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Mens 1s score 5 against Bourneville to
secure first season win

Ladies 1s lose narrowly 1-2 to Epsom

Current news:

Take a look at the new website at www.guildfordhc.com. It is still being worked on so please bear with it. Check with your captain to ensure your details are present and correct on the new system.

Charity Ball in aid of First Touch, Friday 2nd December

A great event for a great cause. Contact [Dave Hall](#) for details or visit www.zachandaudrey.info

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	David Cull	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	Sarah Kilfeather	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
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			
12-Nov	Ladies 1's	Ladies 4's	Ladies 2's	Gondoliers	
13-Nov					
19-Nov		Mens 1's	Ladies 1's	Mens 2's	Mens 4's
20-Nov					
26-Nov		Shadows	Mens 3's	Pilgrims	
27-Nov					

Sand based pitch

2011	S1	S2	S3	S4
	11.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 14.00	14.00 - 15.30	15.30 - 17.00
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				
12-Nov		Mens 3's	Shadows	
13-Nov				
19-Nov	Ladies 2's	Ladies 3's	Fireflies	Pilgrims
20-Nov				
26-Nov		Ladies 4's	Gondoliers	
27-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

Saturday 1st October

Bourneville 1 – 5 Guildford

(D Marsh 3, Haynes 2)

28 degrees in October? We travelled up to Birmingham to play Bourneville watching along the way with some trepidation as the mercury rose almost to 30 degrees! Despite these environmental factors and a couple of injuries to players, we were still confident that our squad fitness levels would see us through and be able to take the game to the home team.

After some team application of sun cream (double layers for Ali and Snowy), we started strongly and put the Bourneville defence under real pressure. This paid off immediately with the ball breaking to Duncan Marsh who flicked past the keeper after just 3 minutes. Our perfect start was negated 2 minutes later by a Bourneville goal. Fortunately we didn't let this



stop us playing to our game plan and we were able to exploit the space left behind a very high defensive line. Both Duncan and Jonny struggled to beat the keeper one on one but then Jonny finally cracked it by making the angle almost impossible and finding the goal. 2-1 at half time and the only danger in this game was our lack of numbers causing us to fade in the heat.

This turned out to be not such an issue as the home side suffered the same fate and the game began to open up. Our forwards caused some real problems for their defence that should have been shown yellow on several occasions had it not been for some idiosyncratic umpiring.

We were able to convert some chances though and Duncan achieved a well-deserved hat trick and Jonny Haynes a brace. Well done to them. The final two goals were real highlights, coming from pressure situations in our defensive D that were worked quickly through the midfield to our forwards who made the most of the space and created Barcelona style tap ins. A great result in the end against a side that are struggling in this league. The real test will be to see if we can make the same trip back to Birmingham next week and get a result against Birmingham University – a much trickier task that will mean that injuries or not, we will all be required to bring our A game.



Guildford Men's 2's 2 - 3 Hampstead & Westminster 2's

(Josh Tester, James Wilder)

The match got underway with the temperature being in the high 20s taking affect of both sides from the start. The game was set to be a close battle of endurance and fitness under the extreme conditions. However Guildford rose to this and where highly motivated coming off last weeks score line and as a result of this, and some great play from the forwards and the midfield, Guildford took an early lead. The home team kept up the pressure on the Hampstead back four; cutting out the through balls and closing down their players, all aspects that have been worked on in the weeks training and showed through on the pitch. As a result of this the Guildford team where rewarded with another goal from a stunning through ball and a deflection from the PF spot, taking the score to 2-0. Hampstead fought hard after this and despite their best efforts couldn't put pressure on the Guildford back four and as a consequence of this the score at half time remained 2-0.

After a motivational team talk, the Guildford boys came into the second half still reeling from the early two goals. Hampstead were quick to react to this and within the first four minutes of the second half turned the score board to 2-1 after a two on one on the keeper. Guildford had to work hard from this point in to stay in the game with some hockey and fitness being demonstrated by players such a Josh in the midfield to Ben at Left back.

