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Ladies 1s beat Havant 1-0, marking their fourth win in the League this season

Mens 1s lose 5-0 at Bath who go top of the league leaving us in fourth place.

## Current news:

### GHC Christmas Dinner

will be held at Broadwater School on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Speak to your captain or Dave Hall for details

### 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](#)

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# FIXTURES

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Shadows	Captain	<b>Steve Morris</b>	07788784143	Surrey Open Premier	<a href="#">Shadows XI</a>
4th XI	Captain	<b>David Cull</b>	07973 731402	Surrey Open Div 4	<a href="#">4th XI</a>
Pilgrims	Captain	<b>Nick Winn</b>	07766 827461	Wessex Masters	<a href="#">Men's Vets</a>
Gondoliers	Captain	<b>Andy Roberts</b>	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	<a href="#">Men's SuperVets</a>

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## 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
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
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](mailto:richard.julian@gmail.com) by Tuesday evening.

## MEN'S SECTION

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Team Bath Buccaneers 5 – 0 Guildford**

This was not a good game for the visitors! Bath are a very good team but have been less consistent this season, with a capability to implode. However, it's fair to say they were at the top of their game this week, with a confidence that grew along with the score line. We were nowhere near the top of our game and our defensive strength which is usually such a bed rock of our game plan failed today and the home team were allowed to run with the ball, retain possession and create several chances. Our performance was naive and reactionary and we allowed ourselves to be undone by a good team, but not a remarkable one. We will have learnt from today but we also need to accept that this sort of performance is not good enough.

The score does flatter Bath somewhat as we were 0-2 down with 15 minutes to go, we switched to four up front and tried to get back in the game. Alex Ferguson probably would have advised against this policy and he would have been correct as our chances were not converted and Bath went on a City-esque rampage, scoring 3 more and leaving us with a long drive home from the West Country.

We are, however, still within touching distance of the top of the league and so will evaluate what went wrong, address it at training and make sure we approach next week's home game against Lichfield with renewed positivity and vigour. We will need it!

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Guildford 4s 2 - 2 London Edwardians 3s**

There is no doubt that this was the best game of the season so far! From the start we put the opposition under pressure, which led to us leading early on (nice one Ben). London Edwardians were definitely rattled and we managed to keep up the tempo. We did eventually take a goal before half time but still looked strong. We passed the ball like never before, finding a Guildford player almost every time and when we couldn't get through up front, we passed it through the backs to create new opportunities. Chris S made some great runs up the right wing, the twins managed to keep the middle secure, and the defense produced some great tackles, albeit a yellow card in the second half (thank you for the dod votes...). A few cameos from new players also helped and overall we looked very good on the ball. We ended at 2 goals a piece but really should have made more of our opportunities up front as we probably could have won this. We

need to keep up the tempo for the next 3 games and show that we can make life very difficult for other teams in this league!

DOD: JF

MOM: Chris Sargent

## **Shadows 7 - 2 Bank of England 2's (R Henry, Hyett (2), Dye, Copeland, Farrant, Annable)**

The Shadows continued their winning ways, on Saturday, and quantitatively eased passed the Bank of England, causing their interest rates in the Surrey Open Premier Division title to sky rocket as they put the central bankers to the sword 7-2 in an exciting display of attacking hockey. This puts the Shadows top of the table on goal difference above Oxted, whom they play next weekend.

The opening play saw end-to-end action with both sides having opportunities to open the scoring. After some good work from the Shadows defence and with keeper Marcus making some important saves (one flying effort to keep out a top corner drag flick!), Ross scored a direct shorty effort, followed by two in quick succession from a nifty deflection by Nick and an emphatic thump (with interest) from Jonny into an empty net to put Guildford 3-0. Further good play just before the half time whistle ended with Tom C actually passing the ball and reaping the rewards as he rounded off the flowing move, by poking home to open his account for the season, to see the Shadows go in as 4-0 leaders.

