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This newsletter will also be published on the web-site

Men's 1s record another 1-1 draw in Bath

Men's 2s win again to move to third in the table

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

## **Current news:**

### **Car accident on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October**

Did you witness or do you own a blue van? Toyota Hiace driving very fast and recklessly from the tennis courts outside the club between 19.55 and 20.01.

Please could you get in touch as you may have witnessed the van hitting my car and drive off at speed. Clearly this is reckless driving given the fact that there are many children about at that time of night.

Please email me at [s.beattiejones@btinternet.com](mailto:s.beattiejones@btinternet.com) if you have any information.

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### **GHC has a new website**

**[www.guildfordhockey.co.uk](http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk)**

This new site has direct links to fixtures live for all teams, many thanks indeed to Ian Murphy who has developed this new site – a great improvement!

We have also migrated most of the adult membership data from the old system to a private members section on Fixtures Live – use your email as user ID and press forgotten password to get a password sent to you so you can log in – and then complete your personal data (we need it for insurance purposes and if you were to get injured badly etc) and also provide your availability.

Captains will get guidance on how to set up and use the team management capabilities shortly from Phil Harris or Finn Harley.

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### **Winter's arrived! Time to upgrade your kit?**

It's that time of year when the rain starts to fall and the temperature starts to drop!!

GHC have now got a wide selection of clothing to help stay warm and dry during training and in the build up to the games. In terms of shower proof training tops we now have the Serious Stuff Elite Tops for both adults and children as well as the excellent Mercian training kit.

For a look at the whole range of kit we now have for the club, please take a look at the new website or if you have any question please email James Relph ([james.relph@db.com](mailto:james.relph@db.com))

<http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/kit.html>

# FIXTURES

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

## MEN

Team	Role	Name/E-mail	Telephone	League	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Manager	<b>Tony Hall</b>	01483 768832	National West Conference	<a href="#">1st XI</a>
	Coach	<b>Ian Jennings</b>	07802 886000		
2nd XI	Captain	<b>Tim Darke</b>		London League Prem	<a href="#">2nd XI</a>
3rd XI	Captain	<b>Tom Pollard</b>		London League Div 2	<a href="#">3rd XI</a>
Shadows	Captain	<b>Steve Morris</b>	07788 784143	Surrey Open Premier	<a href="#">Shadows XI</a>
4th XI	Captain	<b>James Parkin</b>		Surrey Open Div 4	<a href="#">4th XI</a>
Pilgrims	Captain	<b>Mark Lenel</b>		Wessex Masters	<a href="#">Men's Vets</a>
Gondoliers	Captain	<b>Andy Roberts</b>	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	<a href="#">Men's SuperVets</a>



[www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=67](http://www.englishockey.co.uk/page.asp?section=67)

## LADIES

Team	Captain/Email	Telephone	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	<b>Fiona Harley</b>		<a href="#">1st XI</a>
2nd XI	<b>Tracey Henderson</b>		<a href="#">2nd XI</a>
3rd XI	<b>Karen Faulkner</b>		<a href="#">3rd XI</a>
4th XI	<b>Beth Fantastic</b>		<a href="#">4th XI</a>
Fireflies	<b>Clare Edgington</b>	07881500818	

... also see The Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League [www.surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk](http://www.surreyladieshockeyleague.co.uk)

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

# MATCH REPORTS

Don't forget to send any match reports from the weekend to [richard.julian@gmail.com](mailto:richard.julian@gmail.com) by Tuesday evening.

## MEN'S SECTION

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October



### Bath Buccaneers 1 – 1 Guildford

*(Rippon)*

Guildford Men's 1<sup>st</sup> XI travelled down to Bath to take on top of the table Bath Buccaneers. Knowing this was going to be a tough game; and one which could decide the eventual league standings Guildford were hoping for a strong start to the game.

