



## GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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This newsletter will also be published on the web-site

Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup>: Mens 1s vs Brooklands at home 1200  
Come along and give them support after disappointing National League  
result at Belper.

### Club Social – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> October 2007

#### Fancy Dress Halloween Party

Price £7.50 includes, entrance, disco/music, competitions, games and Curry & Rice  
Please contact your Captain for tickets or Sally Johnson on 07775 877 394 or email  
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Please support this event and your club!

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Full fixture list, results and League Tables can be accessed through [www.guildfordhc.com](http://www.guildfordhc.com)

### Mens fixtures for next two weeks

Oct 13				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bromley & B	A	1200	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bromley & B	H	1400	
Shadows	Old Cranleighans	H	1330	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Spencer	A	1500	
Pilgrims	Andover	H	1230	
Gondoliers	Woking Pitts Elder	H	1500	
Oct 14				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Brooklands MU	H	1200	
Oct 20				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bourneville	A	1430	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reading	H	1200	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reading	A	1630	
Shadows	Woking	A	1600	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Goan	A	1400	
Pilgrims	Salisbury	A	1430	
Gondoliers	Wokingham			
Oct 21				
1 <sup>st</sup>	Gloucester	A		EH Cup.

Other friendly games may be organised by captains.

## Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

### Match results/reports.

<b>Oct 13</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Horsham	L	H	1200	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wimbledon	L	A	1500	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oxted	L	A	1200	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Merton	L	A	1100	
5 <sup>th</sup>	London Eds	F	H	1530	
<b>Oct 20</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Reading	F	H	1500	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Croydon	L	H	1230	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Woking	L	A	1130	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Surrey	L	H	1330	
5 <sup>th</sup>					

## Mens

### National League Div 1

#### **Guildford 2 Belper 6 ( Usher, Acquaye)**

A match between the two teams relegated from the Premier Division last season and both teams had very different line-ups from last year. We opened the scoring when Dave Usher sneaked into the goalmouth and deflected a long pass into the net. Belper equalised fairly quickly and took the lead following a defensive mistake. They were probably the better team but we did well to go into the break only one goal down. Belper dominated the second half and increased their lead early on. We were then unfortunate to have two players yellow carded and the opposition took advantage and scored two further goals. We managed to get one back when Craig Acquaye put the ball in the back of the net following a short corner. Belper scored their sixth just before the end and were worthy winners. We are going to have to improve significantly if we are going to be competitive in this league and our verbal exchanges with the umpires is out of character for a Guildford First X1. It was a long drive back. Next Sunday we face Brooklands at home at 12 noon.

#### **Guildford 2s 2 Surbiton 1 (Sean Percy 1 and Adam Jolly 1)**

On the day that saw the surprising end to Australia and New Zealand's world cup efforts so we too caused an upset and rid ourselves of the monkey on our back that is the now fallible Surbiton. Many times we've played them we've thought, they are beatable, we can beat 'em. Finally we have proved it. In our first match of the season, with 9 new faces. It was physical and Guildford took advantage of the breakdowns and loose play but the secrets of this match lay in the conversion of penalties (maybe Wilko had some input?). Guildford had 4 penalties and scored 2. Surbiton earned double the count of penalties and scored just 1. Just rewards and credit to the boys for putting the time into the drills.

Like England, we should be cautious now to not get ahead of ourselves, we still have a long way to go and we did enjoy some lucky breaks on Saturday.

One would think Surbiton would be joining Aus & NZ with the haunting question...  
“how did that just happen”?

We'll take strength from it though and busy ourselves with our next suitor.

<b>Guildford 3s</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>St. Albans 2s</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Shadows</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Sanderstead</b>	<b>0 ( Gray 2)</b>

Having been lambasted by my team-mates for my last match report (made it all-up, pah!) i'm dulling this one down with the bare facts...

