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# Mens 1s do the double over Whitchurch Mens 4s secure a 2-0 win

#### **Current news:**

#### Barcelona 2011

Guildford U16s squad will be travelling to Barcelona to play the Polo Club in December. To raise funds for the trip, they will be running a cake sale at the club on Sunday around the Mens 1s game against Havant. Please show your support by eating and giving generously!

#### **GHC Christmas Dinner**

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

#### 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** 

Charity Dinner & Dance in aid of First Touch, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December Tickets still available. 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
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Pilgrims	Captain	Nick Winn	07766 827461	Wessex Masters	Men's Vets
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The latest 1st XI League Tables can also be reached via <a href="http://www.southleague.org.uk">http://www.southleague.org.uk</a>

# **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
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	<b>S1</b>	S2	<b>S</b> 3	<b>S4</b>
	11.00 - 12.30	12.30 - 14.00	14.00 - 15.30	15.30 - 17.00
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 <a href="mailto:richard.julian@gmail.com">richard.julian@gmail.com</a> by Tuesday evening.

#### **MEN'S SECTION**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October

Whitchurch 0 – 1 Guildford (Julian)



Guildford Mens 1<sup>st</sup> team squad

With Whitchurch competing in the European indoor championships after Christmas, we were required to lose our weekend off and travel to Wales to play the Cardiff side for the second time in three weeks.

We beat them at home 2-0 with two goals in the first half and a high quality defensive display throughout. A couple of injuries meant that we had a slightly re-organised squad but it was good to see people able to slot into new roles without any fuss. This game followed a similar pattern to the home fixture; we scored half way through the second half with a good run by Jonny Haynes that resulted in a shot that beat the keeper but hit the post. The ball fell to a grateful Snowy who was able to put the ball into an empty goal.

This game was closer than the game, however, and we found it more difficult to create chances

and score another whilst Whitchurch used their home advantage to put pressure on the defence and get forward on regular occasions. Despite this, we still felt we were the stronger side and Whitchurch showed a lack of urgency as they failed to create any clear chances.

One nil was a good result away from home and one that puts us into 4th, even if only because no other teams played this weekend!

## Saturday 29th October

# Old Loughtonians 2's, 3-1 Guildford 2's (Ian Anderson)

As Guildford enters what will be an important four games for us a full squad was taken around the M25 to visit fellow strugglers Old Loughtonians. After the usual troubles for an away match, the odd player turning up late, disappearing for a poo during the warm up and turning up inappropriately dressed. Guildford had a good warm up, during which the bond, which is forming in the team, was evident. Guildford started well, with the patterns of play from the training ground manifesting on the pitch with Guildford making several good D penetrations. However we failed to continue the good work that led us to the D inside it, limiting the amount of good outcomes achieved. When we did win a short corner we failed to get a shot off. Not too bad a start but then 5 minutes of mayhem followed when we turned the ball over twice near our D and Old Loughts took advantage of our generosity well. Then with our confidence knocked we began missing easy passes and making poor decisions putting ourselves under pressure and not putting Old Loughts under any pressure.

Some stern words where said at half time as our performance was best described as flat. With Captain Darke firing us up we started the second half with real purpose making sure we pressured Old Loughts and achieved several good turnovers but failed to take advantage. Just as Guildford where exerting pressure Tester fervently contested a decision by the umpire and had to go have a rest on the naughty chair. Down to ten men Guildford stepped up their intensity and it was hard to tell which team was a man down. Then Darke meandered forward into the inside left channel found Ian in the D who finished well between the keepers' legs but failed to shout Megs or do a back flip.

At 2-1 it was game on and Guildford pushed forward and won several short corners from their many D penetrations but again failed to convert. Then Old Loughts where reduced to ten men after Alan brushed into their centre forward who then rolled around on the floor swearing at the umpire, despite Alan's concern. As Guildford pushed a classic counter attack down the inside right forced Guildford to concede a short corner. From which Andy (standing in for Hamish) made a good save after which Ben was clearing he appeared to be fouled several times but the ball broke to Old Loughts and with no whistle evident their forward finished well. Guildford continued to press to try and get something out of the game but failed and the final whistle went leaving Guildford feeling deflated. Reflecting on the game we should not blame the loss on giving the oppo a two-goal lead but on again failing to capitalise and execute simple hockey throughout the pitch and especially the return of no goals from 5 short corners. Now we have no time left we need to train hard and ensure we deliver a quality 70 minutes display next weekend.

#### Guildford 3rd XI 2-2 Old Loughtonians

Wow what a match. Goals. Aggression. Five yellow cards.