As expected the game started at a quick pace with possession being shared between the two teams. Turnovers and some good interceptions prevented either team from being able to build any solid attacks. A quick breakaway opened up an excellent early opportunity for William Blockley to put Guildford in to the lead. However, he was unable to capitalise on this with his reverse stick shot not troubling the keeper. As the first half progressed, Guildford continued to have the better of the chances. Matthew Wood rounded the keeper but was only able to find the side of the net, rather than the back. Another chance fell again to Blockley but the keeper was able to parry away his flicked shot. Towards the end of the half Bath Buccaneers took the lead when their forward rounded the keeper and bobbed the ball in to the net, past Simon Cox who was unable to stop it on the line. Half time Bath Buccaneers 1 – 0 Guildford.

The second half started in much the same way. Possession changed regularly with Guildford turning the ball over cheaply in midfield. Chances in front of goal were few and far between for Guildford with attacks consisting of just the forwards rather than build ups involving the midfield. Despite this Guildford managed to score the equaliser through Mike Rippon from a well taken short corner. From there on Bath had the greater possession and better scoring opportunities with Guildford's turnovers preventing them from securing a foothold in the game. Some excellent defending and goal keeping from the back 5 kept the scores level till the final whistle. Final score Bath Buccaneers 1, Guildford 1. A hard fought point from the table toppers at the start of the day!

Despite a rich vein of form in the opening games of the season, Guildford have stuttered coming into the Autumn with three 1-1 draws. The latest is by no means a disaster with a point away at Bath who have won the league on three previous occasions but more goals will be required and the game against **Cardiff University at home on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November** will be crucial for Guildford to remain in the hunt.

Here is what England Hockey had to say about the other games in the Western Conference:

Cardiff UWIC moved to the top of Conference West with a surprisingly low goal difference of just plus one, five fewer than fifth placed Cheltenham. Their 1-0 victory away at Cheltenham came via Ben Croxall's strike in the 19<sup>th</sup> minute and established a one point lead. Team Bath Buccaneers was held to a second draw in three games to drop from first to third, Ben Mackey scored in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute for Team Bath but within six minutes Guildford pulled level through Mike Rippon and the scores remained 1-1. University of Exeter moved into third thanks to an Ian Haley inspired 3-1 triumph over Whitchurch. Haley scored twice as University of Exeter registered their fourth win of the season and second in a row. Havant's fine run of form continued with the side, at one stage bottom, having gone undefeated in their last four games including three victories. Their latest fixture involved a 3-0 win on Saturday over bottom side Bristol Firebrands with Satchin Reddy, Andrew Pett and Gurmukh Bhamra all hitting the mark. The final game in the division was an eight goal thriller that finished level between University of Birmingham and Fareham. Will Byas scored twice for University of Birmingham as the two sides in seventh and eighth fought out a hard earned draw, Fareham's third in five games.

Conference West		P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	<b>Cardiff &amp; UWIC</b>	7	5	0	2	10	9	1	15
2	<b>University of Exeter</b>	7	4	2	1	20	10	10	14
3	<b>Team Bath Buccaneers</b>	7	4	2	1	20	12	8	14
<b>4</b>	<b>Guildford</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>
5	<b>Cheltenham</b>	7	2	4	1	14	8	6	10
6	<b>Havant</b>	7	3	1	3	15	19	-4	10
7	<b>University of Birmingham</b>	7	2	2	3	13	16	-3	8
8	<b>Fareham</b>	7	1	4	2	16	17	-1	7
9	<b>Whitchurch</b>	7	1	1	5	9	17	-8	4
10	<b>Bristol Firebrands</b>	7	0	1	6	7	24	-17	1

## Wimbledon 2 – 4 Guildford 2s

Wimbledon take two. A must win game for Guildford and off to a better start than the first trip to Wimbledon with Big Face actually making the start of the match. Congratulations. The first half began with Guildford dominating possession with the back four bossing play and the big midfield three. Well I say big but Alan is rather small. The patience paid off when the forwards won a penalty corner. Chris and Darkie stepped up from the back and Burder failed to convert after striking a foot on the goal line allowing the younger of the two Williams brothers to step up and slot home the first goal. Having been goalless for the first 25 minutes this goal opened the flood gates as Guildford showed their superior skills to slot home a second goal with Adam Judd managing to lob the keeper with a strike from the top of the Dee. However, with half time looming captain Darke decided to try and beat the centre forward by himself or he tried to pass it. Either way he gifted a one on one opportunity with the goal keeper leading to support shouting: "Oh my God what is he doing?" but some last ditch defending spared the captains blushes. Well not for long as a penalty corner was given and although cleared the ball came back in for an easy deflection leaving the game delicately poised at 2-1 at half time.

