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Men's 1s beat Cardiff 1-0 to go second in
Western Premier

Ladies 2s and 4s both notch up victories

Men's 2s enjoy yet another win, could promotion
be beckoning?

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Current news:

GHC Christmas Party – Saturday 15th December



The party kicks off at **19:30** at the GHC clubhouse. Tickets are **£25.00** which includes a glass of bubbly on arrival and a three course Christmas dinner courtesy of GHC Legend Dave Hall.

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Joan Carley

We are sad to announce that Joan passed away peacefully on 30th October. She will be remembered by many of us at GHC as the very supportive wife of our past-president Jack Carley and mother of three children who took an important part in Club activities, including Ian's position as Captain of the 1st XI. She will be hugely missed by all members of her family and friends.

Joan's funeral was held at the Guildford Crematorium at one o'clock on 14th November.

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
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	Coach	Ian Jennings	07802 886000		
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3rd XI	Captain	Tom Pollard		London League Div 2	3rd XI
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4th XI	Captain	James Parkin		Surrey Open Div 1	4th XI
Pilgrims	Captain	Mark Lenel		Wessex Masters Div 1	Men's Vets
Gondoliers	Captain	Andy Roberts	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	Men's SuperVets



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LADIES

Team	Captain/Email	Link to results, tables and fixtures
1st XI	Kate Hutchins	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies1.html
2nd XI	Tracey Henderson	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies2.html
3rd XI	Karen Faulkner	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies3.html
4th XI	Beth Fantastic	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/ladies4.html
Fireflies	Clare Edgington	http://www.guildfordhockey.co.uk/fireflies.html

... 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>

MATCH REPORTS

Don't forget to send any match reports from the weekend to richard.julian@gmail.com by Tuesday evening.

MEN'S SECTION



Sunday 11th November 2012

Guildford 1 – 0 Cardiff (Mullon)

Guildford entered a must win game against league leaders in high spirits after a mid-season break. The squad was at full strength and raring to go.

Pre-game it was felt amongst the squad that the league position should have been higher therefore the game was a must win, Exeter and Bath looked nailed on to win their games which meant the 3 points were particularly important.

The home side produced a frustrating first half producing no chances, conceding most of the possession and generally turning over far too much. After a few wise words from coach Jennings and a slight tactical change Guildford started the second half well. The midfield began to look dangerous turning over the opposition in dangerous areas and creating more openings.



Proof we had at least one short corner



Captain Ali Falconer takes evasive action during a frustrating first half



Chris Boot goes on a run

The goal came 10 minutes into the second half. With Cardiff struggling to cope with the man to man marking of GHC the balance of play had shifted. From a long corner the ball found its way to captain Falconer who played what has been described by some (not Beardy) as 'pass of the season' to Craig Mullon who 1st timed it into the bottom corner. A wonderful goal.



Craig Mullon in action



celebrating his goal with Chris Way

The majority of the rest of the game was played out defending however apart from short corners there was not many threats even when Guildford were reduced to 10 after Har(d)man's yellow. Just as the boys thought they had won 3 valuable points Boot decided to make a rash challenge in the circle conceding a corner with the last play of the game. Solid work from the defensive corner routine kept the ball out and Guildford took the game.

A strong performances from Chris Way playing at right half was encouraging and it is felt amongst the squad that when we put together a full performance we are capable of 'someone is going to get it'. Next week the G's travel to Birmingham with three teams tied at the top of the league including Guildford making it another must win game.

Saturday 10th November 2012

Guildford 4s 2 – 3 Leatherhead 1s

In what turned out to be a thrilling game for the 4's, Guildford kept fighting back and turned around what had been a disappointing first half to nearly find a way to their first win of the season.

That win, however, continues to elude the mighty 4's. A scrappy first goal was conceded when the defence was at sixes and sevens, but Guildford got themselves back into the game with a short corner goal from JF, his first in at least a decade. DOD Tim Hofmeyr was culpable for the second when he just stopped playing and allowed Leatherhead to form an overlap and duly capitalise. But Guildford did not give up and their second came from pressure built up through strong attacking and quick movement. Unfortunately, a third goal was conceded just before half time. Despite a hugely improved second half where Guildford dominated the possession and territory, the equaliser just would not fall. A late appeal for a penalty flick was waved away in a blur of migraine induced logic and so the 4's continue to push for their first win.

