



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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**National League game vs Bournville is at home on Saturday at 12.
The mens 1s welcome your support before or after your games.**

**Ladies have good weekend, while Mens 2s and 3s notch wins in
fight to avoid relegation.**

Club and Awards Dinner will be on 19th April; put it in your diaries.

Can all players please take their litter with them from pitches and Wendy
Houses.

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

Men's fixtures for next two weeks

Feb 23rd

1 st	Bourneville	H	1200
2 nd	Spencer	A	1330
3 rd	Spencer	H	1500
Shadows	Camberley & f	H	1330
4 th	Sunbury	A	1430
Pilgrims			
Gondoliers	Poly	A	1400

Mar 1st

2 nd	Indian Gym	H	1500
3 rd	Indian Gym	A	1300
Shadows	Old Reigatians	A	
4 th	Bank of England	A	1200
Pilgrims	Winchester	H	1630
Gondoliers	Oxted	A	

Mar 2nd

1st	Bath Buccaneers	A	1330
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Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

Feb 23rd

1 st	Purley Wlctns	L	A	1430
2 nd	Merton	L	A	1100
3 rd	Richmond	L	H	1100
4 th	Byfleet	L	A	1030
5 th	Teddington	F	H	1230

Mar 1st

1 st	Eastbourne	L	H	1330
2 nd	Old Georgians	L	H	1430
3 rd	n/a			
4 th	London Edwardians	L	H	1600
5 th	Burnham Vets	F	A	1400

Mens Reports

Old Loughtonians 6 - Guildford 2 (Russell, Beere)

We played some good hockey in the first half but our second half performance let us down. The first 15 minutes of the game was even with both sides having chances. Unfortunately defensive errors allowed Old Loughts to take a 2-0 lead but after 17 minutes Mike Russell deflected the balkk into the net from a short corner (his first for Guildford!) Old Loughts extended their lead but we made it 3-2 before half time when Adam Beere converted a short corner and things were looking up. It was all to play for in the second half but we didn't seem to have the confidence to play aggressive hockey and Old Loughts ran out comfortable winners scoring three further goals. Next weekend we are playing on SATURDAY at home to Bournville at midday.

Guildford 2nds 2 (Barton Witters x3) Old Loughtonians 2

Quote from last weeks report - "Barton made some smoking efforts but that left hand needs to find the target to do any damage."

Well, the left hand found that target and the dream has come alive, we might just win our way out of relegation... hold your breath guys, this will be exciting stuff.

So with a few more new faces this week we struck up a cunning plan. It went a bit like this... ever been in a cup final or relegation match, ever won that match?

This is the biggest match our season blah, blah, blah... I might have banged on a bit. But this seemed to do the job and inspired a fantastic result and huge effort from everyone. In reality OL were never really in the game. We dominated for most of it and had they had their hands full, some credit to their defence would be justified. A piercing backhand pass from JB ricocheted from the Boy Bartons' magical wand and just out of reach of the defender. The Boy Barton won the scramble to the ball and sent off a reverse stick shot straight past the flailing England hopeful that takes up

the OL goal. Not long after that he tightened up that left hand again and smashed another one into the backboards – good times!

Half time came and went, the score went to 2-1 and then like a true hero (and we'll take our Heroes in any form we can get them) that Boy Barton came to my rescue, running along the base line and looked up to see the England laddy setting up base camp. He slipped it over the camper keeper and into the net.... Beautiful! 3-1 up and a little ray of sunshine appeared.

Terrific games from Ewan, Ed, Sean, Darkie, Jolly and JB who all played solidly this week. BigFatHeadFace bombed around up front but sadly played second fiddle to our hat trick hero the Boy Barton. Superb running from debutant Leo, the ever consistent Phil Harris and ever emphatic Sandy Bhogal who helped keep Boy Barton's legs fresh... so that worked.

The final minutes were tortuous but fun, hearing the whistle go was a bit like the instant relief of finding that motorway lavatory after being stuck in a 3 hour traffic jam... The OL captain (he called Monty but is not a scowling fat Scotsman) was candid after the match, pointing out that Duncan Marsh, who played a vital role in the midfield, might have been a bit unfortunate to have lost 10 minutes. Monty's body block (that a fat scowling Scotsman would have been proud of) stopped Duncan dead in his tracks and in the midst of his appeal, to the otherwise perfectly rational umpire, he lost composure and paid the price.

Oh yes sorry, I let in two poxy drag flicks... I have my excuses but to be honest... "yeah whatever"... we won didn't we? Who cares!

MOM – Boy Barton Witters... Hat Trick!