A half time team talk from Guy would surely mean a good start to the second half. However a shaky start to the second half resulted in an equaliser for Wimbledon. At this point some were worried. But they did not need to worry as the class of the Guildford forwards winning a penalty corner which Darke slotted home via a defenders stick and Big Face with a sublime finish to put Guildford 4-2 up and all but sealed the three points. This was a welcome win to move Guildford within two points of the top of the table. The only thing wrong with the performance was the dire miss from Slopey who

got a short stint upfront." Slopey by name, slopey by nature" was a phrase thrown around a number of times after the match. This of course resulted in a heavy fines session for young Matt although some would question Guy's decision to put him there in the first place. Of course he was topped by Mark Williams who was dubbed the new "Fat Head" although older brother Alan ran away with DOD for his antics from the social two weeks previously.

MOM – Ben Clarke

DOD – Alan Williams

## **Guildford 3s 0 – 3 Southgate 3s**

Firstly, before any of this match report malarky, I'd just like to wish the 6 members of the Shadows and the men's section captain a lovely holiday, as they take a quaint, continental week-long holiday, all at the same time, right in the middle of the season, on the weekend that happens to coincide with half term week. Well done boys, top stuff.

Back to the hockey – and in the stuff of FA Premiership management nightmares – the biggest talking points in this season's Higgins London League 2 look to have been largely decided already. Oxted are rampaging towards the title, not having even conceded a goal in 6 matches, closely followed the our opponents this week, whose only loss the year at the hands of Reading (a curious result at best) was accompanied by the dark mutterings of playing an entire team of ringers. At the other end, surprisingly Oxford Uni 3s and less surprisingly Kings Alleyn's 2s are the dictionary definition of whipping boys, and have a long season ahead of them. All this is a roundabout way of saying that despite pre-match positivity, we knew this was going to be a tough one.

A train across the tracks near Woking threatened to cancel this one, but despite their lateness for a match that had another directly after it, Southgate strolled onto the pitch around 20 minutes late, an arrogance that was to be a feature of everything they did on the day. Without wishing to be too harsh on our own team, the match was evenly balanced for what you might generously say was around 10 minutes, and then unfortunately Southgate pressed home their advantage and showed us why they will be pursuing Oxted for the title all the way to the end of the season.

The fact that this team train with their club's 1s might have gone some way to explain their highly superior fitness, and as the half went on they found more and more space peeling off Guildford's defenders and midfielders and maintained a tempo that Guildford found more and more difficult to keep pace with. This fitness allowed them to play a full court press and after many a Guildford 16m restart, Southgate applied pressure as soon as the ball was played, something we have never come up against this season.

Guildford defended manfully, and stemmed the tide for most of the half, with Sam Hansen clearing the ball of the line at least twice, but after butchering more than one clear opportunity, Southgate scored a demoralising quick-fire double after about 25 minutes that left the home team with a mountain to climb. Run ragged, you felt that if it had only been one, with a backs-to-the-wall mentality we could have clung on in there and maybe sneaked a late equaliser, but two in 2 minutes felt terminal.

At half-time Ryan made the point that we had been in this position before, in our 2-2 draw away at Reading, and still gone on to pick up a point. However, even with a much improved performance, we spent most of the rest of the game chasing the ball and although we managed some neat passages of

play, Southgate's third killed the encounter as a competition.

Seasons goal tallies: 3 – Pollard

2 – Chris B, Sam HS, Rhino

1 – Alex F, Ryan, JB

MOM: As you might expect, this week's nominations were dominated by the defenders, with Sam Hansen getting many people's vote and Andy Valner again popular for his heroics in goal. However we were all so proud of Bungle for gritting his teeth and making it to the end of his first full hockey match of the season that in the end he got the team's nomination. Well done sir...if you could make a habit of lasting the full 70, that would be excellent.

