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Mens 1s lose to Birmingham Uni

Ladies 1s beat local rivals Woking 3-0

Current news:

Raffle Tickets

Please return all stubs either to your captain or to the raffle box behind the bar. Spare tickets for sale are also available behind the bar. Please put any monies and stubs INTO AN ENVELOPE (also available behind the bar).

Any queries please contact [Tom Carney](#)

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 Dinner & Dance 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	Sarah Kilfeather & Rozzie Allen	07895 806832	3rd XI
4th XI	Katy Lee	07725 265498	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
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
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 8th October

Birmingham University 2 – 0 Guildford

After a good win in Birmingham last weekend, we were keen to repeat the performance and the result. IN quite a strange game, we felt we actually improved on last week's performance but the result did not show this.

Birmingham University played a very negative and defensive game, with every player behind the ball when we had the ball and a tactic of chucking huge aerials from the 16 yard hits. This made them difficult to break down but we did have most of the possession and created some good chances. Unfortunately we were unable to convert them, despite being awarded a penalty in the second half and having several other very good chances to score.

The students also struggled to break down our defence, with Kieran Henn and Ali Falconer proving to be a formidable partnership at centre back. However, they did have a decent short corner routine and were able to score from two.



Kieran (not Martin) Henn in action

This proved to be the difference between the two sides and both keepers had great games to keep the scores to a minimum. Hamish, making his national league debut, had an exemplary game and made some great saves throughout the game.

So a disappointing result but a pretty good performance and on another day we felt we could have scored several goals and won the game. Our performances have been improving as a squad, which bodes well for Whitchurch at home next weekend, the only unbeaten team in our league.

Southgate 2s 5-1 Guildford 2s (Sandy)

After last week's narrow defeat to a strong Hampstead & Westminster team, we arrived at Southgate HC full of confidence...or at least, seven of us did – the remaining 5 were nowhere to be seen. Wilder, Face and Alan had decided, under the expert navigation of Mr Tester to go to St Albans instead - why it took until they reached St Albans high street for such league veterans as Williams and Lavis to identify their colossal mistake nobody knows! Surely looking up the wrong postcode had Josh down as a shoe-in for DOD?!

Elsewhere, running even later than the Wildermobile, Sandman was 'witnessing an accident'; an accident he had surprisingly little recollection of when he did eventually turn up...maybe Josh hadn't sealed it just yet...

Meanwhile, stand-in GK, Greg Lewis, was putting forward his own special case - attempting to throw an apple core through the open window of the car, hitting the window frame and watching it rebound into the coaches lap!

Anyway, with about 20 minutes to push back we had finally managed to congregate everyone at the same (correct) pitch.

After a fairly shoddy warm up, we actually started the game fairly brightly, pushing the ball around the back and releasing Woody and Wilder down the wings. Unfortunately we had an irritating habit of turning the ball over in the middle of the park and one such occasion (plaudits to Josh and another reason to swing the DOD vote his way) led to a quick attack from Southgate and a calmly deflected finish past a hapless Lewis.

It remained 1-0 until half time. Guildford were still right in the game, but with the departure of Woody to school commitments, we were down to just 11 for the second half. As with last week, our levels dropped off after half time and Southgate punished us scoring 4 more goals. With 5 minutes to go, a good move down the right involving Graham, Burder and Face set up Sandman for a tap in at the back post - little more than a consolation but a sign of what was possible had we applied ourselves correctly throughout the game.

And so to the DOD formalities, Josh,...surely...? But no, from nowhere came the challenge of the biggest "head" in the game...it transpired that Fathead had been looking up filth on Tash's iPad during the morning - that was it, he had somehow stolen DOD from under Josh's nose.

And so on to a double header this weekend...an exciting league fixture against a useful Wimbledon side on Saturday, followed by the next round of the Surrey Cup against Addiscombe on Sunday. Let's get switched on and come away with two wins to kick-start our season...

MOM: Burder

DOD: Face (Disgracefully pornographic tendencies...)

Guildford 4s 1 - 9 Spencer Hurricanes

The day had started well with France finally showing some good attacking skills in the rugby world cup. Unfortunately, this did not carry onto the hockey pitch. We arrived with only 11 and no umpire (costly error) and some of the regulars in the team absent...

