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Mens and Ladies 1s both lose Shadows thrash Surrey Spartans 6-1

Current news:

GHC Christmas Dinner

will be held at Broadwater School on Saturday 17th December. More details will be announced soon.

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Charity Dinner & Dance in aid of First Touch, Friday 2nd December

Some fantastic auction items announced including a box at Kempton Park and dinner for 6 cooked in your home by Remi Ravaux! 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**

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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
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... 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
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					
03-Dec			Fireflies	Mens 2's	
04-Dec					
10-Dec		Ladies 2's	Pilgrims	Mens 2's	
11-Dec					
17-Dec		Ladies Interclub	Friendly	Gondoliers	
18-Dec					

Sand based pitch

2011	S1	S2	S3	S4
	11.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 14.00	14.00 - 15.30	15.30 - 17.00
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				
03-Dec			Gondoliers	Mens 4's
04-Dec				
10-Dec		Ladies 4's	Ladies 3's	
11-Dec				
17-Dec				
18-Dec				

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 22nd October

Cheltenham 2 – 0 Guildford

Poor pitch, indifferent umpiring, terrible result. Not exactly an advert for national league hockey this one and not a good result for us. We struggled to get used to the pitch but this is not an adequate excuse for a team hoping to be pushing for the top spot come the end of the season.

Cheltenham played to their strengths and scored two fairly fortunate goals on either side of half time. Their keeper played well with a great save from one of our short corners but probably the story of the game was our ineffectiveness in front of goal. This had been a strength of ours last week but it simply didn't happen today and too many gilt edged chances went begging.

Back to the drawing board required in training this week before an away trip to Whitchurch who we will need to beat.

Despite the result, Mace provided the entertainment after the game with a moving speech to unveil Cheltenham's new honours board and Paddy settled well into the squad with an excellent performance in fines proving that arrogance may not always be the best approach when cash is at stake! The day was finished off much more pleasantly with dinner at sponsor pub the Dog and Pheasant – thanks to Dave Hall and Jenno for organising an excellent evening.

Guildford 2's 1-2 Surbiton 2's (Matt Wood)

Another disappointing game for the Mens 2s this weekend, as they lost 2-1 to a well-drilled youthful Surbiton side at Home. Yet the match was, as ever, not without its highlights and positives, and it is these that the 2s will take forward into training and preparing for the next game against Old Loughts on the weekend.

With a strong and numerous squad, Guildford were confident that points were on the cards. Surbiton have always been young, and the Guildford side, which mixed old heads (eg Alan Williams, Matt Bloxham) and young legs (Matt Budd, Hamish Hall), hoped their composite form would break even with Surbiton's speed and fitness. The first quarter of the game lived up to expectation. A hounding defence that started from the forwards rattled some of the Surbiton backs, and the energy and tempo Guildford set was surely not unrelated to their strong desire

to get the first points of the season. A goal quickly followed; a tap in by newcomer Matt Wood after a scramble in the D following a short. Also of note in this stage of the match was the superb effort by Matt Bloxham to clear the lines with an aerial that unfortunately failed to bypass an unsuspecting Surbiton player's face.

Sadly, as has been a trait in the Guildford side, a weaker patch in the second quarter let Surbiton back into the game. Surbiton did well to capitalise so effectively on the 20mins when Guildford stumbled, and this showed an experience in the squad over and above that expected for their age. The half-time whistle blew with the score at 2-1 to Surbiton. Another rallying team talk from the coach/manager Guy worked its magic and the Guildford boys played with a renewed intensity and lower rate of unforced errors throughout the second half. It is testament to the integrity of the Guildford side that only one green card was shown to them all day long, whereas three yellows were dished out to the hot-under-the-collar Surbiton team. Despite having players off for a considerable time, Surbiton closed down Guildford attacking opportunities well in this stage of the game. Guildford's efforts in the second half ultimately went unrewarded and the game finished with a 2-1 loss to Guildford. And it certainly was a 'loss to Guildford' rather than a 'victory to Surbiton'. The home team will be disappointed with second quarter's shabbiness.