DOD: For his organisational skills and captaining flair, this one was unanimous – Mussolini himself, Mr. Tom Pollard.

Fines highlights: Andy M as stand in captain for not taking the walk-over as Southgate nonchalantly breezed in around 20 minutes late, Sam Hansen for being not on the line for the three goals that they did score, Andy V for breaking his pads, Will Evans for continually making absurd solo runs from the back, losing the ball and then running back too slowly shouting at himself, Ryan for being above the warm-up.

Coach's Comment: On turning up to training on a Wednesday to lead the session, as sports coaches have a habit of doing, "Don't worry Rhino, I'll definitely be there". He wasn't there.

## **Guildford 4s 1 – 1 Surbiton 7s**

The sun peaked over the horizon and we were playing at home, this was a good day for hockey. We had a very tanned Liam, a still skilful Martin and my brother Paul join us; we had hopes of keeping the engine room going by having rolling substitutes.

The first half started off well and we were able to keep the opposition out of our goal, the defence banded well and kept them out. We counted and forced the opposition into a mistake and a shortie was rewarded. Martin tested the keeper who managed to get his legs closed. With them attacking and us forcing counters we managed to get another shortie and this time Martin struck to the post, where Jimbo was waiting and slotted it in between the defender, keeper and post, GOAL!

Second half was a lot better and we kept our structure well, still a few cheap passes to the oppo, but in all a lot better half. The midfield getting to run at the opposition but no more goals. Hearing the umpire stating 12min left of the game we thought we had this wrapped, but the fat lady had not sung and 2min to go an unmarked striker managed to get one into our goal.

We played well and a well-deserved draw, although at the disgust of Surbiton we should have won that game.

Man of the match: Dave Cull (great saving)

DOD: David Barnardo (being over committed to getting to the ball)

## **Oxted 5 – 0 Shadows**

It was a glorious morning as the skipper looked out of his window and took in his surroundings. The smell of freshly ground coffee and a warm croissant ignited his senses within... yes this was going to be a good day! He met up with his fellow Shadows and headed to their battle arena....

... BUT... THE SIGHT OUT OF THE WINDOW WAS THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE AND THE ARENA WAS A BISTRO - HE'D BUGGERED OFF ON HOLIDAY WITH HALF THE TEAM!!!!!!!

So, it was left to the other half of the Shadows, plus a Shadows vet, two U16, and someone who hadn't picked up a stick in years!

Oh yeah, and there was only 10 of us!

5 minutes into the game we were 0-3 down, had an injury to left back Tom, and were faced with a mountain to climb, and desperately in need of a rather large bus to park. Some crisp one touch interplay from Oxted carved open the defence with space aplenty for the forwards to run into, making their man advantage count big time! They only managed one more, a shorty, before the interval. The Shadows' attacking highlight being an aerial from Slick to absolutely no-one over by the corner flag, but it gave the defence a chance to catch their breath.

The second half started badly, much like the first, with an early Oxted goal... BUT THAT WAS IT FOR THE REST OF THE GAME!!! We even got into their D a couple of times, although I don't recall a shot.

It should have been 30-0, with Oxted carving their way through on so many occasions, only to either be thwarted by our teenage stopper Marcus, or by the elderly statesmen at the back, fairly or not. None of their shorties came off, and Marcus batted away everything that came his way, with plenty wayward stuff too.

An excellent effort from all 10 of us, especially in the second half, and maybe next time skip won't arrange a holiday mid-season (because of half-term)... or maybe the league will just let us rearrange the game, but that would just be too reasonable.

