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A draw on the road at Cheltenham maintains
Men's 1s unbeaten record.

Thanks to everyone for coming along to another
successful Race Night which raised over £1,100!

If you have a report or any other relevant article that you would
like to include, please email richard.julian@gmail.com

Current news:

Well done to Jade for organizing Race Night last Saturday. Thanks to everyone who came, was a great night! Thanks to Dave hall for the lovely food! Big thanks to all the sponsors: Adrian Jenkinson, Zizzi's Italian Guildford, Pizza Express Guildford, Toni & Guy, Headmasters, Majestic Wines, Jamie's Italian Guildford, The Albany and more!

£1,133 was raised for GHC.

FIXTURES

All of the Guildford Hockey Club fixtures are available through the following links:

MEN

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1st XI	Manager	Tony Hall	01483 768832	National West Conference	1st XI
	Coach	Ian Jennings	07802 886000		
2nd XI	Captain	Tim Darke		London League Prem	2nd XI
3rd XI	Captain	Tom Pollard		London League Div 2	3rd XI
Shadows	Captain	Steve Morris	07788 784143	Surrey Open Premier	Shadows XI
4th XI	Captain	James Perkin		Surrey Open Div 4	4th XI
Pilgrims	Captain	Mark Lenel		Wessex Masters	Men's Vets
Gondoliers	Captain	Andy Roberts	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	Men's SuperVets



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LADIES

Team	Captain/Email	Telephone	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Fiona Harley		1st XI
2nd XI	Tracy Henderson		2nd XI
3rd XI	Rosie Johnstone		3rd XI
4th XI	Beth Fantastic		4th XI
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... also see The Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League www.surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk

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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 29th September



Cheltenham 1 – 1 Guildford (D Marsh)

Last Sunday saw the 1st XI travel again to the West Country – this time Cheltenham, with the aim to further stretch their lead at the top of the table.

As they and many had learned before, it is a tricky place to get points but buoyed by their recent performances and cracking pre season, 'The Gs' tails were up going into the game.

The pace of the game was undeterred by the slower sand surface as it got off to a competitive start. Guildford showed the benefit of their meaty squad as they travelled with the full quota of 16. One noticeable absentee was James Ferguson (whom we wish a speedy recovery to) suffering an ankle injury in last week's game. On the other hand, the squad was boosted by the return of old captain and new Father, Pappa Rippon who made an impact in coming back into the starting eleven.

A balanced exchange of attacks ensued with Guildford finding more joy down the far right in the opening 15 minutes. This determined attacking spirit paid off when a Danny-Hall-esque reverse hit from new boy Craig Mullan zoomed its way to Billy Blockley at the top of the D where he did brilliantly to maintain control and draw a deliberate foul from the Cheltenham defender. Stroke.

Having earned his selection as first choice flick taker at training, Duncan Marsh showed his guile by sending the 'keeper the wrong way – the ball crashing into the bottom right corner.



Duncan
'nice
shoes'
Marsh in
action for
Guildford

Cheltenham responded. A flowing break down the left for Guildford was turned over in the home side's circle and with pace they broke down the right hand flank. The attempted cross was deflected by the covering Falconer only to change direction onto the goal line where it had between 'keeper Mason and the other returning defence. But not Beardy. With a gracious swan dive he managed to narrowly divert the ball past the post and save his side's blushes from a certain goal.

The rest of the first half saw Cheltenham gain advantage, winning several corners - only the cool head and expertise of Mason in goal standing in the way of an equaliser. At the other end a brilliant effort by J B Haynes saw his quick slap agonisingly graze the post as Guildford looked to extend their lead.

Eager to break the pattern, Guildford started the second half in an aggressive fashion and were unfortunate to capitalise in a 15 minute period where they were dominant in possession. A debatable yellow card for hard man Harman saw a reversal of dominance as Cheltenham time and time again gained ground with inventive leads from their forwards. They came close on a few occasions and got their equaliser 7 minutes from the end when a well worked corner was deflected into the Guildford goal.