Guildford Pilgrims 2 – 0 Oxford Bulls

(Lenel x 1, Crombie et al x 1)

I rather enjoyed this weekend's match. I suppose it's mostly down to a guilty schadenfreud that we were able to secure not only 3 points for the win, but in doing so using Oxford's lack of points to clamber out of the relegation zone into lower-mid table mediocrity. With that security in place we can now begin to enjoy ourselves a little more. I hope Oxford aren't too despondent about it, as they were a friendly bunch of gents to be pitted against.

To be honest the game started off somewhat lacklustre. Perhaps it was the cold, damp Saturday lunchtime air biting into rheumatic joints (should we start some proper team warm-ups from now on?). Perhaps it was an ingrained cautiousness led by our uncanny ability to play (up or down) to our opponent's ability – cue memories of the torrid defeat to Winchester just three weeks ago. Perhaps we were scared to discover that the wonderful win against Havant two weeks ago was just a one-off. Perhaps the extra week off spent sitting in the armchair, slippers feet warming by the fire, pipe in mouth and Daily Mail in hand, had left us all a little too lethargic.

There was nary a gnat's wink to separate the two teams in terms of skill, possession or territory in the first half, save for The Old Guard™ keeping the oppo well clear of our 23 metre line. Our forays into their circle led to a smattering of chances and short corners, all remaining unconverted. Finally, though, Skip Lenel sneaked round the back of Oxford's defensive line to pick up a nicely weighted ball through from Keff and slotted it past their rather diminutive goalie.

Second half saw an improved Pilgrim's performance, due to either us finally warming up / waking up / looking up, the oppo tiring out, or most likely a combination of both. Regardless, we now enjoyed much more possession, control and space when we had the ball. On a number of occasions Woodsie was seen to leave his sweeper position and head north to pastures new further up the pitch. Dave Dickson also found himself attacking the D on a number of occasions. Steve Gilliver seemed to have

discovered yet another level of confidence and ability on the ball, he and Mike Kefford linking nicely in midfield. Rich Crombie and Colin Pacey – overcoming early positioning frustrations – were making plenty of space for themselves up and down the wings. And it was this sort of creative passing that led to our second goal. A free hit on the 23m line followed by a string of about 14 tiny passes finally culminated in a prostrate goalie, a confused Oxford defence, a shot on goal by Gilliver and the faintest iota of a scintilla of a scrap of a speck of a trace of a minute hair's breadth of a waft of a tickle of Crombie's stick on the ball mere millimetres before it crossed the line.

Two goals in the back of the net, 3 points in the bag and the second win on the trot. Nice.

Reflecting back on those 70 minutes, just a couple of observations:-

1. This week it was JT who proffered a shiny new haircut, and – to add further support to last week's hypothesis - I'm sure there's a direct link between that and a couple of excellent last-gasp tackles. Any volunteers for next week? I'll bring the clippers.
2. The two people to score this week were the only two Pilgrims attending Wednesday night training. Just sayin'.

And a few awards:-

MOM #1 goes to our whole defensive line for their first clean sheet of the season - many congratulations!. Talking about clean shirts, MOM #2 goes to Marianne Basey for making an urgent express delivery of the team strip, whilst DOD #1 goes (obviously, I'm afraid) to Chris Basey for forgetting them in the first place.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 10th November 2012

Spencer Ladies 2s 2 – 3 Guildford Ladies 2s

The Guildford Ladies 2s ventured to London on Saturday for a tough game against Spencer as if negotiating London traffic wasn't enough Chloe started the day well asking Lou to park her car. The game started well with Guildford having most of the possession and putting pressure on the Spencer defence with an awesome attacking press. After lots of pressure we won a short corner which the Kit Kat nonchalantly put away putting us one nil up. Our second goal came from Genie adding a nice deflection from the left post putting Guildford two nil up at half time. This season the team have found the second halves more challenging and Spencer came out fighting quickly getting two goals back but magnificent Maddie, in goal, kept us in the game with some great saves. But this time was different Alice, Colsey, Kit, Kirsty and Cas put in some great tackles showing determination, grit and steel in defence and leggy Laura, committed Kath, come back queen Katie and awesome Average put some great balls into our attacking D, our persistence and determination paid off as we won a short corner which Kath scored sealing a well fought victory.