Unfortunately the Hampstead forwards won a short corner and as a result of a miss struck ball left the score at 2-2. Guildford were still in the game and still had a chance to come away with a win. However, the harsh weather conditions and a few simple mistakes gave Hampstead a controversial third goal (with the third party obstruction on the keeper not being seen by the umpires) leaving the score with five minutes to go at 3-2 to Hampstead. The whole Guildford team fought hard to try and get an outcome from their multiple circle penetrations. However, this did not result in an equalizing goal and after an outstanding last four minutes of play the game ended with Hampstead retaining their lead at 2-3.

MoM – Hamish (GK) (again!!)

DoD – Tim Darke (Captain) (again!!)

London Academicals 2 – 1 Guildford Shadows

Following on from 11 consecutive competitive victories, it was a confident Shadows side that took to the field on what was the hottest day on record for October.

Where sun cream, surf boards and semi naked ladies were more the order of the day, it was shin guards, hockey sticks and 24 sweaty men slowly meandering around a pitch that had as much life about it as a spotty teenager halfway through an epic Warcraft session.

Needless to say the sweltering heat and unrelenting sunlight meant there was no place on the pitch for a Shadow with the first half as forgettable as England's performance against Scotland. Chances were few and far between meaning that the sides went into half time 0 – 0.

A rousing team talk from the returning Stumble, DJ and the skipper sent the team out with renewed spirits but with an error-strewn performance by the Shadows, the Academicals managed to scrape in a scrappy goal. A few minutes later, Lady Luck was not smiling on the Shadows again as a shot heading well wide of the goal, was unkindly deflected off a Shadows stick into the goal.

2 – 0 down, it seemed an outside chance to salvage a draw, but with another experienced returning GHC member, Capt. Nick, having a never say die attitude, chasing down a lost cause on the wing, driving down into the corner and then into the D, finishing with aplomb it was game on. Unfortunately, with the Shadows back on form and pressing, the sustained challenge could only last for the remaining 8 minutes and despite camping in the opponents D, the Shadows were not able to convert any of their short corners. This includes the shorties given as the FT whistle was blown, resulting in one further short corner. For some reason the LA3's ump failed to remember that play doesn't stop until the ball has gone past the 25-line. Still, a scorched Shadows side were duly defeated.

MOM – Nick, for a camel like ability to ignore the heat and scoring on his debut.

DOD – Sam M, for realising on the day that his stick was lost/stolen at training and having to play the match with a broken spare stick.

Guildford 4s 1 - 3 Old Kinstonians 2s

On a day when many were grabbing their trunks and heading to the beaches, the GHC 4's strolled out on the water-based to do battle with the Old Kingstonians. Some of them were certainly very old, but not old enough and not yet eligible to play for the Pilgrims (Moody). We had 14 for the challenge including some cameo appearances from Will aka 'Will Smith' (a long way from Bel Air) and Hugo (happily no relation to the Scottish Hugo Southwell after the morning's lucky strike from Chris Ashton). Credit goes to Mike Hope for actually turning up at all whilst dealing with his disappointment from the rugby and a small amount of ribbing J

Regardless of the 30 degrees heat, clearly we have no women amongst us and sun cream was ignored. We did however on DC's advice, all come prepared with lots of H2O. That is aside from the drenching we all enjoyed for once as the pitch was prepared for our battle royal.

Anyways, the game started and we had the sun behind us – surely this was a cunning plan to tire them out. There were a few exchanges at either end plus some promising link up play with Robin and Will sharing a 'Kaka' role up front with Mr Hall. Despite the sun, work rate was high and the midfield especially were keen to take responsibility. Moody and Alex were prowling everywhere, Ben, Hugo and Rob were going up/ down the pitch like a yo yo, Chris was resolutely picking breaking up attacks from the top of the D filling in for the soon to be 'JF Pivot role' and Jim was working on his tan at the back.

One goal down from Old Kingstonian's and we pulled in at half time. The game was probably a fair reflection at that point but anybody's for the 2nd half. We knew they would try to hit us on

the break and were confident in attack.. The challenge of course was the heat and we probably suffered a little from keeping our heads down too long and not running into space to receive the ball. The same could be said for Kingstonians to an extent but we know that dribbling through everyone from the half way is not the answer in a team sport (even if you are Kaka, coming to Spurs in the next transfer window) and have something to work on for our next game.