Despite this, it was Guildford seemed the more likely to score and were unlucky in their dogged attempts in the closing minutes.

The game finished 1 – 1. Disappointed was the flavour post-match and it was evident that some felt a draw was a fortuitous result. Next week sees a home game against Fareham which should prove to be a tantalising contest.

Guildford 2's 3 - 1 St Albans 2's

Is there anything more shameful in the world of art than the blatant plagiarism of someone's work? Passing off another's achievements as your own is surely the most heinous of crimes. And it doesn't just happen under the banner of art; Saturday afternoon proved the sporting world can suffer its fair share of this 'disease' as well. Naming people would not be in the spirit of this team, however Dean Record took matters into his own hand by stealing his captain's wonder goal shortly before half time to give Guildford an unassailable 2-1 lead and extend their unbeaten run to 7 matches in all competitions.

With a distinct lack of leadership following Darky's island getaway the lads needed to step up to the plate and show that those extra sprints at training were paying off. This happened almost immediately after some good work by the aforementioned Deano, in the left channel of the D he somehow found a pass across the face of goal which was turned in by a quick spin and shot from Mark 'chest hair' Williams, he is deadly from 2 foot. 1-0 after 3 minutes played.

St Albans hit back 5 minutes later with their tree trunk of a centre forward who fancied himself a bit too much scoring a drag flick after some indecision at the back, 1-1. Guildford were aware of the threat short corners would pose and marshalled by Sloppy and Chris decided to defend 10 yards higher up the pitch.

The game then settled into a tightly contested ding dong battle of attrition, the Guildford combination of Juddy, Jo and Alan holding their own in the melting pot that was the midfield with the assistance of debutant JK Rowling and Matt the Younger helping out when fitness became an issue.

The game turned though on the stand in captain's goal just before half time giving Guildford much needed emphasis to take into the break. A powerful drive and shot that beat the impressive St Albans keeper inside his far post, Deano claimed it, St Albans stunned, Guildford in the ascendency. 2-1.

What we needed now was some inspiration from the team talk, this came in the form of a literal battle cry from DR Gale, Jose Maria Olazabal would have been proud and the team responded. The second half was a lively affair and the experimental squarials?! of HD and Clarky did nothing to settle the game down especially with HD's inability to control even the most tame of passes. The St Albans keeper made further saves from Nat and Juddy went close from the top of the circle, Guildford needed to find the killer blow.

It came from Deano who after waltzing into the circle from a short corner placed a flick into the side netting courtesy of a deflection. 3-1, points as good as won. Other notable mentions must go to Greg in goal for chatting to his dog on the side-line during the second half, HD for taking one on the shin from the big fella who was subsequently yellow carded and Sloppy who played with a hole in his knee. Also Clarky has all but confirmed his attendance on a social; this truly has been the simmer that keeps on giving!

Overall, a good performance where Guildford dug in when it was needed and played some great stuff throughout creating plenty of chances. Well played lads.

Guildford Men's 4XI 0 - 2 Camberley and Farnborough Men's 2XI

The team assembled at the weekend to kick start their season with a mixture of old and new faces. It also saw the return of Chris and Will, back to strengthen our side. And our new fearless leader Jim, who was so delighted and honoured to have the captaincy of our great team this year. The warm up commenced as always with us just hitting the ball at Greg in goal. Where Charlie S proceeded to blast two lovely drag flicks at the short corner practice. Guildford armed with this secret weapon went into the start of the game with our heads held high.

The game started well till roughly 4 minutes into the game a mistimed (rugby)tackle by Charlie H, lead to Jim having to snitch on him to the opposing teams umpire and the first green card of the season was issued. The rest of the 1st 20 mins went on with another yellow issued to the opposing team. Guildford fuelled by this played some great hockey, with Charlie S and Will linking up well in the middle. However despite this we were unable to capitalise on this. Camberley and Farnborough back to full strength then proceeded to come back at us scoring two goals in quick succession. Then just before half time another player from Camberley and Farnborough was sent of again, for back chat to the umpire (the fearsome Rohanna- clearly don't where she gets it from!!)

