



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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November 24/25 see big weekend at Broadwater for Mens 1s with two National League home games, both at 12. After defeat against League leaders, Southgate, they would welcome your support. So try to make it Saturday or Sunday.

Time to get your parties together for December 15th, the GHC Xmas Dinner and Party. Messrs Hall and Connor will provide first class meal and refreshments for this fundraising club event.

Adrian Jenkinson, GHC member and sponsor, will be running a sports injury and therapy clinic in the Clubhouse every Tuesday evening 7.00 - 9.00pm. GHC Members and families: 20% off the already reasonable rates charged by Adrian and his assistant. First clinic will be on Nov 27th. Adrian is also offering a 10% discount to members who attend his clinics at the Guildford Spectrum or Lido, or the Aldershot Clinic.

All results, league tables full fixture list can be found through website.

Mens fixtures for next two weeks

Nov 24			
1 st	Old Loughtonians	H	1200
2 nd	Indian Gymkhana	A	1300
3 rd	Indian Gymkhana	H	1330
Shadows	Camberley	A	
4 th	Sunbury	H	1500
Pilgrims	Petersfield	H	1400
Gondoliers	Amersham & C	A	
Nov25			
1 st	Chelmsford	H	1200
Dec 1			
2 nd	East Grinstead	A	1200
3 rd			
Shadows	Old Reigatians	H	1500

4 th	Bank of England	H	1200
Pilgrims	Southampton	H	1330
Gondoliers	Havant	H	1400

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

Nov 24					
1 st	Havant	L	A	1315	
2 nd	Barnes H & E	L	H	1100	
3 rd	Barnes H & E	L	A	1000	
4 th	Kenley	L	H	1230	
5 th	Aces	F	A	1600	
Dec 1					
1 st	No fixture				
2 nd	2s Training		H	1100	
3 rd	Croydon MO	L	H	1030	
4 th	Fireflies	F	H	1230	
Fireflies	GHC 4 th	F	H	1230	

Match results/reports.

Mens

National League Div 1

Guildford 0 Southgate 6

Well, what can we say? It was certainly a long trip home after being on the receiving end of our biggest loss of the season. This week was harder to take as we did play some very decent hockey, especially in the first half. Our defence was linking up nicely with the midfield and we had several attacks in and around their 'D'. However, our passing and touch in these areas were lacking and so despite all our efforts and chances, we had nothing to show for it. Southgate moved the ball extremely well from the back and were unlucky to score with a fast moving counter attack in the middle of the first half. Unfortunately they didn't make the same mistake twice and despite our pressure, they punished us with a well worked goal. Just before half time Southgate were extremely lucky to score a jammy deflected goal that was rumoured to be an OG (Batch will be able to confirm or deny these allegations) and so we went into the break 2-0 down but confident that we were in the game and more than capable of getting something out of it.

During the second half we again had some good attacking moves and some sustained periods of possession and, at last, some short corners! However, Southgate proved why they are top of the league and punished us on the counter attack with some devastating passing and clinical finishing. We did our best to convert chances at the other end and had some great opportunities that were either well-saved or just missed the post. This (and their superior fitness and squad numbers) left us vulnerable to the back and Southgate capitalised 4 more times

making a very depressing scoreline.

We felt the result flattered the opposition but it showed what needs to be done to compete at this level. As a squad, we continue to improve each week and now we are all looking forward to proving ourselves to the home crowd next weekend with the last two games before Christmas at fortress Guildford.

Guildford 2nd 4 (Jolly 3, Dead Man 1) Spencer 5

If I could be a Superhero,
I would be Goalie Guy,

I'd dance and dive about saving those goals
Even the ones in the sky

And if I saw Spencer trying to score
Hurting Adam Jolly and making him cry
I'd haul them off to jail in my Goalie Bag
Because I would be, Goalie Guy

If you could be a Superhero,
Would you be Forward Guy?
Making sure Spencer get what they deserve,
Especially their goalie who cries

Like if we'd looked like we'll lose and needed 3 points

You could skin them and drain them of blood till they die
Scoring more goals and eating more pie
Then you would be Forward Guy

Oh I didn't mean to be subtle, I didn't mean to be vague
Give them the mad cow disease & let them die of the plague
As long as they suffer for their ghastly game
Then you would be Forward Guy.
Then you would be a Superhero, of fame.

Sadly kids, we are not Superheroes, and we lost, again.

Greg of the Day – Dick (aka Goalie Guy)

Man of the Match – Holey Jolly

P.S. This isn't really a match report but that would be boring.

For the record Spencer are a good bunch of guys and we wish them well.

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was pulled back for Spencer to slot home an easy opening goal. The defence struggled to pick up the movement of the forwards and the midfield found it equally difficult stopping the Spencer players getting the ball to their forwards.

Despite the pressure, Guildford showed spirit and pushed into the Spencer 25 on a number of occasions with fast breaks. Ollie worked tirelessly for the second match running in the left half position and again gave Guildford an added attacking option into the middle of the park, man of the match Hales ran like a mad thing trying to turn the tide, but to no avail.

The half time score was 4-0 to Spencer and following a half time talk that centered on the theme of making sure Spencer knew they were in a match, Guildford started to chase the game. It looked for a time that Guildford might make inroads back into the match when Hales popped up at the back post to connect with a JB (J Beake) cross at the P spot, and then a reverse stick shot from JB riffled into the top of the net to make it two.