## **Guildford Pilgrims 2 - 1 Haslemere Men's Vets** ***(Lenel, Wylie)***

Understanding and knowledge of our world is advanced primarily through scientific endeavour. A-priori theories are developed, tested, and what is proven is retained as the truth, and what is disproven is rejected as false. Our goalkeeper, Adrian Jenkinson, exposed himself to the scientific method prior to this weekend's game with the statement "I played like \*\*\* last week because I got out on to the pitch too early and spent too much time warming up. This week I'm going to arrive just in time and we'll see how well we play". It was also observed that a number of our players, notably the forward line, were all sporting shiny new haircuts. Would their new-found aerodynamism generate additional speed on pitch? Next, Skipper Lenel wanted to test the left-field theory that maintaining more possession of the ball through a 4-4-2 formation and better passing would create



more scoring opportunities for us, and less for them. Lastly, we had opportunity to see what really happens when an unstoppable force collides with an immovable object. On to the laboratory (refridgerator?) conditions of the water-based pitch...

Expectations were somewhat low, coming into this match on the back of three sorry defeats, and facing an opposition that had a good string of results and were performing better than last season. However, the first five minutes of the game were the best we have played all season, without a single doubt in my mind. From the off we jockeyed, tackled, passed, ran and didn't let the oppo out of their half. A few scoring opportunities were there for the taking – Relphy narrowly missing the opener when his shot rebounded back out from the inside of the post – and a massive improvement over last week's performance was evident. Our midfield – populated by Rich Crombie, Shelbourne, Relphy, Gilliver and Pacey – put in an astounding display of distribution (when we had the ball) and disruption (when we didn't). After our early dominance the game opened up, and both we and they played really well to distribute the ball over the whole pitch. The back line of Woodsie, Asdell, JT, Basey and Winn, as well as Adrian in goal, mopped up a fair number of attacks. A handful of short corners were had by both sides, but all failed to deliver the first goal. Special mention to ex Cap'n Winn who saved us from going one down by steering a strike away from the nearside post. Totally automatic, split-second reactions that can only be honed by years, nay, decades, of experience on the pitch.

Half time, no score, and although we were extremely pleased / relieved / surprised / delighted with the performance so far, it was clear that none of our players had any intention at all of resting on their laurels. Time to dig deep, keep up the work rate, and see how it turns out.

The second half was even more eventful. Plenty more great quality passing and control was witnessed, but mistakes were beginning to show on both sides as tiredness began to set in. At one point Lenel ran on to a fast pass through from Relphy; the oppo's behemoth of goalie came charging out to clear it; Skipper Lenel, with the turning circle of a fully-laden oil tanker, was unable to divert his course in time. The unstoppable force collided with the immovable object, and time was stopped whilst the Large Hadron Collider picked up the pieces. A quick self-diagnostic determined that Skip came away completed unscathed. The Haslemere goalie, however, was flat on his back, blinking in astonishment. Bosh. Thankfully no permanent injury, nor concussion, just a minor scuff to his pride, and surprise & good humour that he'd actually come off worse in that encounter. Not long after, unfortunately, Haslemere finally opened the scoring with a shortie (I think) and immediately the fears of another zero-point defeat were looming.

Still we battled on. Soon we found ourselves pressing them well up the right wing. After a couple of aborted retakes, Shelbourne found himself in possession of the ball with a clear passing opportunity to Lenel who had positioned himself top of the D without his marker. A clear pass was made... a great scoring opportunity... a first-time slap towards the goal... too much time to think about things... a complete miss-hit... a failed opportunity?... a hasty recovery... a flick towards the goal... a bounce over the keepers pads... and we had equalised!

James Relph called it 'a comedy goal'. Adrian said that he didn't see it go in as his vision had gone all blurry because he was shaking his head in disappointment at the first, missed attempt. Gordon said that at least there was more control than Papisse Cisse who was ducking to avoid a shot on goal from a team mate and inadvertently deflected the ball "expertly" into the opposite corner with his back. John Asdell, however, read it correctly; Lenel knew exactly what he was going to do with the ball as it was received (as per a key point in the match brief). Fooled himself, team mates and the oppo with a great dummy..... and then slotted it home into the corner.

The equaliser was a great tonic for our tiring legs and a great morale-booster. Fifteen minutes to go and we were on the way to enjoy our first point of the season. Another short-corner for the oppo... saved. Another short corner for the Pilgrims, and Gordon found himself in the perfect position to pick up the rebound from the keeper's pads, a half-volley into the back of the net and we were in the lead! All hands (legs?) turned to defence; half-court press; all 11 Pilgrims dropping back into our territory to stifle any final scoring opportunities, and at last, the final whistle blew.