The team's tenacity and effort really showed our potential and fingers crossed from here we can only get better! Well done girls :)

COLTS' SECTION

Sunday 4th November

U12 Boys 'Mavericks' storm to victory in Horsham winds

Horsham 0 - 14 Guildford Mavericks

Eleven boys and parents braved the elements on this wet and windy Sunday morning for an 11-a-side friendly at Horsham. No subs meant the boys would each need bundles of energy; they did not disappoint.

In keeping with the elements, the Mavericks stormed into the match and quickly started piling on goals. Although Horsham did not let their heads down, they were clearly overwhelmed by the skills and drive of the Mavericks. Three goals in the first five minutes turned into an impressive 10-0 at half time. However, as the Guildford players consistently out-skilled their opponents down the middle, Will and Gary's calls to use the width and pass earlier went unheeded. As the half-time came, it was time to shake things up a bit.

The coaches decided to rotate the players' positions and issued strict instructions that only a passing game using the width was acceptable – nobody was allowed to try and go for goal on their own. Although this slowed down the goal-scoring rate somewhat, this "new" approach delivered some really nice team play and two-touch hockey, once the Mavericks had adapted to their new positions.

Eventually, it ended at 14-0. None of the parents managed to note down the scorers but all boys seemed to have a stick involved in at least one goal. Amongst some brilliant performances, Max earned Man of the Match following raving comments from the Horsham umpire.

Oh, and Alex, our goalie, touched the ball. Twice.

Today's Mavericks team: Toby, Lawrence, Raphael, Freddy, Wills, Jack, Max, Oliver, Dom, Alex and Jasper.

Saturday 10 November 2012

5 out of 5 for Guildford

While the boys normally play their league matches and tournaments on a Sunday, Guildford jumped at the chance to organise a Saturday afternoon of friendly matches against Reed's School in Cobham. Reed's are very good at sport and are known for their hockey – it was a chance to get some of our players into 11-a-side who hadn't yet tried it and also to mix up the age groups and players.

We had five teams at Reed's on Saturday, three 11-a-sides, and two 7-a-sides, encompassing players from the U14, U12 and U10 squads.

Thank you to Gary and to Jimmy, the Reed's coach, who made this happen through their personal

connection. Both coaches were very enthusiastic about the quality of the hockey and an afternoon well spent.

Guildford Boys U12 Cs v Reed's U13 Cs

9-1 WIN to Guildford Cs

For many of our C team this was their first time playing 11-a-side on the whole pitch. After a quick introduction to the additional new positions, everyone got into their stride. Nick opened the scoring with an outstanding reverse stick shot at goal. Some excellent play followed throughout the first half with Bart and Marc playing links feeding the ball through nicely to the forwards, Zac, Nick and William G.

This strong forward pack was well supported in midfield by Eddie, Ted and an exceptional performance by Chan. Despite a goal by Reed's, the first half finished strongly with Guildford ahead 5-1.

In the second half the defenders had a bit more to do with Harry G and Nathan heading off a few more attacks, meaning that Jake had very little to do in goal. With goals from Chan, Eddie, William, Chan, Bart and a hat-trick from Nick, this was a good (9-1) result for the C's. More important was the ways the goals were scored, 2 off short corners with Bart and Chan amongst others being instrumental in setting up other goals. Thanks also to Michael for standing in as sub.

Things to take away from this are the importance of holding your positions and looking for the quick pass, the next team may be much stronger and this will be more important.

Will E.

Guildford Boys U12 Bs v Reed's U13 Bs

2-0 WIN to Guildford Bs

Guildford Bs came up against a strong U13 B side. Reed's started strongly with some good attacking play, but the Guildford defence of Harry F defending bravely in goal and Felix and Oliver G putting in some fierce tackles, managed to keep the opposition at bay.

After some well-directed vocal encouragement from Coach Gary, the B side started to string together some passes and work the ball round the opposition. A goal came midway through the first half with a through ball from Michael in midfield for Will F to sprint past his bigger defender and slide the ball past the despairing Reed's goalkeeper. In the second half both teams had some chances, but Guildford were beginning to see the advantage of using the width of the pitch.

Both inside-right Jack F and inside-left Quinn saw much more of the ball and were making effective breaks towards the Reed's goal. Eventually Michael and Quinn both chased down a long ball through to the Reed's keeper who crumbled under the pressure, blocking the ball to Michael who leapt onto the chance to smash the ball into the open goal. Final score was 2-0 to Guildford, an impressive result against a strong sporting school.

Jim F.