Halftime came and after brilliantly inspirational half time talk from Captain Jim the 4XI came out fighting. Again brilliant play, passes flying around, Jan managed a break just after half time and was rewarded by being flattened by the opposing keeper and his shot just going wide. Shortly later on Charlie S received his first green card of the season.

Guildford staying composed with some great work from the defence of Stuart, Paul, Jean and Jim.

Greg made some spectacular saves much to the opposition strikers anger and frustration, as apparently a knee to the head hurts, especially if it happens 3 times!

Guildford ended the game with a 2 nil defeat but encouraging performances from all who played. Just keep an eye out for those pesky emails trying to get you to play at Barnes this year.

MoM: Greg

DoD: Charlie S

Actual DoD: Charlie H

Guildford Men's Vets (Last Minute Billies) 6 – 1 Havant Men's Vets II (*Morris x 2, Fergusson, Rees, Lenel x 2*)

On the basis of this latest fixture I have decided to rename the Pilgrims to 'The Last Minute Billys'. Everything about it was absolutely fine, just much later than it needed to be.

We were late getting a team together. Desperation struck early in the week when we had no more than 7 confirmed players, and as the week rolled on all the 'possible-maybes' developed good reasons why they couldn't attend. Favours were called in, requests were sent out, calls were made to other teams, to contacts at other clubs, to old players, even to those ex-Pilgrims who had categorically denied they'd be lofting a stick this season. Was it something about the fact it was a mere cup match that inspired people to ignore the fixture? Or just a very unfortunately set of coincidences that out of 26 squad members we couldn't raise a team? Eventually, however, the odd player dribbled in from here and there and by Thursday night we had just enough to field a team.

We were late starting the game, as player after player found themselves locked in the queue for the Isle of Wight ferry, slowly wending its way through the suburbs of Portsmouth. The start time came and went, and still no sign of about 4 players and our umpire. Eventually, however, we got underway with just 10 players. Russell Alexander was particularly late as he discovered that PO12 (Gosport) is a good 40 minutes' drive from PO1 2 (Portsmouth). That'll learn you let your kid program your satnav.

We were late getting up to speed with the game. Despite some fantastic passing and possession in the early stages, a direct lob from their sidelines (new season's rules, Morris) to their forward line wasn't cleaned up by the likes of Woodsie et al, and this allowed their attacker a direct one-on-one against Adrian. Unfortunately for him, whilst bearing down on the attacker, the sticky pitch caught Adrian's foot, he went down with a twisted knee and the goal was scored. We were 1-nil down, and concern immediately turned to whether or not our goalie could continue. Thankfully, a very experienced sports injury clinician was on hand to (self-)diagnose the injury and he carried on, albeit with a bit of a limp. Furthermore our solid defence kept the action away from him for the rest of the game.

We were late getting on the scoreboard, but soon after the early mishaps of the game a lovely tonk by Rees from the top of the D netted our equaliser. The lead was then taken by a solid short-corner strike by Morris. Two additional goals came courtesy of link-ups between Morris (penalty corner) and Fergusson (open play), and Skipper Lenel cleaned up two more assists from Fergusson & Gilliver.

On the whole a nice result for us, after last week's disappointment. Havant Men's Vets II were one of the more friendly teams we've had the opportunity to play; they were gracious in defeat and

hospitable back at their clubhouse. I'm not sure their 1st vets team are going to be so forgiving in a couple of weeks' time, mind...

Gondoliers 5 - 0 Winchester

Scorers: Niall 2, Rudi 2, Tim

Well here we go again, the new season is with us. Gondoliers are late again, what's new.

We gather at the pitch side, highly expectant that our team mates will arrive. It is a new season, we cannot surely be carrying on like last year. No, we have only nine outfield players.

In steps the man of the moment, yet again. Dave Hall will help us out. Great we have a team.

Hold that thought. Where is the goalie? What goalie says Skips? Our goalie? We don't have one. Here beginneth the bargain hunt. The 'Other Greg', from 4XI, steps in to breach the gap.