After debriefing with the oppo's umpire I came back to silence in the changing room. Not, like last week, as a result of despondency and disappointment at losing badly, but instead due to the fact that each and every single member of the team had played so hard and run their socks off that they were simply too knackered to speak.

But inside we were smiling. A great win. A restoration of faith in our ability to play really good hockey. Three points to lift us out of the relegation zone. And conclusive proof, surely, that no warm-up for the goalie, brand new haircuts, and the occasional pass between players leads to more goals. Next week, we'll extend the experimentation to see what happens if Adrian turns up 10 minutes late, we all shave our heads, and we play everyone into midfield...

## SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

### HASLEMERE 3 – 3 GONDOLIERS

[Sturgess, Savage and Hayley]

The omens were not good for the Gondolier's visit to Haslemere: a full squad of 12 players arrived early at the pitch [even Bigi Boss Bigos was there before the whistle with all his kit on]. Consequently we were 2-0 down very rapidly as the side collectively fell asleep. The bandanas of the opposition controlled the midfield and kept the excellent Gondolier's defence under continual pressure. General Roberts and Captain Carney had disposed their forces in a contemporary 4-4-2 formation which confused the traditionalists in the team. It took a dazzling run and solo goal by Newboy Nigel [for those who do not know him he is the de Niro looking figure in the centre of the picture below] to put us back into the game close to half-time.



*Smart Alec, Newboy Nigel and Tiny Tim all scored on Saturday [which is why they are smiling]*

An erudite talk by Flash Gordon on the perils of ball watching was fully vindicated as we all watched a ball deflect from his stick into the Gondoliers net to make it 3-1. Enter Tiny Tim [see above - he's not really that tiny, just on his knees] who produced another of his famous rockets from the left of the D following a short corner pass from Carney. It could almost have been rehearsed although there was some controversy over the height at which it crossed the line. The bandanas retreated and it was the Gondolier's turn to dominate the midfield, alas without reward as the Haslemere defense put their bodies on the line.

Until that is..... in the dying moments of the game, players swarming around the opposition goal, seemingly no way through except for the smallest of gaps on the left, a smart shot from Alec [see above looking very smart] equaled the scores.

The Gondoliers had not only retained their unbeaten record but scored 5 of the 6 goals.



*Flash Gordon celebrating his two o.g.'s [and some wonderful saves too]*

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

**Reading 5 – 2 Gondoliers  
(Hall 2)**

I have decided that a blank match report - because if you can't say anything nice don't say anything at all mentality, does not say how bad we were.

Rumour has it there are rules...

Rule One: Don't rely on Tom (this has so much depth it isn't worth going into it.. although today mainly over confusion about start times and not his hockey)

That's as far as it goes because the jury (a majority vote) believed this covers at least the first three rules ) The rest all concern his hockey.

Ok gentlemen grab your rosé tinted glasses because here we go...

To the game...

Nine players, if you can keep a third XI player, a fifth and a potential fourth on before the tardy arrive then you can lead. But then we go and mess it up and we go 2-1 down.

Oh well, we still have our health...

A match and tactical review identified our formation had some flaws...

### **Gondoliers Midfield Formation**



The midfield marking looks like it is going well

### **Defensive formation**



Our strength, an always well organised team. Never losing their man.

Hang on, where is everyone?

A Defence that had not been introduced

A Midfield with no middle

A forward line that relied on D. Hall to score 2

Even I was terrible. It ended 5 - 2.

We were all terrible (and it was agreed by all) and they were better (again agreed by all) but on a different day, on a better day.. Well it wasn't.