We started very slowly and before we knew it, we were 3-0 down, partly due to a totally inept umpire who blew at the opposition's request. A brief glimpse of hope came when one of their backs passed straight to our centre forward, in front of goal, for a quick score. This did lift our spirits for a while, as we seemed to be able to hold Spencer off for the rest of the half (and actually played some good hockey!).

But it all fell apart in the second half. Lacking belief and direction, we let the opposition score two quick goals and left ourselves little hope for a fight back. (apart from Jimbo, who's bromance with his opposite number, "Beast", seemed to get a little physical). Dave Cull's legendary cool showed as he was offered to umpire by one of the opposition's enforcers. By this point, we were starting to lose count of the score, as the two umpires seemed to be continuously unaware that hitting balls at head height can be dangerous (Hugo can supply forensic evidence). Charlie H mustered some will power to actually play good hockey in the second half and the defence did their best to halt the onslaught but 9-1 it was at the final whistle. Bollocks to that and I look forward to a better game next week, France could squeeze passed Wales...and hopefully we will also turn up to play better hockey... :-)

MOM: JF

DOD:JF (For an unfortunate assist)

Shadows 1 -1 Cheam

With one win and one loss to their name going into this game, the Shadows were looking to push on, but in the end a frustrating draw left them with the complete set of results from their first three games.

In their first game on the Broadwater water-based this season the Shadows started brightly, pressing Cheam effectively all over the pitch and dominating the early encounters. It was no surprise, then, when the goal came, but it came in style, Johnny Dye skipping past numerous Cheam defenders and into the D before smashing his shot home over the diving keeper.

This was the cue for the Shadows to exert even more pressure, and they thought they had a second when Tim W squeezed the ball into the goal from a seemingly impossible angle, but the celebrations were short lived as the whistle had gone – controversially, the ball was ruled to have crossed the line before the shot came in.

This appeared to affect the Shadows, as errors crept into their game – Tim W took a sideline hit to himself, and straight back off the side of the pitch, and TBDITL contrived to give the ball

straight to the Cheam striker from a 16. Cheam ended the half on a high, but the Shadows went into the break leading 1-0.

The Shadows came out flying in the second half, creating chance after chance that went begging, with almost all of the forwards missing golden chances. Nick's decision to pass every time he got into the D was unselfish, but as Nate had failed to listen to Nick's instructions to 'Stay on the P spot and I'll find you!', he was always at the back post as the ball fizzed past behind him. Talking of posts, apparently Tom hit the post at some point, though when questioned, no Shadows player had any recollection of this. What they did remember, though, was his failed attempt to lob the Cheam keeper on his reverse, the ball looping up for the keeper to simply boot back down the pitch, an effort that summed up the Shadows' profligacy.

As the clock ticked down and the end of the match approached with the score remaining at a dangerous 1-0, those watching could sense that the inevitable might be about to happen.

And it did. A controversial short corner was awarded to Cheam, only their second of the match, and they did what the Shadows failed to do from ten opportunities, and buried it in the bottom corner. 1-1.

A sucker punch, and the game opened up, as Cheam sensed a win and the Shadows desperately tried to regain their lead. More short corners came and went for the Shadows, while only a diving tackle from Tim W at the other end prevented a dangerous situation in the Shadows' D.

But 1-1 was how it ended, a frustrating result from a dominant Shadows performance, but hopefully with plenty of positives to take forward for the rest of the season.

MoM: Tim Wright, diving saves, driving runs down the wing, generally a sturdy WB.

DoD: Tom Copeland, almost unanimously for not passing, not shooting on his strong side and talking too much on & off the pitch.

Gondoliers 1 - 3 Woking Pitts ***(Mel Burgess)***

Note to self: when others all around are losing their players, don't over stretch yourself to compensate.

With a few additions to last weeks limited squad we found ourselves but short again. With the ladies on before, Mel and Genie stepped in to do a half each. We were also blessed with yet another out of place left wing. Thank you Woking for coming with more than the home team (dog walking injuries to at least three Gondoliers!).

With Carney's early return from the World Cup, after defeat by Wales, he tried to make amends by stating we should have a back three to give one extra in midfield to cover his wanderings.