It is a slow start from both sides, first game, you know. Winchester mount several attacks with numbers but the GHC defence just holds fast. The Midfield begin to pass to our own players and we have a competitive game underway.

A goalmouth melee and Tim punts one in from short range. GHC one up. Gondos are now taking control of the game and by half-time the score is 3-0.

Team talk is simple, supportive and encouraging. This could be a bad omen!

On the pitch we go. Where's the goalie? Sorry could only do half a match. Another player? No luck, shortage of elder men at club. At least Dave H is willing to stay with us.

GHC marshals its defence and we play with 10 and no keeper for the second half. The superior fitness and efficient usage of the pass is paying high dividends for Gondos as Winchester cannot penetrate the defence and attacks are frequent and close at the other end. Then up steps Blatcher, he has looked like he could not run a further step since the first two minutes, receives a loose ball in the circle and it flies past the goalkeepers head with the merest of back lifts on his stick.

The oppo do not seem to be able to string enough passes together to trouble Guildford before Rudi steps up to spectacularly slip another ball past the keeper.

It is the last minute of the game, there has been no shot on goal from Winchester throughout the half, that is until your Correspondent maliciously hooks his opponent's stick and the Umpire gives a stroke. The erstwhile Carnage steps up to the line to defend the reputation of his teammate and Winchester have their first shot on goal and he saves it. Magic.

The score reflected GHCs control of the game but also demonstrated that some bite was back in the attack, sorely missed last season. Thanks to Dave and Greg for helping out. Did he have to stop a shot? Can't remember one, but he passed the ball better than us

Man of the match: Must be Carnage for his selfless use of the subtle wrist throughout the game,

much to the benefit of his wrinkled playmates.

Late breaking news: In the bar, beers well drunk, food well downed and, at 3.15pm, A Gordon appears in our midst. He apologises profusely for being late for the 3pm pushback, pity the game started at 12.30pm

Saturday 22nd September

Guildford 2s 3 – 1 Wimbledon 3s

The start of a new season. The 2s new campaign began against Wimbledon 3s with a win the main objective. The location of battle, Wimbledon, for a 12pm push back. Push back, and no Big Face beginning the start of something quite special. Guildford, with a number of debutants (nearly all of them called Matt!), started strongly with good attacking intent. Even with the high Wimbledon press a goal came early on to relieve any tension felt in the Guildford camp with Tommy Norman netting his standard goal after some beautiful play from the flare defenders, Average Joe and the selflessness of Mark Williams. Play resumed and still no Big Face. The first half continued to be dominated by Guildford with Alan controlling play in the centre. The end of the first half was a different story with Wimbledon throwing everything at a resilient Guildford defence with the first injury occurring to debutant Matt (Sloppy) who got a small cut and had to go off, man up Matt. The first half ended with Guildford still 1-0 to the good and still no Big Face.

The second half began with everyone convinced Big Face would not turn up as he would have certainly tied up DOD and having had yet another positive team talk from Darkie. The half began as the first half had ended with Greg making some vital saves in goal. But Guildford soaked up the pressure and with 20 minutes to go a welcome sight was spotted and heard from a long way off. Big Face had arrived. DOD had been secured to the delight of Deano. A yellow card for Wimbledon proved to be the deciding factor in the match with the score at 1-0 still. Despite neither side scoring during the sin bin period Guildford controlled most of the possession with far more composure being shown. The running forced up the Wimbledon team started to show with Dean scoring two goals in quick succession all but securing the 3 points to kick start the promotion campaign. The only blemish on the game came just before full time with Guildford conceding a soft goal from a short error strung period to the annoyance of Greg who had been superb all match and was looking for a first clean sheet of the season. Final score 3-1, just so you know Big Face. A good day to start the season was culminated in the humiliation of Big Face in the club house for being so late securing the first and undoubtedly not his last DOD of the season and Alan actually getting a tea following last year's embarrassment of sharing one with Guy.