Two more goals were conceded to cover up what had actually been a very engaging contest before we had a final short and invited the whole team to get a consolation. It's worth mentioning a towering performance from Jim and constant hard work from our back 5 really did provide the team with back bone- well done to all for 70 mins of solid work. With the pressure as high as the barometer, Moody received the ball at a shortie and cracked a sidewinder into the backboard to scupper their goalie's clean sheet. Who are they to think we wouldn't score on our home turf? With an average of two goals scored a game so far, a big team work ethic and a good overall squad with a solid number of regulars, we have every reason to be optimistic for the season and put our first few games down to a learning exercise. Let's have high availability for the next game against Spencer, put in a big performance all around the park and get 3 points. Looking forward to it.

Man of the Match: Jimbo
Dick of the Day : Ollie L

Guildford Men's Vets 3 – 5 Havant Men's Vets I

Guildford Pilgrims Fail To Emulate England's World Cup Rugby Comeback Victory

My God, it was hot. The sun was beating down relentlessly. It was pushing 30 degrees in the shade (that's more than 80 degrees fahrenheit for you old fahrenheits). Even hotter out in the sun. A haze of heat flickering in the distance. No cooling breeze to dry the sweat from your brow. Any movement was hindered by the sludge of humidity hanging thickly in the air.

John Asdell rolled over on his sun lounger to expose yet another pasty-white hemisphere to the Mediterranean sun, took a sip from the pina colada recently delivered to him by the Spanish waiter and addressed his wife.

"Darling. Love. Sweetheart. I realise it's only 6 weeks into our 3 year package deal, but, well, I'm needed back at home. The boys need me. The team needs me. Nick Winn is struggling to get 11 players plus an umpire and it's a home match and it's only the first half of the season. I'm sorry. I have to leave you. I can't stay. I have to go."

Mere hours later, John was to be seen staggering around the right-back zone regretting his decision. Havant travelled well, and despite having no substitutes, their team was made up of two excellent midfielders and nine other spectators. This duo ripped us to shreds, muscled their way through all the defences we could muster, and slotted 5 goals past us before we could even draw breath.

Half time and we were left with little inspiration for how to handle the opposition. Regardless, with true Pilgrim's grit, spirit and determination, and with just 10 minutes left on the clock, we

started to find our way through little-by-little. Perhaps it was the altitude training / pre-season fitness regime that was finally giving in to real match fitness – who knows – but with the help of two new, supporting faces in the team (Tom Carney and James Turner) short corners were won, goals were scored, and by close of play we had redeemed ourselves with losing by just 2 goals.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 24th September

Guildford Ladies 3's 1 - 2 Sunbury & Walton Hawks 2's

Roz's tasteful music got the 3s in the mood and we started the warmest match in history with a determined attitude. We were all over them and managed to let the ball do the work. Good through balls from Jane, Sarah and Helen in defence which forwards Karen, Vicky, George and Rohanna kept testing the oppos keeper with. The midfield formation and support was very good; Helena and Abi - how do you continue to run so much in the heat - very impressed. The oppo had a lucky break and got past with enough space to get in the D and store (a good goal as well it has to be said). This was unlucky and sadly not a reflection of our dominance. We kept our heads high and kept the offence pushing down the right. A few more chances but no cigar. The free hits were taken quickly to our advantage most of the time. Roz managed to take the ball 20m with the player not retreating 5m - a classic move with the new rule! Again though Sunbury got past us and beat us in the D - unfortunate but we were not giving up. At half time we recognised our strengths and areas of improvement and started with a new fire in our bellies. The competition was on and we were hungry for the goal. A free hit outside the 25 taken by Roz into Kat on the run, who slipped past their defender and bang on the backboard - good goal Kat - voted our 'wo-man of the match'! We were back in the game and on the score board. Overall we played very well but just couldn't pull another goal out of the bag.

The final and very hot store was 2-1 to the opposition. But we all enjoyed it. Those without shower kit took advantage of the men's half time pitch watering session - resulting in 'thanks 4 coming' Roz for her white sports bar under the water guns - clever! Well done team - too many names to mention - you all had a great match. See you all at training.

COLTS' SECTION

No reports

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