Note to others: when faced with a strong front three and forward thinking midfield remember four is better than three.

The Pitts two wide men stayed wide and showed the Gondoliers what they were missing, reminding us of what we had done to great success last week.

With quick passing and errant Guildford marking, Woking passed the ball in, not once but twice.

The Gondos did manage a few pushes and even passes forward, resulting in a melee on the goal line and a neat finish by Mel.

Genie came on in the second half running and harassing Woking, only to be asked her age by a tired full back. Guildford, after instruction to actually pass not wish the ball into the oppositions D, thought this was a good idea and promptly forgot it.

Note to non-Gondos: wishing often consists of trying to create the dream pass the whole length of the pitch to non-existent players.

The play improved, slightly, but only really by Woking and resulted in a third, well-taken goal by Woking.

The last Woking attack resulted in the last minutes of your scribe's goal-keeping season, as a pulled hamstring ended his game (this fits nicely with his replacement returning next week) and leaves him wishing for a return to that vacant left-wing slot.

Note to editor: please post this match report.

Gondoliers 2 - 0 Winchester Wanderers (Gould)

A strange place left wing...

A far-off and lonely corner of the pitch.

And a new form for exercise for your scribe.

A new perspective and with this fresh view point comes a new season.

And a new set of records to be written...

1. The hottest day of October 2011 since records began
2. 1st game recorded with enforced waterbreaks that didn't require a sprinkler
3. C. Gould registering a 100% tardiness record
4. A new keeper with a 100% clean sheet record
5. An outfield keeper playing his quietest (vocally) ever recorded game
6. 100% win record
7. Statistically another 100% record for C. Gould with a 2 from 2 gondolier goal-scoring ratio

It was a hot day's work down at the "Great Winchester Bake Off" in the blistering October sun on the usually hard Winchester sand.

The Gondoliers also had an outfield squad boosted with two of their own sons.

With a normally strong and difficult to beat opposition, the Gondoliers arrived prepared (although one short) for a hard fought game and so it proved again.

The Gondoliers continued to push forward and with a solid defence, had the majority of the ball resulting in a rather disappointing blank score card at half time and concerns that the front line would not be able to break the Winchester's keeper's athletic defence.

With the heat, a little youth and Chris Gould finally finding his place at the top of the D, 2 well taken strikes left their keeper muttering an echoing under his breathe "I just had to be their number 4! "

This finally put the game and result out of sight for a tiring Winchester.

A close run game of IBM cricket, curry and the sinking sun finished the day perfectly and left the Gondoliers with a 1 for 1 record in the wins column.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 8th October

Guildford Ladies 2s 1 - 2 Spencer 2s

(Jess aka Sweeney)

The pre match preparation for this weeks game did not really go so smoothly, with no goalie and no umpires until late in the day on Friday. Although we are getting used to the no goalie situation as our resident goalie the lovely Jo Lee deciding to go off and have a baby.....urrrmmm selfish! (Only kidding congrats again for the birth of the beauty Sophia!) The umpire issue is a new one for us, but never fear Super Geek came the rescue again and provided not one but two brilliant umpires for us, and with super sub goalie Flossy stepping in last minute we had a full team and ready to go on Saturday morning.

The pre match banter started early in the changing rooms with the introduction of Kate's 'fashion forward' boots as very special aluminous yellow and the drama of someone forgetting to bring their skirt.....what moron would do that.....oh yeah that would be me! Not sure the world wants to see my run in my pants so thankfully the lovely Liz came to the rescue and brought me a skirt, although a tad too small for me it did the trick. Fuelled with percy pigs, and with our supporters in tow, Lizzie, Tappy & the 3 dogs we took to the pitch and started as we meant to go on in the warm up with Jess's death stares to the oppo!

The start to the match didn't quite go as planned with us being caught napping in the first 5mins and Spencer seized the opportunity and went 1 – 0 up. We didn't let that get us down and a surprise arrival from Spec meant we had an extra alcohol fuelled supper sub which gave us the confidence to fight back in the first half and regain the possession and momentum. A few short corners later we went into the half time break with the confidence and momentum with us but no goals on the score sheet as yet.