I am not going to say anything else because I can't think of anything else to say, nice or not. (although encouraged, nay almost forced to - I will be as quiet as I was during the match)

Here's to good health and next week

# LADIES' SECTION

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**

## **Ladies 2s 1 -2 Barnes**

The Ladies 2s took to the pitch on Saturday fully up for a return to their winning ways with the return of Average up front as well as Caz and Ems at the back the team was hopeful of a victory against a strong and newly promoted Barnes team. Pre match preparation went well with Team mascot Tiny taking notes of Kirsty's team talk and captain Average managing to get out of bed in order to join the party. The match started well with Guildford taking advantage of Barnes' keepers tardiness putting away their first short corner with a brilliant Kit Kat strike. Unfortunately the next corner was not converted and Barnes' keeper took to the pitch with the score as 1-0 Guildford. Barnes gained a new lease of life and scored a good come back goal putting the score at 1-1 at half time. The Guildford girls battled on with a fair share of tough tackles; dodgy decisions and gained most of the possession in the second half with limited results in the D. Barnes scored a goal against the run of play and when they took out Kath, who was on the bench, we got the feeling that it was not going to be our day. We battled on until the end showing new drive and determination which was a definite improvement from last week and we hope that with some short corner practice on Wednesday night we can return to winning ways next week.

## **Friendly: Firefiles V Haslemere 1<sup>st</sup>**

### **Result: Haslemere won...**

I feel by putting the actual results in, would take away from the game that we had.. well some of it.. maybe the second half.. (just wanted to be clear on that!!)

We were a full team of 11, "thanks Kirsten!!", who had only just returned to the UK from climb a very very very high mountain and cutting her way through a tropical forest!! She is a warrior!!.. Do hope your knees are ok!

We seemed to take a little time to wake up at the start of the game (maybe the cold windy weather was an issue!), and Haslemere definitely took advantage of this, putting a few too many goals into the net in quick succession.. I have to say that Haslemere were a very strong team and this showed in through the whole game.. The firefiles worked hard during the whole game to keep up with some of their speedy playing and it seemed with a change in our team lie out at half time, we were a different team in the second half and very much up for the challenge that was ahead of us. We were unlucky not to have scored a few back, however there is always next week.....

Genie – you are fabby and thanks for umpire, we love you .. and you look amazing beautiful in your pink jacket xx

Our next match is Sat 3 Nov, home, 12 pm meet!! Game starts at 12.30...

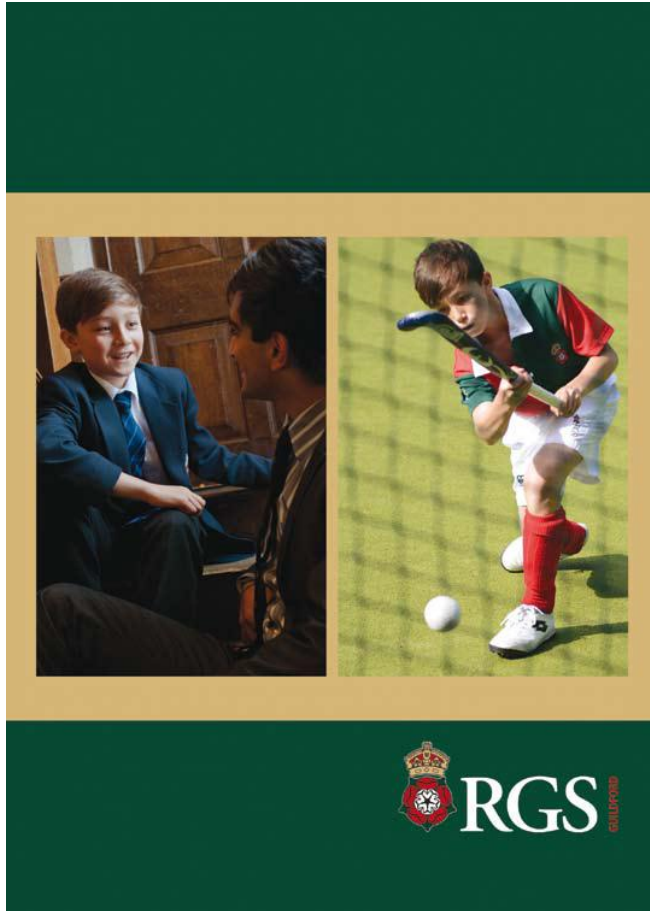
# COLTS' SECTION

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