Guildford Boys U13/12 As v Reed's U13 As

4-3 WIN to Guildford As

This team brought back into the U12 fold some of the team members from last year's U12 squad who

are now U13s. The two sides were evenly matched and the battle was hard fought. Guildford edged the win.

Guildford Boys U10s v Reed's U12 C and D

Both Guildford 7-a-side teams came out unbeaten

Appearances can be deceptive –although all the Reeds boys looked about 3 years older than our boys, Guildford did brilliantly and did not concede any games. Both teams played the 7-a-side format, with wins, draws and NO LOSSES. Some skillful play was evident and encouraging to see great teamwork in both teams.

Sunday 11th November

U12's Girls

11-a-side league match versus Woking at Goldsworth Park

Woking 1 – 1 Guildford

On a chilly, sunny November day the girls travelled to Woking for the 3rd of their 11-a-side league games. Woking took an early lead with a penalty corner after Guildford had missed out on an early strike at goal.

Recovering well Guildford fought back keeping a good deal of possession and forcing Woking back into their own half. A potential equalizer was disallowed, and Guildford continued to press Woking hard – with some excellent mid-field passing. The last 15 minutes was all Guildford's way, with desperate defence from Woking finally overcome when a sharp cross/shot from Coca was snapped up off the keepers pads by Rosie Hope giving Guildford the equaliser. Pressing for a win, luck wasn't on our side and the match ended with 1-1 draw.

Player of the Match - Rosie, but it was a split decision by the management team when there were so many great performances from the rest of the team.

Many thanks to coach and umpire and all our supporters – and well done girls – a good effort all round!

Under 12 SEMH Round 3 at Horsham

Guildford Boys U12 Team 1 – three wins

Remarkably, it was a warm (relatively) and sunny day at Horsham Hockey Club's Millais School pitches so the scene was set for an enjoyable two hours of hockey.

Hamish, Ollie G, Quinn, Zac, Harvey, Johnny, Thomas and Alex B were the 7 + 1 in the GHC Team 1 squad.

As one of two GHC 7-a-side teams playing both Teddington and Horsham Hockey Clubs, GHC Team 1 looked up for a challenge as they faced up to Horsham Team 1.

Early in the game, it was clear that GHC 1 were well matched with Horsham 1. Both teams worked the ball well up the pitch and put themselves in goal scoring positions. Ultimately, however, GHC's passing was more agile and that created space that Horsham simply could not cover. Goals from Quinn and Hamish capitalized on GHC's selfless play. At GHC's end, Horsham certainly created chances with some spirited attacking moves but the GHC defence were very solid. Final score: a well-deserved 2:0 to GHC with the play increasingly in Horsham's half as the game went on.

Without any time for a breather, Teddington 1 joined GHC 1 on the pitch for the next game. The momentum that GHC 1 had built up in the first game was carried over well. Teddington were certainly stronger than Horsham 1 with a more agile attack. However, GHC once again created space in offense. Even when plays were neutralized, GHC kept the pressure on; Zac covered ground well to keep pressure on Teddington as they broke out of their half. After one spirited GHC attack with a mob in Teddington's D, Quinn found the 5 inch gap at the left of the goal to score for GHC. Hamish followed this up with a second goal for GHC and with Teddington finally and deservedly finding the back of the net, the final score was 2:1 to GHC.

After a longer break, GHC 1 played their third and final game against Teddington 2. Even with the long break, the pace with which GHC had played the first two games was now taking its toll and this game was a little more of a grind than the first two. All players once again contributed however and the team continued to move the ball around. Ollie G continued his super-solid defensive play, shutting down a number of spirited runs from Teddington. GHC also had an opportunity to take a few short corners which worked well with all the forwards getting an opportunity to make an attack on goal. It was Johnny who found the back of the net to give a final 1:0 score line in GHC's favour making this a very successful trio of games for GHC 1.

Guildford Boys U12 Team 2 v Horsham 2 – Win 3-1

The first game saw a very promising start to the team with early possession and a first goal scored very quickly. The boys got into a good rhythm with some early pressure from Jack, Jules, Toby and Bart and some excellent passing.

v Teddington 2 – Draw 1-1

The boys continued their winning streak by scoring again quickly, along with some excellent defence from Henry. Although most of the passing was accurate, the boys managed to lose possession, leaving the opposition to take advantage and score quickly. The boys, however, kept up the pressure with good spacing, and using the pitch well.

v Horsham 1 – Loss 0-3

It was clear early on that the opposition was fast and putting pressure on, and with Bart shoring up the defence, the boys put up a very good fight. Again, some excellent passing shots from Toby, Jules, Jack and Bart, and strong defence by Ollie and Milo. Henry kept the ball moving on at a tremendous pace. But perhaps with some tired legs and not enough possession, the team conceded 3 goals, but put in a great effort.