MOM – Ben Clarke

DOD – Paul Lavis (AKA Big Face)

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 29th September

FIREFLIES 3 - 2 BURNHAM LADIES

Fireflies took to the pitch with 8 players - no goalie! Burnham 9 players plus goalie. Nice gentle start with a lot of space however Burnham capitalise on the lack of goalie and scored early in the first half. However supreme defending by Fireflies especially Renee (returning to GHC after a break to have children), helped keep the oppositions score to a minimum. Come the second half Shevs had to leave (we were down to 7) - the 4s came to our rescue having completed their match on the sand they made our numbers up to 11 (the pitch seemed somewhat crowded). Burnham scored again however we raised our game and after 6 possibly 7 attempts Kirsten scored along with Emma Kellett and to finish a lovely goal from Maggs Kyte. Enjoyable game and I must mention Pat from Burnham Ladies in her 73rd year and playing in defence for Burnham she was exceptional!!! Many thanks to Guildford Ladies 4s for their assistance".

COLTS' SECTION

Sunday 23rd September

Guildford Girls Under 14 vs Camberley

As is usual with Hockey matches, a day of torrential rain and cold winds welcomed us to Camberley. The Guildford Girls went out with a really positive attitude. The team attacked down the right and in quick succession two goals were scored by Sinead with great feeds from the mid-field which put Camberley on the back foot.

Our defence put in a great effort and held off a determined opposition with both solid performances from Georgina in her debut for the U14s and Charlotte, keeping the defence well structured. However, Camberley's persistence paid off with two goals before half time leaving us all square.

After a solid team talk by Sparky the girls went out with energy and by this time the cold and wet was challenging. Bea, also on her debut, made many foraging runs up the left side and from an attempt at goal, a goal came as Camberley's goalie lost sight of the ball and kicked it in. This was quickly followed by a goal from Alex, the quick running of Lucy down the wing with a great pass meant that the fifth goal came off a reverse stick of Becca D to take us 5-2 up. The midfield were beginning to be stretched but Maria, Bea and Grace, on her debut, kept up the pace and made it difficult for Camberley to break through. But the rain really took the strength out of the girls and Camberley then came back with renewed vigour and very quickly put two in the net surprising our team, you could tell at this point that Camberley really wanted the win and our defence had to work extremely hard to hold off an equalizer.

Special mentions have to be made for Georgina Ewer, Bea Allen and Grace King, who have joined the U14 squad this year, and how their efforts really contributed to the overall score. The final whistle came and Guildford had won 5-4. Without our defence girls of Becca T, Kezia and the goalie skills of Sophia the score would have been slightly different. A fantastic result in appalling conditions.

Jules

U14G's Manager

U12 Boys kick off the season by Hosting Horsham and Reading in the Rain

Well done to all 36 boys who played in the pouring rain on Sunday 23rd September. We had five Guildford teams, 3 from Horsham and 2 from Reading split into two pools. Now that the results papers have finally dried out, we can see how well our boys did in their matches (3 points for a win, 1 for a draw).

Pitch 1

Guildford Gorillas – 12 points, GD + 11 (won all of their matches)

Guildford Gibbons – 7 points, GD + 5 (lost only to Gorillas)

Guildford Grizzlys – 6 points, GD + 1 (lost only to Gorillas and Gibbons)

Reading Robins – 3 points, GD -6

Horsham Hammerheads – 1 point, GD -9

Pitch 2

Guildford Goeldis – 8 points, GD + 10 (undefeated)

Reading Ravens – 8 points, GD + 5 (undefeated)

Guildford Galigos – 8 points, GD + 3 (undefeated)

Horsham Hippos – 3 points

Horsham Hornets – 0 points

Three Guildford teams were undefeated and any Guildford losses came only at the hands of our own teams. Ability levels were mixed in the Guildford teams and this shows how much depth our group of boys can achieve. For some boys, it was their first match play – they did well, learned a lot, and had fun. The sopping wet conditions meant that a retreat to the clubhouse was taken in lieu of the play-off stages.

A huge thanks to our coaches, Gary, Mike, James, Martin and Will and to our waterproof and tireless umpires Hamish and Genie! Thank you also to all of you parents who brought their boys and enjoyed the very wet conditions.

