	Mens 2's	Pilgrims
06-Nov		Mens 1's			

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22-Oct	Ladies 4's	Ladies 2's	Mens 3's	Shadows
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29-Oct			Mens 4's	
30-Oct				
05-Nov		Ladies 3's	Fireflies	
06-Nov				

MATCH REPORTS

Don't forget to send any match reports from the weekend to richard.julian@gmail.com by Tuesday evening.

MEN'S SECTION

Saturday 24th September

**Guildford 2 – 2 Fareham
(Boot, Marsh R)**

Our first home game of the season saw a fine crowd turn out on a fine day for a EHL Western Conference clash. We beat Fareham twice last season but they have always been a decent team and with a few new players and after a 5-0 win away at Bourneville, we knew it would be a closely contested affair. We were also keen to improve our performance after last week's disappointment in Cardiff.

After a week of productive and intense training, we wanted to hit them hard in the first few minutes and achieved this pretty well. Some chances were created and short corners won but we were unable to convert them. Fortunately, their keeper felt we deserved a break and kicked a clearance straight to Chris Boot who coolly slotted the ball into the semi-open goal. 1-0 to the home team and everything going according to the game plan.

However, after this initial period of dominance, we took our collective foot of the gas and let them get back in the game, secure a bit more possession and create a few chances. Added to this, a few of our players weren't fully fit and our player coach picking up an injury and all of a sudden we were under the kosh. Fareham capitalized on this by scoring a well taken short corner followed by another goal just before half time.

Despite an improved performance, we went into the break 2-1 but confident that we had another level and could win the game.

The second half was a closer affair with Guildford dominating possession but struggling to score and Fareham looking dangerous on the break. A clever (should have passed it) finish at the near post in the 47th minute by Rory Marsh put the game level but despite having good chances, neither team were able to secure the full three points. Despite Fareham feeling very hard done by the umpires (pretty unjustifiably I reckon), some exceptional and dominant goalkeeping from a not 100% fit Simon Mason ensured that we didn't concede any more goals. Either team could have won in the end but a draw is probably a fair result.

**Canterbury 2s 9 - 1 Guildford 2s
(Tom Norman)**

With a bright and early start and a two hour journey under their belts the Guildford team arrived at Canterbury in good spirits and anticipation for the first league game of the season. After a good warm up led by the team captain (Darkie) push back finally commenced. At the start of the game the whole team worked well together putting everything that they have been practising in training into play, the ball was well transferred around the back four with Darkie making some strong through balls. Despite the teams best efforts the Canterbury forwards broke through and scored the first goal, not being disheartened Guildford fought back soon scoring a blinding reverse hit from Tom which ended up buried in the side netting of the goal. At this point the game looked like it could be anyone's. However the fitness of the Canterbury team and their reactions to turn over meant that they ended up scoring another three goals before half time. During the half time talk Guy gave a motivational talk trying to inspire the team to work together and put into play everything that they had practiced. As the second half got under way the difference between the two teams fitness became more apparent putting the whole of the Guildford team under pressure from the start. However there were glimmers of redemption with some good movement and through balls as a result of Darkie and Matt in defence and JB in midfield. Despite the best efforts of the defenders and the keeper it was not enough to stop the onslaught of the Canterbury forwards and the score kept on increasing. The Guildford team dug deep and there were glimmers of hope throughout the field with some good movements and runs from Big Face up front, Josh constantly marking and putting pressure on his player in midfield. Unfortunately this didn't result in a Guildford comeback and Canterbury finished the game by scoring in the last two minutes of the game bringing the final score to 9-0 the Canterbury.

MoM – Hamish (our GK!)

DoD – Big Face (who got the pleasure of wearing the new DoD outfit that he himself had acquired for this season! - Karma)

Guildford 3rd XI 2 - 2 Richmond 3rd XI

I was late on Saturday (horrendous traffic you know how it is), arriving without shin pads or my memory from the previous night. I found a very professional looking 3rd XI squad warming up on the touchline watching the mighty Shadows dispatch Purley to a metaphorical boundary. My aspirations were high for my own team that afternoon as we faced a talented, pacey Richmond side that finished one place above us in the league last year. Having borrowed some sweaty shin pads and unwittingly sprayed deep heat on a cut, I pondered painfully and eagerly the potential of our relatively new team boosted by the addition of several 2nd XI squad players to reinforce our ranks. With Tom 'Corporate Donkey' Pollard still absent with a minor stress factor in 'a bone no-one's heard of', we had been lacking in the forward line in our previous matches. Last week with myself pathetically overweight, the team relied on Kit Young to carve biblical Red Seas through the torrents of opposition - so it was a welcome surprise to add Woody and Ollie to the squad last minute to provide some flair. The match also marked the return to competitive action for journeyman Ben Ward after his horrible knee injury, and although Wardy has been a regular fixture at training for a while this would prove his first real test in many months.

Brandon Summerford, newly installed manager of the 3rds, watched on assisted by velvet jacket wearing, Russian financier-looking Polly from the side-lines as Guildford had early chances but lacked any clinical finishing ability. This was to change as we won a deserved flick

mid-way through the half after a period of frantic, disorganised play. Kit Young stepped up, assertively pushing el capitaine Rhino away after his dismal effort last week, to fire us fabulously into the lead. Unfortunately, with new players in the squad we suffered a lack of structure for the rest of the half and in short periods we slumped, losing our concentration, and conceding two relatively easy goals. Not our best.