Under 12 Boys 'Mavericks' v Ashford U14

Ashford 5 – 1 Guildford

On a rare sunny November day the Mavericks travelled up to near Heathrow ready for a genuine test against Ashford who have shown recent form in beating Teddington.

The team lined up with a solid back four of Ben T on the right, Felix and Dom in the middle and Elliot on the left. Midfield saw Max and Harry R in the middle and Will Fe on the right and Jasper on the left with Isaac and Will Fi up front. Will S started on the bench and came on the left side.

The game started at high speed with Ashford having several strong, skillful 14 year olds towering above the Guildford posse. Whilst conceding a goal early after not being able to clear the ball the Mavericks were back in the game with some tenacious tackling from Felix and Elliot, good distribution from Dom and Ben dashing up the right side.

When we passed early both Max and Harry created space for Will Fe, Will Fi and also Jasper to attack the D but the final pass did not come off.

Ashford played through the centre every time and hit us on the break. Their centre forward finished well after a miscued clearance.

At 2-0 down the whole team kept running hard and passing the ball. Another goal came from Ashford but we responded with a good finish from Isaac after lots of pressure. Lots of attacks from Guildford featured some great passing and interplay in contrast to the Ashford direct and individual style.

The second half saw Ashford revert to a Bolton style long ball game with their sweeper regularly sending aerial balls 40 yards down the pitch. They were well defended by Will Fe and others and imagine for many have never seen this in a junior game before.

Mavericks continued to press but the errors crept in and Ashford scored twice and we missed some chances that were well saved. Speaking of goalkeepers Alex had an excellent day and stopped some ferocious shots with great footwork.

All in all a great effort by a very young team against an older opposition with some great individual skill. Their coach spoke to me during the game and praised our passing throughout and general team play. The team will learn a huge amount from this in terms of keeping the ball and ensuring passing is accurate.

Good work from and thanks to all parents for their support in getting them to glorious Ashford on a Sunday.

Under 10 Boys – South East Mini Hockey Round 2

Hosted by Teddington

The Star Wars theme continued as the Guildford Jedi's and Yoda's took on teams from Spencer and Teddington for a very early start on Sunday.

Guildford Jedi's – 3 Wins, 1st place finish

The Jedi's started strong against Spencer with some great defensive work from Barney and Ben. Working the ball through mid-field to the strikers, the boys found each other and passed well. All 3 goals were scored by Billy from open play with some great passing through from Jonathan and Ben (mark 2).

In game 2 the Jedi's didn't seem to wake up initially and Teddington managed to put 2 goals past our sterling defence. The boys left it quite late before Billy managed to score 2 goals in as many minutes. With the scores level, Dougie did some great work up front, supported by Matthew, to see a third goal from Jonathan and a final spectacular reverse stick strike from Billy.

Game 3 saw the Jedi's up against the Yoda's battling it out for place 1 and 2. Both teams fought hard, with some tough challenges and attacks on our defenders by the Yoda's. Billy again managed to find the goal and put the Jedi's 1 goal ahead, and with a confident 1-0 up, Billy secured the win with a further goal. Great effort boys – well done – you earned those Curly Wurlies



Photo: the Guildford Jedi's enjoying the sunshine and a break in the action

Guildford Yoda's – 2 Draws, 2nd place finish behind the Jedi's

The Yoda's didn't have a full complement of players and the host teams graciously leant 3 players to our side.

v Spencer – Draw 2-2

This match saw the boys running up and down – real end to end stuff! It was a tightly contested game enjoyed all the more by the spectators for the sunshine it was played under. There was some great play by all in both defence and attack. The final score was 2-2, Jake and Charlie K scoring for the Yoda's.

v Teddington – Draw 1-1

Another tight game, Guildford showed some real commitment notably from Sean. This one ended in another draw, final score 1-1, with Jake scoring the only goal.

Guildford Jedi's topped the group on goal difference and Yoda's were second which meant an all Guildford final. The match followed form and Jedi's won 2-0 with goals scored by Billy and Jonathan.

Well played everyone on a beautiful Sunday morning.



We ended with a 2 minute silence as a mark of respect for all those who died in recent wars.

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