1<sup>st</sup> Half:

- It was sunny and hot
- We played poorly on a poor sandy pitch
- The oppo played poorly as well
- We scored first on 15 minutes, Ben Gray shooting the first shorty we won into the bottom corner
- They replied on 26 minutes with a flick over Woody from a narrow angle, after a solid tackle by Mike fell kindly to Sandersted
- In the last minute of the half, another shorty and another goal from Ben Gray after some one-twos with Alex
- Woody saved a few shots in between all that for the score to read 2-1 at halftime

2<sup>nd</sup> Half:

- It was still sunny and hot
- We played poorly on a poor sandy pitch
- The oppo played poorly as well
- No more goals
- They missed a few chances, Woody saved a few, and we defended with our lives at times as they reached near to double figures with their shorty count
- No cards were handed out (rare in this fixture)
- It finished 2-1 to us and we were a bit lucky but good effort by all to grind it out
- Phones were checked at full-time to deliver us the news that England had won the rugby - much to our delight and the disbelief of Oz (hurrah)

<b>Guildford 4s</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>UCL Accies</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Pilgrims</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>O Ks</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Gondoliers</b>	<b>4 (or 5)</b>	<b>Winchester Wanderers</b>	<b>2</b>

**(Belshaw, Bigos 2, Gould)**

Our opening match and an immediate conflict of interests with a certain rugby match. Eventually we managed to drag ourselves away from Radio 5 Live and the match began with little spirit or urgency from either side and with Bigos suffering badly from the night before. After 15 minutes of lasklustre play, we were caught napping and despite the best efforts of Jenkinson, we were a goal down. This was the wake up call we needed. Immediately we started stringing passes together holding possession

for long periods in mid field and after a sustained pressure in Winchester's 25, Gould crossed the ball in from the right, Bigos connected close to the spot and we were level. Minutes later it might have been two after a goalmouth melee saw Stokes put the ball way, but having stood his ground, he was judged to have barged a defender before the shot. Although Winchester also managed to find goal from a short when a rising ball was nudged even higher above the backboard on its way past an unsighted Jenkinson, we were now on a roll and did not have to wait long before Belshaw crossed from the right to Bigos who laid the ball off to Gould waiting at top right of the D, the ball crisply struck into the top left hand corner of the goal. And then another, following a string of passes from Tonks to Bogdan to Stokes to Perrins and then right again, before Russell shot from an acute angle on the left, the ball rebounding from the keeper's pads. Stokes lifted the ball over the keeper and Belshaw scrambled the ball home – 3:1 just before half time.

In the second half, we continued to play good constructive hockey, with wave after wave of attacks built up through a series of triangulated passes, sometimes passing the ball over an extended mid field Tonks and Bogdan and occasionally Connor joining the intrepid trio of Stokes, Gould and Perrins. Up front, Russell threatened from the left, Belshaw from the right and Bigos, beavering away in the centre, but all to no avail until 20 or so minutes into the half. A strong attack through the centre saw Bogdan rifle the ball at goal from just inside the D, Bigos had a touch and we were 4-1 up. Magic! I'm sure we had another to make 5 before a fading Winchester entered our 25 from the left, crossing into the D and making a weak pass forward. Many thought the ball had been passed from outside the D and we watched the ball slowly pass over the line with barely enough momentum to reach the backboard. Unfortunate, but that was about it and we ended with a good win, having played some good hockey.

### **13 October: Gondoliers vs. Woking Pitts Elders (WSFA. Broadwater water-based pitch 15:00 push back.)**

Team: Belshaw, Bigos, Carney, Connor, Frew, Gordon, Hadley, Jenkinson, Jones, Perrin, Russell, Stokes, Tonks.  
Umpire: Williamson

## **Ladies Reports**

### **Trojans 5 – Guildford 2 (Average)**

After the 3 days it took to organise lifts (which still went Pete Tong) and with a last minute pitch change we should have taken the hint that events were conspiring against us for today's game. But after a thumping rendition of Eye of The Tiger (with co-ordinated dancing from Kath) which seemed to frighten a number of the Portsmouth Under-18's football side Guildford took on the Rocky spirit to overcome it all face top of the table Trojans.

Whilst the pitch was awful, resembling a mud bath more than an astro, Trojans made it look like a perfect water based pitch with plenty of great balls slicing Guildford's midfield in two. With two speedy forwards and the guile of Sally Gibson, from the first minute to the last Trojans hit Guildford on the fast break often leaving one defender

and Tappy (or just Tappy) against them. Kath even resorted to a sliding tackle to take the ball away from a Trojan forward with her knee to stop one attack.