Nevertheless, positives were being taken away from the game. On the pitch, a considerably improved standard of link-up and passing play matched an increasingly savvy and expertly-instructed organisation. Surely these chickens will proverbially come home to roost in the very near future. Off the pitch, the guys continued to bond and strengthen as a team, helped by no small amount by the after-match drink and (amazing) teas.

MoM - Matt Wood DoD - Alan Williams

Guildford 4's 1 - 4 Sunbury and Walton Hawks 3's

What can be said about this week's game that hasn't been said before in previous match reports? Again the 4's arrived in high spirits of breaking the losing streak that has been plaguing us. We arrived ahead of the opposition and set about warming up; all looked good with a 16 man squad.

The game began and we looked okay against a team that is at the top of the league. They managed to get a goal in early, our heads dropped and they got another two in. We didn't just roll over and continued to fight, finally getting a ball into the 'D' allowing Moody to get his stick to it and scoring a lovely goal!

We re-grouped and decided to attack them hard in the second half but as the whistle went for the second half, the attack we gave seemed to be a lot softer than what we had wanted and could not get another goal. The opposition was hassled better in the second half but they managed to get one pass the defence and keeper. A better performance than displayed in games gone.

The midfield kept their shape and was sweating for all their worth, Joe had a lovely game receiving and release, creating opportunities, deserving the title: man of the match. David. B

got DOD and in his defence, if the sideline was a player he would have had a great game.

Guildford Shadows 6 (2) – (1) 1 Surrey Spartans

Another glorious day for battle, the Broadwater pitch acting as the modern day Thermopylae. The Surrey Spartans chiselled jaw, rippling six packs and bulging pectoral muscles disappointed the WAGs by complying with the hockey regulations and wearing shirts. In contrast the Shadows were busy comparing the various colours of their astro boots (are Inca's a girls astro?)

Battle cries were issued, "This is Guildford!!" as both sides positioned themselves for the start. Who would blink first? It was the Spartans.

The Shadows, like most of the season, took the initiative and went off to a flying start. Johnny Dyer, ripping through the Spartan phalanx and coolly slotting the ball home from a tight angle. Barcelona passing lead to Johnny Dyer, again, wielding his sword/stick, mesmerising the Spartans by his speed and agility and carving them open at will. 2-0.

However the Spartans were not to be undone and fought back with the perfect riposte, slotting home a goal shortly before half time. The Shadows found themselves in a worrying position echoing recent nervy performances that had similar score lines against inferior opposition. The Skipper demanded more from his troops at halftime.

They duly delivered. Once again Johnny Dyer was at the heart of it. With decoy flanking runs "from the basketball court" of Nate and Tom, Johnny found the Spartan defence opening like the Red Sea, and with the keeper duly lying down, his hat-trick was the easiest goal of the lot.

Goal number four came, you guessed it, from a Johnny Dyer run where the Spartans, obviously thinking that the Shadows had found a secret path, hacked Johnny down in the D. The surprise call of penalty flick was only surpassed by the lack of volunteers to take it. Ross was eventually goaded to the front, where he met the heavy breathing Spartan keeper. Silence descended on the two champions awaiting the first move. Ross rifled into the top of the net — DOD nominations were spared.

At 4-1 down, the Spartans were defeated but the Shadows decided to turn it into a rout. Johnny Dyer collected his fourth of the match from the tightest of angles again and Sam was left with the easiest of chances at the back post from a Tim cross.

MOM: Johnny Dyer – 4 goals, need I say more. The jug was gratefully received.

DOD's: Sam Major – Outright laughter from the Spartan WAG's was not enough shame for his appalling flick/lob/shot that went backwards

Tom Copeland – Would not shut up about his copycat shoes

Teas – Excellent chilli con-carne but haven't we had this before?

