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Welcome to the new season!

Mens 1s lose their first league game in Cardiff

Mens Vets rack up 8 goals to go top of the league

Current news:

Saturday 24th September

Mens 1s compete in their first home game of the season this Saturday against Fareham at 12:00pm. Come along to Broadwater School to give your support!

Ladies 1s are also playing in their first league game against Reading at 1:30pm, straight after the men's game, with the ladies 2s following that at 3pm - a great afternoon of hockey on offer at Broadwater!

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

The latest 1st XI League Tables can also be reached via <http://www.southleague.org.uk>

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
24-Sep	Ladies 4's	Mens 1's	Ladies 1's	Ladies 2's	Gondoliers
25-Sep					
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			

Sand based pitch

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	11.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 14.00	14.00 - 15.30	15.30 - 17.00
24-Sep	Ladies 3's	Shadows	Mens 3's	Fireflies
25-Sep				
01-Oct	Ladies 3's	Ladies 4's		
02-Oct				
08-Oct	Ladies 2's	Fireflies	Gondoliers	Ladies 4's
09-Oct				
15-Oct	Fireflies	Ladies 2's	Pilgrims	
16-Oct				
22-Oct	Ladies 4's	Ladies 2's	Mens 3's	Shadows
23-Oct				
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

Sunday 18th September

Cardiff & UWIC 2 – 0 Guildford 1s (Lovegrove 3 - F, Tomos 23 - PC)

Another EHL National Conference season underway and another trip to Sofia Gardens in Cardiff, this time to play newly promoted Cardiff & UWIC. With a decent pre-season and some new blood in the squad (a warm welcome to Alex Henderson, Ian Anderson and Mark Kinder), we felt confident that our game plan and slightly refined approach would be enough to overcome the home side. They were understandably well up for their first game after returning to the National League and with the support of the crowd, got stuck in from the start. This, combined with a rather lackluster start from the visitors, meant that Cardiff had the lion's share of possession and too many errors meant that Guildford were unable to build up any quality attacks or circle penetration.

Cardiff capitalized on an unusual error that left our defence out of position and exposed for the first goal. The second was the result of a mis-pushed short corner that somehow found its way to a Cardiff player to deflect ball past a wrong-footed Mace.

Cardiff then put eight men behind the ball making it extremely difficult for Guildford to break them down and create any real chances. They were put under severe pressure in the second half and defended admirably. However, it was down to our lack of quality and ideas that resulted in very few chances created and no goals scored. Improved basics and better application are required for next week, our first home game of the season.

Saturday 17th September

Guildford Men's 2's 1 - 1 Winchester 1's (Josh Tester)

The first of two games in a long day for Guildford 2s was against Winchester 1s on the sand base. The task was made tougher when what appeared to be two teams arrived to play with Winchester having 19 players to the home sides 11. A close, scrappy game ensued in which few chances were created. Guildford were originally stranded on the back foot but found their feet after ten minutes winning several penalty corners. Finally the deadlock was broken after Tim Darke called for a right slip on a penalty corner and a beautiful miss hit towards the goal left the goalkeeper stranded for Josh to slot home the opening goal of the day leaving the score at 1-0 to Guildford at half time. The difference in squad size started to show in the second half as

Guildford battled hard against a second team of players who had been rotating on and off all game. As pressure built from Winchester the battling hard Guildford team conceded a penalty corner one minute from time. A drag flick from “the Winchester Machine” left Hamish flapping his hands like a demented duck leaving it for Darke to produce the heroics on the line only for the ball to hit his stick and loop up and into the back of the goal. The goal left the score 1-1 in a close contested game.

Guildford Men’s 2’s 1 – 0 Bath 2’s (Tim Darke)

After a long break the Guildford team trudged onto the water base as the rain started to fall and Darke spectacularly failed to motivate the troops enough to do a warm up with nobody budging. Eventually the rain started to ease and the players emerged to face a strong Bath 2s who had just played Winchester. This was another closely contested contest between two very good sides. The first half brought chances for both sides with Ben Wilson firing high and wide in front of goal and the Bath centre forward failing to hit the target from point blank. Once again the deadlock was broken by a Guildford penalty corner. This time Darke actually hit a clean strike and hit the back board with extreme power or that is what he will tell you. The second half starter with Bath dominating from the off drawing mistakes from Guildford. Bath were not able to take advantage however as a dogged defence brought Guildford back into the game. With time running out Guildford started paying the price for having only one substitute as players began to cramp. A last push from bath was not enough to break down Guildford with Hamish rounding off a fine day in goal with a clean sheet leaving the score at 1-0 to Guildford. Guildford coach Guy Fordham was left ecstatic in a game which showed much promise for both teams in the season to come.

MoM – Ben Clarke

DoD – Tim Darke

Teddington 2nd/3rd XI 1-0 Guildford 3rd XI

Guildford 3rd XI 1-0 Surbiton 3rd XI

A blustery, sunny, early-Autumn day was the setting for a pre-season tournament for the Guildford 3rd XI this past weekend. In the week preceding, the team sheet likened a bare Autumn tree, leaveless, fruitless, playerless. As brown leaves fall from old trees at this time of year, so do players seemingly fall from the team sheet during the Summer months, a global expatriotism in fact. Excitingly therefore, and with trepidation, were we lucky to recruit several former members of the Shadows last minute as well as a few fresh faces. We appeared then late out of our summer hibernation, a team much changed from last years strong side but new recruits would prove themselves worthy, like fresh conkers battling on the playground of destiny, for the coming season over the course of the day.