DOD – Frank the Tank aka Gregger aka Puma

Guildford 3rd 3 Southgate 1

Guildford Shadows 1 Wanderers 5

Guildford 4th 3 Surrey Old Boys 0

Guildford Gondoliers 2 (Pearse, Savage) Eastcote Masters 4

The Gondoliers, bolstered by a couple of Pilgrims, played some good hockey and were in the lead most of the game. Nick put us ahead initially with a once in a life time shot (his words!) - a bizarre shot that looped over the keeper from the edge of the circle - the rest of us + the oppo were bemused by this miraculous incident and no doubt we will never hear the end of it . Our second goal was more conventional affair = the output from good hockey - a ball passed out of defence and artfully steered by Tom into the path of Tim who finished the move off with an excellent shot. Even the oppo were complementary about our performance - the best and most enjoyable game for them this season - they have only lost one game so far this season, so the winning was not the main difference. Nigel and Peter did make a difference in the centre with their energy and commitment, but it was the regular Gondoliers who raised their game to make this a close run result - even Chris (- I have only played six games this year) put in some important tackles as well as some memorable passes (for the wrong reasons).

Addendum: Goalkeeper Adrian Jenkinson wishes it to be known that he was there and did play his part in this performance.

Micky Perrin was voted G of the week for continuing to wear and preserve a fashion ikon of yesterday year - his first team tracksuit! It was great to see Norman back on his feet and giving us support.

Ladies Reports

Guildford **2** **Spencer** **2**

Guildford 2nd **2** **Barnes** **0**

Guildford 3rd **5** **Southampton** **1**

Guildford Fireflies **4** **Cheam** **2**

We would have been without a goalkeeper again this week but for Jo, who kindly donned the keeper's kit after her game for the 3's.

Thank you Jo!

The game started with us having a lot of possession, but the usual story.....we couldn't put the ball in the net! Cheam had a break away and scored, and not long after they did the same again with 3 defenders failing to make contact with a cross from the right wing. Being 2 – 0 down gave us the familiar wake up call and we sprung into action! 2 goals from Tappy put us level, and from then on the back line of Lesley at left back, Karin at centre back and Jess at right back snuffed out every attacking move that Cheam put together – much to their dismay! In the second half Suzanne creamed in a slip from the short corner as her parting gesture for the next few months (good luck from us all and see you soon with junior in tow!), and then Emma decided she didn't want to be left out and scored the fourth goal. It was a great game. Thank you to George for umpiring and also to Sals for helping out in the second half.

Next week we play Teddington at home at 12:30.

Colts Report

Boys Under 18 Colts.

Guildford vs Purley Walcountians. Won 6-2. (Sharples 2, Pearcy 2, Cox, Horst.)

The water-based has turned into a frost based so we transfer ourselves onto the sand pitch which is thankfully fully thawed. Without Dom to direct the troops we are grateful for the help of Chris Freeman.

We start well and after good work from Bird, Horst's shot is saved and Purley clear our first pc off the line. We remember that passing is important and a quick series of passes from Shacklady to Mitchell to Bird to Rumball finds

Horst who crosses for Cox to put us 1-0 after 7 mins. 3 minutes later a aerial from Percy is missed by a defender on the top of the D and Horst cleverly lofts the bouncing ball over the keeper's head for a 2-0 lead. Horst then finds Sharples with a long through ball and Sharples puts us 3-0 up after 12 minutes. Too good to be true!

The game then opens out and Purley attack well and force a good save from Cox. We are playing well at the moment with good passing across the pitch. We go 4-0 up when Percy deflects home a well worked shortie and are 5-0 up at half time when a good run down the right by Boersma ends with Sharples doing a bit of wobble before shooting in at the far post.

The second half saw Purley really come out strong and the game went rapidly from end to end. Mitchell and Horst were kept busy in defence and Cox was called upon to make a number of good saves especially from a number of Purley pc's. Bird and Gray made some important tackles as the Purley right side attack came more and more into the game. We made lots of chances to add to our goal tally but unfortunately the ball just wouldn't go between the posts and the oppo GK made some fine blocks. With Griffiths suffering from a bad bout of flu and Rumball feeling under the weather we lacked some of our usual pace and power in midfield and the game became more and more end to end. Percy deflected a pc over the bar, Griffiths and Cox had a number of shots saved,

Gray drove into the d and a good ball to the middle of the d hit a Guildford foot just before we "scored". Shacklady and Boersma attacked down the right and from a short corner Percy confused everyone by messing up the drag flick but recovering to shot home on the reverse, 6-0.

We tried to play the ball around in the dying minutes but maybe a lack of concentration and tiredness crept in and Purley scored 2 goals in the last 3 minutes. The first from a scrambled pc which had Cox scurrying from side to side making a number of good saves and the second from a break away after a Guildford attack broke down on the Purley goal line.

Anyway a really good win against a Purley side who although missing a couple of players are doing well in the league and proved how dangerous they could have been by winning the second half 1-2, if you see what I mean. However from another view point we could have scored a hatful!!!! Well done everyone.

Thanks to all the supporters as usual, Rolf for umpiring and Chris for coaching.

Next week away at EG's who are top of the table.