Spencer delivered a second blow at the start of the second half with a converted short corner,

however Guildford did not let that dampen the spirit & determination and we took back the possession and gained momentum throughout the second half. Then stepped up Sweeney to hammer home a straight strike at a short corner to take us back to within 1 goal. The momentum then mainly with Guildford, Spencer retreated to an 11 man defence to hold us out, and Spencer tempers running high.. A few opportunities late on in the match going painfully close including a strike from super sub Coach Cas in for injured Izzy whistling past the post. Unfortunately the near misses meant that we finished the match with nil points but a lot of positives to take from the match and into next weeks game against Reigate.

DOD = Me – for forgetting my skirt, my drink & then Liz’s skirt not my finest hour

MOM = Jess for good work rate & booming goal!

Too many fines to mention but highlights were.....

Jess for having a dog that barks like an old women

Kate for those bright boots

Robyn for spelling Genie ‘Tracey’

That’s all from me.....XOXO Doddsy

Guildford Ladies 3rd Team 1 – 0 Wanderers Ladies 5th Team

A full squad of ladies 3s started the fighting talk in the changing room - haribo and music always does the trick!

Wanderers had first push back but they didn't keep the ball for long. We were determined to play our game and stuck to our formation providing superb back up and switch passes we ran rings round their midfield and had a few chances in the D. The first half was a little frustrating as the game was ours its just the score didn't reflect it.

The oppo gave Karen a chance to show off her newly practiced dinky pass over their sticks down the left hand side and Abi's runs down the right and across the back line were text book.

Despite this we couldn’t find the back board in the first half. Just before the change of ends Wanderers broke through and threatened a goal opportunity. But Debs, Rodders and Helen worked hard at clearing the ball with success every time - keeper (and coach) Katy was pleased at least!

Half time in the dug out and the message was 'who wants the goal?' Hungry for the win we started with aggression and determination. No goals still. Phyzz's efforts were rewarded with a ball in the mouth which sounded worse from the sideline but still plenty of blood and 10 stitches. Unlucky Phyzz and we all hope you’re feeling better - you were very brave! The match recommenced and now the message was come on girls let's win it for Phyzz. So we played some good hockey (albeit a tad scrappy as we became desperate to score) minus the FEET and tantrums from your truly! And eventually the goal came in! Kat found Karen in the D who did indeed find the back board - well done and congrats to being our top scorer for now! A good

effort from the forwards Vicky O, Vicky M and Rosie (playing her debut) all had chances. Well done girls - a great effort and a great result! Bring on the next match. See you all on Wednesday!

Guildford ladies 4s 2 - 1 London Wayfarers

What a great result against some tough (and very aggressive!) opposition. It is difficult to suggest a woman of the match since everyone played so well, so I would instead like to say well played to:

Ruth - for your cool head in defence, as ever, and some fantastic saves despite having sore shoulders from moving house. Your left footed save in the first half was particularly outstanding!

Felicity- for your solid tackles and the amount of pressure you put on the opposition's right wing- you really had her riled as you totally outplayed her and she couldn't hack it!

Briege- for your persistence in defence- I lost count of how many goal mouth scrambles you got us out of!

Allie- It wore me out just watching you chase after their nippy centre forward- you had an awesome game, well done!

Ellie- you just ran and ran and were, as ever, solid in both attack and defence. You are such an asset to our team.

Caitlin- thanks for being so versatile- you were brilliant wherever you played on the pitch and it is amazing to see how much more confidence you seem to have grown this year.

Vicky- I know you weren't feeling 100% but well played- it is always such a relief as a defender to see how hard you work to track back and defend- you'll sleep well tonight!!

Rohanna- I loved your feistiness today and the fact that you never gave up on winning the ball back. And I also enjoyed your tiger impressions!

Fin- you continued to menace their defence throughout the game and had a major part in setting the first goal up. Well done for playing on with an injured foot and a wonky knee!

Fi- a brilliant goal, and I was so grateful for your excellent defending towards the end of the game.

Laura- you really are turning out to be our secret weapon this season- another fab goal. Like Caitlin, it is great to see how much you are improving as a player and to see you with more confidence on the pitch.

And, lastly, thanks to Lauren- who had to go to A&E to get her foot sorted! Hope you can make a swift recovery. Also happy birthday to Becca, who turned 18 on Friday :-)

COLTS' SECTION

No reports

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