The 3rd XI returned to action with a bang, coming off the back of two straight defeats in our last matches. Back at Broadwater, our would be weekend Coliseum, the gladiators of this week's team sheet would battle it out for bragging rights against a team equal on points to us. We wanted a win, partly to justify our creditable, yet unprofitable recent performances and also to reignite our quest for the league title.

Despite our captain be 45 minutes late, we started excellently, Chris scoring early on with a looping, potentially inadvertent effort from a tight angle – undoubtedly artistry. Whilst we kept tight around the back under the guidance of our unproven keeper – Simon Mason – we moved the ball with intent and opportunism. Our initial inspired work was undone when our experienced midfield rock/headless madman, Daniel Caesar, collected the ball in front of the D, "passed" back to Bungle (in fact double hitting the ball two feet). As he turned to lead a ruthless attacking charge forward, unknowing of his mistake, their forward rushed through, collected the loose ball and slotted past the disbelieving Mason into the top corner. Quite good really.

Long periods of overly aggressive, foolish behaviour from Old Loughts ensued as we kept the ball away from them for extended passages. They had their captain yellow carded for dissent and we satisfyingly converted the opportunity to gain the initiative and go ahead. I was able to poke us into the lead after a goal mouth scramble. 2-1. In the second half, their captain was sent off again for grabbing Rhino's throat, an act for which they were both sin-binned! Bungle followed suite after a horrible challenge under intense pressure, only to see them score soon after from another panicky scrambled mix up. At 2-2 with nine men we withstood heavy pressure and the rest of the game passed in a blaze of angered frustration. From both teams. The freedom of the space, left by the sidelined, benefited us for the most part and many positives can be gained from our play throughout the second half. Nigel (umpire extraordinaire) forgot to bring Bungle back on and having rectified this mistake we were unlucky to press our advantage home. We were left disappointed at the final whistle, although considering the circumstance, we did well for a point.

Thanks very much Simon for playing for us.

Mom - Chris/Sam (glorious goals)

Dod - Phil (late and sent off)

#### Guildford 4's 2 - 0 Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian Men's 3s

As straf vir die span wat my so verskriklik behandel. Ek het besluit om hierdie verslag in

Amazingly the team was early to our game, with subs, despite our losing streak not getting us down. As the usual banter began and the behave befitting that of a stray dog (Dave.H). We warmed up and got ready to face the opposition.

The game started and what looked like a not so threaten opposition, we decided to keep position and go for the attack. It paid off with a goal. His name is Luka (he lives on the second floor). With all the celebrating, one would have thought that all the lakes in Surrey had turned into beer. We kept composure and kept them at bay. Jimbo using his body to stop a high flying ball going in from a short corner, then having words with the thirteen year old half his size.

Half time talks and Moody was getting us all hyped up. Second half whistle blows and game starts not long into the half Moody is called aside along with a eleven year old boy (I don't know how old he was but he was small), after having a go at him. All I can say is Moody's half time speech worked, he was a raging bull. With that Moody replied with cracking in a lovely short corner, BRING OUT THE BIG GUNS!

This left the remainder of the half with the defenders, defending like there was a horde of Homer Simpsons attacking, and our Goalie had the only donut. With Fifteen short corners against us and J.F also throwing his body in front of the ball, we managed to not let in one goal. Even if the keeper tried to take out one of the more talented defenders by clearing a ball into his head (it was stopped by the defenders hand and lighting quick reactions).

David. B got DOD, for reasons that escape me. Dave Cull got Man of the match (yes the one that attacked his own player). A great day was had by all and with all the handbags being flung about; we parted on good terms, in time for another go at this winning thing, because it feels so good.

#### Sanderstead 4 - 6 GHC Shadows

Last week the Shadows has an excellent result and there is always a fear that when the next game comes around it all falls apart. The Shadows were determined for this not to happen even though there were a lot of new faces including a returning past Shadows captains Chris & Woody between the sticks and Nick a footballer who was red carded the previous week and decided to play hockey, long may that continue. Without an umpire the team planned that four players would umpire for a quarter each, resulting in Capt Nick moaning that not only would he umpire he was also starting on the bench. Normally when someone moans it all goes horrible wrong but not on this occasion. Within the first ten minutes the Shadows were 3-0 up, all goals coming from Capt Nick, though the third goal should have been Leon's, Capt Nick was just making sure the ball had enough spend to cross the line. It looked like it was going to be a very good day for the Shadows when they were 6-0 thanks to goals by Nate, a short corner for Ross and the goal of the game by Mike who danced his why up from left back round the opposition and thumped the ball into the back of the net, how he did not get a nose bleed by being that far up the pitch is anyone guess. For the remainder of the half the Shadows dominated and should have scored more goals but the good start did not continue. In the last few minutes the

opposition scored a goal thanks to the normally determined Will who must have been in a charitable mood because he just stood back at let the youngster score.