Gondoliers 3 - 2 Oxted Moonshiners (Jordan 2, Carney (PF))

Saturday afternoon, the late autumn sun beamed down on the Gondoliers as brightly and as warmly as their 12th man, the Greek goddess Tyche (known in Roman times as Fortuna). A victory bullied by spirit, endeavour and individual displays of brilliance unlocked from the closet labeled 'open only in emergency, inguinal hernia the likely outcome' capping a fine 2nd half display from the Gondoliers.

As is the tradition, each week at this generally pre-nuptial time of the season, the Gondoliers turn up with a random assortment of players; many unsure what day it is and many, like John Bigos, clearly uncertain as to what time it is.

The constant week on week change in team composition clearly takes its toll on the telepathic understanding of space and time so ingrained in traditional Gondos post-match, late bar folklore. Even if the Gondoliers are known for their adaptable and flexible style, this much scale of change, combined with the auld enemy, Amnesia, eviscerated by the ravages of time and new world Malbec, has hit hard the Gondos basic brain functions.

Names, for example, come and go. A randomly generated selection, sparked from the confused medulla oblongata's of the Gondos forwards caused early mayhem. Spirited cries of 'pass it square Rolf' from Bigos fell lazily to ground like the scattered leaves of the Broadwater oaks as team members gazed into the middle distance mulling over the philosophical significance of who actually was called Rolf or whether this was a Duck tour acronym for a tactic deployed long long ago in the time of grass and roll-ins from the touchline.

It was but one example that characterised the team's awareness and interplay during early skirmishes on the pitch. In short order therefore, the Gondoliers were 2 well taken goals down. Ian, our new and very capable Goalkeeper was starting to wonder whether this really was the team of die-hard international superstars distilled from the very best of Surrey hockey over the last 40 years that he had been told about by that strangely persuasive Latin speaking gentleman that night in the pub.

Equally, our key supporter, splendidly turned out in a mustard yellow top and bobble hat, started to get anxious and shouts of 'Up and at 'em' started to echo across the water filled astro – clearly a sign that all was not well in the coaches camp.

It wasn't long before the tactics and formation, enterprisingly engineered at the start by team captain Tom Carney were folded neatly into the back pocket of time and the Gondoliers settled into their standard formation, 4 back and 6 neither in the middle or up the front.

Then, mystically, something spectacular happened changing the complexion of the game, a moment of brilliance hitherto not seen on the hallowed plastic of Broadwater, bringing hope and aspiration back into the very core of the Gondos psyche. The Moonshiners 3rd was seemingly heading laser-like for the back of the Gondoliers goal as the defence, was ripped asunder Macduff-like by the 'Shiners centre half. As the ball cannoned to the line, Tim Savage (aka Tom / Jon /Simon) appeared at unfathomable pace from stage left and with one desperate, colon straining reverse stick lunge, stopped the ball dead, tipping it past the post.

Supporters were aghast, as indeed was Savage as he worked to rearrange his intestinal tract. Side thoughts of the merits of goal line technology were pointless as Savage had taken the goal with him, removing it from the field of play (a useful tactic to confuse the opposition). The umpire looked hard, puzzled and impressed, all at the same time and blew the whistle forcibly, with a confident and seemingly decisive intent. There then followed a 30 second pause as he worked out what to do. A 23 metre bully was the call – relief all round and a 5 minute delay as everyone recovered from the excitement, Savage reinserted his duodenum and we all tried to work out where the 23 metre line was.

So impressed were the Moonshiners with this seemingly impossible goal line save (know known in folklore as the 'Savage') that shortly thereafter they contrived to emulate the feat themselves with the Shiners left wing repeating Savage's tip-past-the-post from 3 inches but this time as the opposition with the goal open and available.