It was not to be, the pace and movement of the Spencer forwards was just too much for the Guildford team with so many players playing out of position, 6-2 was the final score.

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MOM: Hales
TFC: Phillips

Guildford Shadows 0 Wanderers 5ths 4

This was a meeting between two teams at the top of the league one with the best defensive record in the league and the other with the best attacking record, so something had to give. Sadly it was our defensive record...

The game was really decided in the first half of the game. Guildford played some good hockey but failed to capitalise, whereas Wanderers had a game plan (hit it up to their "big boned" forward and either score or win a short corner). *Personally I'm not a fan of a player whose waist size is bigger than his chest size having such an influence on a sporting contest.*

Wanderers had two short corners in the first half and scored both (one flick and one hit) past the skipper on the near post (sorry lads), whereas we had 3 short corners at the other end and failed to score (one saved by the keeper, one saved by the post man onto the post, one hit the post). On another day the halftime score could have been 2-2 or better to Guildford, but instead was 2-0 to the oppo and we were playing catch up.

During the second half we again failed to capitalise on our possession and at points good hockey and allowed Wanderers to score another couple of goals, our heads noticeably going down after the first of those.

All in all we lost to a team that showed us how to convert chances.

We played good hockey at times and there were good performances from certain players (including a fine mid-air stop on the line from Deano). However missing a few regulars and having a few players not on song and always trying the hardest play

we can certainly buck our ideas up a bit and get back to winning ways.

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Guildford 4th 3 Surrey OBs 3

The Mighty 4's travelled the short distance to Surrey Uni to play the Old Boys', knowing that the game would be a lot harder than the previous weeks trouncing of the University 2nd XI. The opening few minutes were controlled by The Old Boys who took a firm grip on the middle of the pitch but it wasn't long before Guildford began to stamp their authority on the game. After 15 minutes the 4's took the lead from another Tom Moody short corner and were looking good but the hosts had other ideas and in a mad couple of minutes found themselves 2-1 up after the Guildford defence couldn't handle their fast flowing attacks. An eventful first half got even better soon after when great persistence from James Parkin saw him squeeze a shot past the home keeper to equalize. With both sides seemingly happy to reach half time all square the 4's defence was once again caught napping and Surrey went in at half time leading 3-2.

Some firm words at half time sent Guildford out ready for a battle, and battle they did. The 4's created most of the chances in a good second half but couldn't seem to find the equaliser they felt they deserved. The Guildford defence with Richard Gordon making his debut in goal held firm in keeping the hard working Surrey forwards at bay and all their hard work was rewarded when, with only 5 minutes to go, Tom Moody converted another corner to even things up.

The final whistle saw both sides reasonably happy with the result but Guildford must look to get back to winning ways as they entertain bottom team, Sunbury at

Broadwater on Saturday.

Pilgrims 2 Winchester 3

Gondoliers 4 Haslemere 2

Notable in this excellent game was Greg Lewis making his debut for Gondoliers, saving Penalty flick and then being substituted, President Nick Pearse nearly being asked to walk, following a case of mistaken identity, Mike Perrin slotting another goal and overall a Gondolier well deserved victory.

Ladies Reports

Guildford 3 Basingstoke 1

Guildford 2nd 0 Old Georgians 1

Fireflies 0 Guildford 3rd 1 *Fireflies report*

We were missing a few 'star' players this week, but it was nice that Edge and Sparky could join us again. We only had nine players to start, but Sals and Tappy helped us out for a while, so big thanks to them! Glad it didn't have an adverse effect on your game!!! Thank you to Genie too for helping out with the whistle. Manchie and Jo joined the ranks when the 1st X1 players were summoned to a strict 'dressing down' from their coach!! We still love you Richard! Now, the game...can't remember a lot about it this week - there was so much coming and going of players and umpires - but I know I played a stormer! Anyone who disagrees can do the next match report! It was a very even game with Freda making some superb saves! We also had chances, with Hazel and Edge both firing massive shots just wide of the goal. As luck would have it, the 3's took advantage of our slow, old legs again in the last few minutes and scored the only goal of the game. Thank you to Katie for umpiring and also to Skippy for helping out in the second half...it was never a stick tackle!!!! But good decision on the 'time-wasting'!

Next week we are away at Tiffin's Girls School in Kingston at 4:00pm.

Meet at the Spectrum between 2:00 – 2:15pm. There may be problems through Kingston with Xmas shoppers!

Guildford 4th 0 Old Georgians 4

Colts Report

Guildford Hockey U14 B's against Woking B

Score: 5-2

Winners: Guildford

Weather: Cold, Windy

Pitch: Water-based Astroturf

Scorers: Frazer Groom-4 Liam Barr-1

After our past defeats, we were not going to lose this time, because of lack of players; Vincent Richardson and Jack Farmer had to swap shirts, and joined Woking. We started at a steady pace, then their goal keeper going in for a tackle, accidentally knocked the ball behind just so that Liam could get his stick onto it and send it home.

Frazer scored two more brilliant goals, the second one being off a short corner, to bring the half time score to 3-0 to us. Similar to the last two matches we seem to let it slip in the second half. Frazer then scored another short corner bringing the score to 4-0. Then the bomb dropped, Woking suddenly had a burst of speed from our player Vincent and scored, but we weren't disheartened. Frazer our leading scorer scored *another* goal, bringing us back to where we started. Unfortunately in the dying minutes of the game, Woking snuck in another one of the goals, just before the whistle went. We left the pitch knowing that we won 5-2.