Melinda





Singin' in the Rain

U12 Boys Follow-up Season Opener with Four Teams playing in Two Events on 30 September

TWO TEAMS AWAY AT HORSHAM...

On Sunday Sept 30, Guildford U12 Boys fielded two strong teams at the Horsham Hockey Club's County Festival. We played against sides including Horsham (3 teams), East Grinstead (2 teams) and Lewes (1 team).

Both Guildford teams played solid hockey, and ended up joint third. GHC1 played a total of 5 matches, winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1. The upfront foursome – Elliot S, Harry J, Bart B and Jasper W - evolved into a slick passing and scoring machine, with Elliot scoring a hat trick in the final qualifying game. Our midfielders, Alex B and Tom H, moved the ball well in transition, and our backline of Zac and Danyaal swept everything away. Jack J was a stalwart in goal (particularly given that he was expecting a lie-in on Sunday morning - or at least his dad was!).

GHC 2 also played 5 matches, winning 2, drawing 2 and losing 1. Again we showed great flair upfront, with Callum G, Tom F and Hamish L all buzzing around the opposition's D and sharing the goal scoring load (including a great 4-0 win in the last game). Ollie S and Freddie L dominated the midfield, with great stickhandling and distribution, while Tom R was an unsung hero - nobody got past him. Our defence was rock solid: Toby A and Harvey S were excellent at the back - and they had to be, 'cause we had no keeper!

Well done boys - on our way to a fun season!

Thanks to all the parents who, as ever, gave great support. And also thanks to the weather gods for no rain - most of our rain jackets were still drying off from the previous Sunday.

Pete



The boys who played in Horsham

UNDEFEATED IN WOKING...

v Fleet & Ewshott (1 – 0 WIN)

Guildford A's first game against Fleet and Ewshott was very close. After a scrappy start the G's started to pass the ball and looked the better team. After several good saves by the Fleet goalie and some sloppy finishing the team finished off with a great team goal. The team's game improved throughout and just on the whistle some great passing produced the winning goal. Will A-B passed to Harry R, who passed square to Will S and finally to Henry M who scored. A great finish.

v Woking A (1 – 0 WIN)

The second game against Woking A was again close but Guildford kept the pressure on the goal and eventually Harry R secured a 1-0 win with a great pass from Will S. Once the team started passing the ball from the back early they looked the better team and some solid defence from the whole team kept Woking at bay.

v Woking B (0-0 DRAW)

The third game against Woking B ended in a 0-0 draw despite several attempts on goal. In the first half of the game we had more of the possession but could not capitalize on the domination. In the second part of the game Woking responded well and Jake W made two fantastic saves to keep us in the game.

v Richmond A (1-0 WIN)

The final game against Richmond saw the team respond well from the disappointment of a scrappy draw against Woking. The team kept the pressure on the opposition with keeping the ball in possession and passing wide and early. Despite some tired legs the whole team defended robustly and then managed to give Harry R the chance to score towards the end. Solid defence from the back 3 of Freddie L, Harry G and Oliver G managed to keep Richmond from scoring.

In brief, a great effort from the whole squad with a wide range of hockey experience.

Thanks to James, Andrew and Gary for managing the teams and refereeing.

Justine (and James)

U10 Girls have their first matches at Horsham 30 September

It was a great turn out for the Under 10 girls many of whom were playing in their first match ever. Guildford had two teams and both played fantastically well, especially considering that many of them are new to hockey this year. Both teams played 6 matches: Guildford Sharks drew 3 and lost 3; and Guildford Nemos drew 1 and lost 5. Although neither teams won any of their matches, they conceded few goals and did this without any goalies (all the other teams had goalies). Well done to everyone!

Kathryn

U10 Boys also start off the season in Horsham

The boys also had their first fixture of the season with 14 boys playing against teams from East Grinstead, Horsham, Lewes and Middlesex. A great way to improve on the skills they are learning in their Friday evening sessions. The skills and teamwork will continue to build on these matches – a great time was had by all.

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