At half time, our opponents walked into their warm hut for a half time sit down, joking and glancing over their shoulders reassuringly smug and content, morally 4-0 victors in the first half but 2-0 on the scoreboard — this augured to be an easy afternoon. Capn Carney had other thoughts in mind, ordering his team immediately to forsake the warmth and comfort of the seats in the hut and stand in the middle of the pitch, in shame and disgust.

At this time, as is the tradition or the very democratic Gondoliers, all 11 members of the team had their say as to what needed to be done to reverse the decline. This consensual collaborative decision making forum is known in the trade as 'talking bollocks' – a forum where everyone has their say and can claim justifiably in the bar afterwards that they put the team back on the right track or that 'x' screwed it up at half time with their poor tactical advice – everyone wins.

Regardless, at the start of the 2nd half Bigos, Alec and David had that flinty look in their eyes and Belshaw started shouting energetically. Goals followed – Jordan bullied the ball into the back of the net after 5 unsuccessful attempts to hit it. Carney deftly sucker-punched the goalkeeper with the most adroit of penalty flicks after good work from Rudy and Jordan and we were level again.

The Moonshiners started to panic, playing longer and longer balls that Roberts, Tonks and Stokes lapped up with delight and aplomb. The Gondos pressed with short corner after short corner being blasted wide by Carney and Jordan, each taking it in turns to inflict disappointment, frustration and anxiety on the team. If we had a short corner routine we would be champions!

And then a sublime moment of skill, Capn Carney stopped a ball at the 6th successive Short corner, looked right, looked left and slipped the ball to Jordan who tripped and accidentally passed it neatly through the legs of the keeper for the 3rd.

You know the story from then – The Gondoliers are world class result thieves – the shutters came up; Roberts tightened his truss, Stokes sharpened his blade and the defence set about the re-enactment of life on the Maginot line with relish.

So 3-2 and truly a game of 2 halves. A dispirited set of Moonshiners returned home having the ignominy of driving for 2 hours to the game, being robbed and then drinking weak lager as it was the only beer left in the clubhouse after the 2nd XI had finished with their derring-do earlier in the day.

Savage is still dreaming of that goal line clearance and the Gondo's 2012 have kicked into life.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 22nd October

Guildford Ladies 2s 2 - 1 Haslemere

The team lined up against Haslemere ready in the correct kit and correct positions (eventually) and were ready to make the boat go faster again!

The match was quite even however unfortunately Guildford went down 1-0 after an unlucky goal. The team rallied though and never doubted a come back. After a number of short corners success came after a push into the D bounced off the keeper to Kirst again who slapped it to Coxy who calmly deflected it in, 1-1 woohoo!

There was some great play by Guildford passing it around the back as per Wednesdays training session and good running by the forwards.

In the second half another attack by Guildford tore the defence apart allowing Average to cross the ball to Em who took a first time shot liftly the ball in perfectly!

Final score was 2-1 to Guildford. Once again a great all round effort and each week improving. Congratulations to Kath winning man of the match for some great left mid work going on :) Well done to Average winning dick of the day for wearing the wrong shirt and starting in the wrong position...doh.

Fireflies 1 - 3 Leatherhead

Well readers the weather was fine, the pitch was ready and the opp were all there. The Fireflies made their way to the pitch for the game, but where was lipstick?!? Then she comes jogging around the corner!!! I think I saw her running the last 5 meters?! Match goal was scored by shev's, she powered through from the back of our half, doing her hockey thing all the way down the pitch into their D and then into the back of their goals!?! What style she has, during her games she did have a player that likes to get in her way and had issues that shev's was not able to help her with! Kirsten supported the opps in the first half and I must say readers it could have been a too good effect!! Sparky was upset that she had no play over the half way line into their half. I have been advised that lipstick was late due to the need of getting her washing out as the weather was too good not to do this!!!!

Jo did a fab job from thr touchline supporting the team and their families!!! Team evening out last week was fab and details of the next one will be out soon.....

COLTS' SECTION

No reports this week

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