Half time saw us reorganised by our new manager, players put in more natural positions with a few wise words to send us on our way. As is often the case in 3rd XI hockey, players try to run with the ball too much, and we remedied this in the second half with a more dynamic attitude. We looked much more assured from then on easily containing the pace of the opposition, passing with intent and creating opportunities. We fought back to level terms as Rhino's deflected shot found the net after some dazzling Barcelona-esque build up. The finish was more Dani Alves than Lionel Messi though, but they all count! Our defensive unit performed admirably again with Bungle calling the shots, Sam Hansen and Deano in support in front of the stunning Andy Valner in goal. I myself was yellow carded late on for a courageous/horrendous challenge, but we fortunately clung on. Notably, Andy made a spectacular save with the last hit of the game proving his worth once again to be voted Man of the Match for a consecutive week. Well deserved. If you've read the above then you'll have guessed that I (Sam 'Bieber' Henry got DotD!

GUILDFORD 4s 3 – 4 CAMBERLEY AND FARNBOROUGH 2s

The season started well. Wait...the first half started well for the fourths against Camberley; then we crumbled as legs and spirits weakened. A new line up beckons as a few new faces are added to a core of old stalwarts. We were consistent in our preparations for the opening game, with regular absences from training being made up for with energetic banter and early arrival at King's College prior to push back.

Watching from the back we saw some good penetrating runs, control and skill being employed by the mid-field and forwards alike. The pace was fast, vision and connectivity impressive. The first half looked like and sounded like good quality hockey; upbeat, passes clean and successful and strong movement off the ball. Bodes well we thought. We spent a lot of the time in their half and defended well from the top, with new boys Chris S, Alex F, Ben H and a returning Will N tackling beautifully as well as making sure the ball stuck to their sticks. The runs continued deep into their half and D. Dave H kept making runs into and across the goal mouth, the Camberley defence finally relinquished and the result being two goals by Tom Moody hitting the back board; good work by all.

We lost Chris and Jean Francois to West Ham and Heathrow at half time. There was a resounding bit of volunteerism as all team members fell over each other to umpire and we were down to 11 players and no subs. Camberley used their subs well and kept the pace going all the way through the second half. The fourths lost focus, reduced fast passing and opted for exhausting individual runs. Tackling weakened by halves and backs alike. The legs faded, tracking back lessened and Camberley attacks become more frequent. Despite Guildford adding one goal in the second half thanks to Will, Camberley added 3!!! The last two being an embarrassing farce with Paul RT providing a quality reverse stick assist to Camberley's third goal

and pivoting pathetically on his backside whilst failing to stop the fourth. DOD grasped firmly in two easy moves. Dave Cull, on the other hand, executed some tremendous saves and earned himself Man of the Match.

Inevitably, Guildford reacted philosophically and calmly to the second half collapse worthy of a Kiwi choking. James P, fresh back from a UN short course in diplomatic mediation initiated a precise, tempered and fair analysis that many of us wish had been committed to paper as a prime example of subtle sporting negotiation. Oli L would have loved it, if he hadn't suffered from one of those increasingly common home-based events; 'simultaneous vehicle and mobile battery malfunctions!!' Who doesn't know someone recently afflicted by that condition in the plug-free Home Counties?

The last twenty minutes will be learnt from and not lamented upon. Fitness, heads up, not being discouraged as well as ensuring good use of subs, should allow this skilled, relatively youthful and motivated team to get the better of their opponents in the months to come.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 24th September

Ladies Fireflies v Burnham Vets 3 - 3 Sparky, Chevs, Helen

This match saw us start with only eight players plus one very kind Burnham player who offered her services to us. Burnham, who normally play on grass, seem to have adapted well to astro and started strong. They utilised their number advantage well and managed to score twice in relatively quick succession with some intelligent passing in the D. Not to be deterred the fireflies fought back and Sparky, playing a less familiar position of centre mid, scored our first with a cracking shot that was so powerful their keeper didn't even see it. It became a rather more even match when Jacqui arrived and we became 10 v 11, and Shevs scored our second to bring us level. Burnham then scored their third from a shot corner, being the first to react to the initial save. At half time one of the spectators kindly offered to umpire so that Finn could join our ranks and make it 11 v 11. Finally we were able to put the pressure on and the second half was much more attacking, with plenty of opportunities. Finally Helen was able to slot in our third to make it a draw. A hard fought game but well played. Hopefully we will be back to a full team for our next match.

COLTS' SECTION

Guildford Boys U14 3 – 4 Old Loughtonians Boys U14

The U14 team this year comprises a large contingent of U12's from last year and it will take them time to settle to the stronger, faster pace of matches at U14 level. Despite the losing

result this was an excellent showing by the young Guildford side and they showed a lot of spirit to come back into this game.

2-0 down after 6 minutes did not look good and I feared we might be in for a drubbing. Fortunately the OL's then stopped playing as a team and we started passing. We pulled back to 2-2 and some excellent goalkeeping kept us in the game. With 15 minutes to go the OL's pulled away to a 4-2 lead but an excellent solo goal from Jamie Bloomfield pulled it back to 4-3 with only two minutes left.

A short corner was awarded to us in the last seconds of the game but we could make nothing of it. A fair result on balance but we could have nicked a draw.

Many thanks to tea ladies and to Jeremy for umpiring. Next week at training we will work on 'clean' tackling and hard, flat passing.

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