The half time team talk was about maintaining the pressure and scoring more goals, yet what was said and what actually happened was somehow lost in translation on the field. The opposition started the second half with all guns blasting and within ten minutes the score was 6-3 and starting to look like a great comeback was on the cards. The Shadows continued to have chances and had three short corners that unfortunately did not result in any goals. Even red card Nick nearly scored at the far post but the luck we had in the first ten minutes had long since gone and had a shower. The last fifteen was a game where the opposition attacked when they got a chance and the Shadows would counter attack but thanks to a solid defence and a midfield that was determined to win the final score was 6-4. It was a good team performance that has had a number of good results over the last few weeks and sees the Shadows moving in the right direction up the table.

MOM Nick DOD Will

# Gondoliers 4 – 4 Reading Vets (Jordan 2, Bigos, Savage)

From our roving correspondent, Alec Hayley, somewhere over the Sahara.

A second successive home match saw the Gondoliers take on Reading Vets, a team we have traditionally struggled to beat. The early omens were unexpected - 11 outfield players, two keepers and one J Bigos arriving on time.

Reading quickly settled into their short passing game, and the Gondos settled into their chasing short passes game. The early opportunities went to Reading, but the charging Jordan upset the script by winning a short corner. What happened next was unexpected, a clean pass, a shot on target, a goal and a 1-0 lead. Cue applause from the terraces.

Reading settled back into their short passing game, and the Gondos settled back to watch it. A lack of men in space led to a failed clearance from a 16, and Readingpounced to equalise. Reading started to create short neat triangles, in which the back pedaling Gondoliers ran around like confused chickens. Reading scored again for a 2-1 lead, and the chasing chickens became headless chickens as Reading pushed forward to score again.1-3 at halftime.

Chancellor Carney called an EU style summit to address the crisis. All the ingredients were there - everyone talked at once, nobody listened, a bailout plan was hatched that no one understood, but it was a plan.

Heads were reattached to chickens and the recapitalised Gondoliers adopted the maverick strategy of marking, chasing the man in possession and clearing their D. The ever-charging Jordan and the elusive Rudy opened up the Reading defence, and there was Bigos, purring forward like a faithful vintage Porsche, to fire home from open play. As play opened up the Gondos pushed forward and won another short. Carney laid off to Jordan, fresh from his first injury break, to score again. 3-3.

Reading countered, but keeper Murphy correctly judged their flicked shot would bounce off the outside, not the inside of the post, so there was no need to move. A clash of stick and thumb sadly saw Jordan departing for the Royal Surrey (with thumb fractured in 7 places and dislocated), and sub Roberts was called upon. The elusive Rudy went forward, and another short was won. Tim Savage was pressed into service, and surprised himself and Reading by drilling his shot three inches inside the left post for a 4-3 lead.

The helter skelter game continued, as the Gondos (no names) had time to miss two good chances to settle the match, before the Rudy formerly described as elusive failed to elude an edged ball that struck him in the forehead. Cue a lengthy time out and a scene from Casualty on the touchline.

Unfortunately the lengthy timeout gave the Gondos the chance to reassess their bailout plan, and to realise they had no idea what it was or how it worked, allowing Reading to regain the initiative. A series of short passes saw Reading penetrate the D and flick home an equaliser for a final score of 4-4.

Learnings from the week: Chinese proverb "always play your second half first".

Best wishes to the injured for a speedy recovery. Do we leave for Canterbury on Wednesday or Thursday?

### LADIES' SECTION

No match reports

#### **COLTS' SECTION**

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October



#### **Guildford HC 4 - 1 Spencer HC**



On 30<sup>th</sup> October the Guildford Hockey U14 Team played Spencer. This was our development side so was without a few main players, the match commenced and early on and we forced a short corner within only a few minutes of the first half and after initial confusion Hamish of the 'Owen' variety easily slotted the first goal away. Everyone helped to contribute to the next goals from Aidan de Forrest-Brown and Tom Serfozo who provided a brilliant finale to the first half. The first minutes of the second half were uneventful for both sides as attacks were repelled. Hamish was denied another goal from a short corner as it was just too high. However towards the end of the second half Tom Serfozo powered in his second goal and the fourth for the team. In the last few minutes however Spencer gained a consolation goal from a short corner. The overall score was 4-1 to GHC.

As always great thanks to Hamish of the 'Ferguson' variety. We would also like to thank Jeremy and Sean for brilliantly umpiring the match. Many thanks to the Parents for providing the Boys and for providing support for the team!

By C. Bealey and E. Bealey

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