Our first match was against a decent Teddington outfit, notable for the array of admittedly poor look-a-likes in their team - namely a John Walters of Stoke City fame, a fairly average Vin Diesel and an excellent Zayn form pop sensation One Direction. Split into two halves of 25 mins each

way Guildford moved the ball about with character, however unable to keep consistent pressure on an attacking Teddington who managed to get away several early chances. We were spirited in defense but lacked the fitness or the awareness to support our forward momentum into the opposition dee. In the end, the opposition chances counted after John Walters had already missed a sackful of chances and Teddington scored. It was to finish 1-0, a very respectable scoreline as there were certainly some bright patches for us as a new team. Like virgin conkers this loss had the sting of vinegar - soaking our egos - and under the pressure of an oven, we were toughened and ready for the next fight.

Our second match was against Surbiton 3s, and team with some reputation in the league above us. Having consolidated from the first outing, we looked at ease throughout the first half and despite having almost none of the possession, our defense was water tight (it rained very heavily between our matches ironically). New signings Rich Gale and Shadows recruits Deano, Tim and Steve, did us proud throughout as past 3rd XI stalwart Bungle returned after a two year absence in a blaze of angelic glory. It was another new signing, attacking veteran Kit Young who managed to burst clear like a gazelle to thread through to Rich, who slotted our first goal of the season. Deserved. Rhino, had the chance to score when Guildford were awarded a flick after he had been felled by the opposition having rounded the keeper, but sliced 5 yards wide. Deserved. Surbiton were to then squander countless chances throughout the rest of the match, unable to beat our heroic keeper and man of the match by far Andy Valner. Twas literally incredible. Saves coming out of his ears as Guildford held on to record a stunning victory.

So the conkers became the conkerers (conquerers - it works) in a historic victory, confidence is high among the squad. We are a oner now (you know like a conker that wins one match).

Guildford Men's Vets 8-0 Southampton Men's Vets I

Lenel (1), Sampson (a few), Wylie (1), Howells (1), Cook (1), possibly a couple of others, I'm not sure, if I've left you out then sorry...

Not much to report, really, other than THIS. (Hey, it may not last, but who cares – it's recorded forever, now).

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Wessex Division 1 2011/12



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		P	W	D	L	E	A	Diff	Pts	
■	1	Guildford Men's Vets	1	1	0	0	8	0	8	3
■	2	Oxford Hawks Men's Vets	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
■	3	Winchester Men's Vets I	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
■	4	Haslemere Men's Vets	1	1	0	0	5	3	2	3
□	5	Basingstoke Hockey Club Mens Vets	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
■	6	Havant Men's Vets I	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
■	7	Oxford Oxford Bulls	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
■	8	Salisbury Striders	1	0	0	1	3	5	-2	0
■	9	West Wilts Mens Vets	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
■	10	Bournemouth Men's Vets	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0
■	11	Chichester Priory Park Friars	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0
■	12	Southampton Men's Vets I	1	0	0	1	0	8	-8	0
■	13	Andover Men's Vets								0

* = points deducted/awarded

Saturday, September 10, 2011

Oxford Oxford Bulls	■	3 - 3	■	Havant Men's Vets I
Oxford Hawks Men's Vets	■	5 - 0	■	Chichester Priory Park Friars
Basingstoke Hockey Club Mens Vets	□	2 - 0	■	West Wilts Mens Vets
Bournemouth Men's Vets	■	0 - 5	■	Winchester Men's Vets I
Haslemere Men's Vets	■	5 - 3	■	Salisbury Striders
Guildford Men's Vets	■	8 - 0	■	Southampton Men's Vets I

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LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 10th September

Fireflies 0 – 2 Woking

Well here we are again, yet another summer has zipped past barely noticed. The first match of the season was against our old rivals Woking. This seemed to put of some of our usual squad so numbers were down, however, Alison B kindly agreed to stand in goal, and then turned out to be awesome! Woking were younger, keener and leaner, and had eleven players... but, although starting the match with ten we gave them a good run for their money. They managed to score once in each half, and the score line shows, we seemed unable to get the ball through their defence, though there seemed to be quite a lot of hitting it straight into them! It felt like a very

energetic game with Shevs, Rusty, Jacqui and Barbara doing some excellent running. Ali M looked like she had never been away, as did Sparky and Lesley put in some great tackles. Up front Helen, Mel and Kirsten pummeled Woking but just couldn't get the ball in the net.

A promising start to the season, and it is great to be able to welcome back to the ranks Sparky and Ali M.

A massive thanks to Jacqui and Helen making gallant dashes to Broadwater from other commitments, Rohanna for umpiring, and Genie for umpire support and crowd control!

I am sure we will go from strength to strength this season... bring it on!!!

COLTS' SECTION

No reports this week

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