The score line was fair in terms of chances for Trojans, perhaps they should even have had a couple more, but Guildford did have plenty of attacks of their own but missed that final pass or killer finish to make the game more of a contest.

There was plenty of battling spirit from Guildford, no-one gave up despite the score line and Average's two close range goals in the first half were completely deserved (jug avoidance again though Average). The whole team worked hard but being a goalkeeper I have to reserve special praise for the defence who worked their socks off.

Man of the Match ~ Genie ~ for some GREAT tackles and working so hard.

D.o.t.D ~ Kath ~ for her dancing efforts and that magical sliding tackle!

### **Guildford ladies 2's 5 Purley Walcountians 1**

The ladies 2s arrived at the pitch in good time to start preparing for our first league match since moving up a division last season. We were all a little nervous but, about three minutes after the starting whistle our nerves were calmed when Kerry scored the first goal of the match. We were confident that winning the match was going to be easier than expected until, despite great defending, Purley scored a short corner making the score 1-1. Guildford soon returned with another goal, scored by Kerry leaving the score of the first half 2-1 to Guildford.

By the start of the second half, Guildford were desperate to win and we put all our energy into our play, increasing the ball speed and energy levels which meant we were able to run rings around our opposition. We managed to score 3 strong goals in the second half and had many more opportunities which we unfortunately didn't convert. Our defence managed to successfully break down any quick breaks made by Purley, meaning they converted no goals and became disheartened. The final result was 5-1 to Guildford, achieved by pure determination.

Finally a big thanks to Jo Frack for helping us out this week.

Man of the match goes to Kerry who scored an amazing three goals (well done Kerry!)

The Dopey award goes to Karen for completing the warm up with her skort on back to front.

### **Guildford 3s 2 Camberley & F 4**

### **Guildford 4's 5 Cranleigh 2 0**

Two weeks ago we played Cranleigh 2's in a friendly and lost 3 nil. So meeting them again in the league so soon was a daunting prospect. We had also lost and found a goalie in the intervening weeks so all in all this looked like a serious match. Thanks to Priorsfield Letting Louisa and Harriet leave their Open Day a bit early we started with a solid midfield and after only a few minutes it was clear we were not going to be the pushover Cranleigh might have anticipated. With Maggs confined to the sideline the mother and daughter job fell to Ruth - our new Gk - and Fi,

back from uni for a weekend already!

It's hard to remember who scored which goals - there were so many after all - but Cranleigh made the mistake of giving Aisling far too much space on the right wing and after several damaging runs they realised she needed to be marked tightly. One memorable cross flashed across the goal where Fin was valiantly diving at the back post - unfortunately without connecting with the ball. But soon after a well worked attack down the left lead to a great shot on target ( I think from Phyzz?) and in the back of the goal. Another goalline run from the right with a pass from Aisling to Sonia on the top of the circle and another goal. Sonia then showed that our short corner practice before the game - all of 10 minutes - had paid off when she fired in a straight shot into the corner. So 3 nil up at half time.

Cranleigh upped their game in the 2nd half, moving their right forward to the left to get away from Eleanor who had taken her out of the game for the whole of the first half. They put together better attacking moves but the combination of Katy, Jess, Harriet Chelle and Eleanor broke down every move they tried. They had several corners all comfortably saved by Ruth who had a simply brilliant game. Then we got our act together again and more sweeping moves up the pitch lead to our 4th goal - I think this was Charlotte Cox. And finally a killer pass from Jess at LeftDef to Right wing Aisling gave us the open circle with both Phyzz and Charlotte waiting at the back post. Aisling to Charlotte C to back post and easy first goal for Charlotte S.

The tireless running and excellent passing in the midfield from Sonia, Louisa, Charlotte and Claire gave us a great platform to move the ball around the pitch and keep the Cranleigh players on the back foot. Fin unfortunately succumbed to a big hit to the toe and had to stop but Charlotte S in her first ladies game played really well in her absence. Phyzz ,Fi, Aisling and Fin all produced the passing and running to get around the solid Cranleigh defence - especially their number 88 who stopped several good attacking moves and probably kept the score down to 5!

So 2 league matches and 2 good wins. Not bad for a new team in a higher league. And all this without our leader who was sitting in the 3rd row at Marseille watching England win the rugby !