The half time talk was focused on the need not to let Bank back into the game and not crumble like Greece's economy (which we have previously this season, in the second half) the team went out with the same intensity they had shown during the first half. Nate got the scoring flowing again by cracking open his piggy bank and spending his savings, scoring with a slap into the corner, for his 4th of the season and extending the Shadows lead to 5 just a few minutes after the resumption. Some outstanding athleticism was shown as Weeman and TBDITL Will, started fully warmed-up from prior squash/football engagements. With 4 (or was it 5?) subs for this game, like a trading floor, things got a bit crazy. Some not really knowing whether they should withdraw or deposit, despite the skip's best efforts. Actual Bean-Counter MCP5 Mikey invested heavily, in several areas of the field, becoming a sound all-round backing for the Guildford Branch. Being spoilt for choice was not the reason for the Bank's opening goal; a crunching tackle from Ross bounced the ball straight onto a Bank stick which managed to slide in the forward to beat a rather unfortunate Marcus - no clean sheet bonuses this week. Almost straight away though Guildford got back down the other end and Nick grabbed his second, and then Tom A got a rather fortunate debut goal for the Shadows by cunningly playing the ball against the defenders boot and into the goal - the umpires deliberated, the goal was given much to the protest of the Shadows' Chris S?? W.T.F?! (he must've had shares in Bank's goal difference or something?). That was the end of the Shadows' deposits, but Bank found a way past the immense Shadows' maturing assets of Marcus and Weeman with some really good play and the forward just beating the onrushing Marcus to the ball with a tidy little dink.

The captain got a g(ood)reen card for a high stick, as he jumped with his stick across his chest to take an aerial, which earned him the prestigious DoD award and the shirts.

Marcus Bently bagged MoM, in particular for THAT save, amongst others, at the start of the game when the balance sheet made better reading for Bank.

Dinner was curry, which was wisely invested by all, the returns of which nobody wants to read about!

Next week is Oxted, with whom we sit level on points at the top of the Prem and a fraction in front on goal diff.

## **Gondoliers 0 - 4 Haslemere**

This was obviously a day when Guildford were never going to score - a combination of posts / wild swings within a yard of the goal line and bungled corners conspired to thwart the Gondoliers against a competent, able and agile opposition, who capitalised on every opportunity. Despite the score line, it was an even game with Guildford unable to keep to short early passes unlike the opposition!

## **LADIES' SECTION**

### **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

#### **Ladies' 1s 1 - 0 Havant 1s**

A bright and early November morning brought a mid-table clash for the ladies' 1s. A win would keep either team in the league runnings so tension was high and game faces were on. Guildford started with intensity and had some good play. Our defence looked strong and shut out any attempts from Havant's quick breaks. Attacking was smoother than it's been in a while, with some excellent links between the mid-field and forward line. The only thing missing was the goal. Some lovely displays of attack down the right enabled our forwards to test the Havant defence. Guildford had a number of short corners as a result, but with our usual injector topping up her tan in Mexico, sorry, on a conference in Mexico, we failed to convert. Half time came and both sides remained without goals. A rousing team talk from Jenno clearly had an effect on Theika who pounced on the rebound from a short corner strike and capitalised to give Guildford the lead. The second half also brought with it confusion from the umpire on which team were going which way, more opportunities for both sides to score, but no more goals. Guildford defence showed great strength and security in their play and a more vocal Annabelle was a deserving MOTM.

If we thought this week was a big game, next week is positively colossal – we play top of the table Maidenhead, 13.30 at home – please stay and support us after enjoying the Mens' 1s game at 12.00.

## **Guildford ladies 3's 1 – 3 Barnes Hounslow Ealing Vets**

So on a sunny Sunday morning we made the hour journey to Barnes Hounslow Ealing. Within the first 5 minutes we won three short corners consecutively but just couldn't see the ball to the backboard. The aggression started early from both teams – snarling and scowling happening all over the pitch. Rosie fought with the goalie to try and get the ball from beneath her pads and into the goal – no such luck. Even though there was some great defending by Debs, Jane, Helen and Rozzie, Barnes managed to score two goals in the first half, throwing us off a little.

After a motivating team chat we came out in the second half fighting – Vicky O had already drawn blood from knees and elbows, an inspiration for us all! Debs took a hit from half way, straight to Rosie's stick, two touches and it was Helena running it forward, cross into the D then BAM! Karen's first touch hits it into the back of the goal. Textbook stuff, girls. Guildford were owning the pitch with quick passes, positive energy and hard running, and Jane made a SUPERB save to heighten the team spirit on the pitch. Karen narrowly missed an open goal keeping it 2-1 all the way through to the last two minutes, where Barnes scored their final goal. Unfortunate as some excellent hockey was played and it was a thoroughly enjoyable match. Man of the match – Debs for some brave defending like always. Thanks for coming – Rosie for sobering up just in time for the whistle!

## **Guildford Ladies 4s 1 - 3 Sunbury and Walton Hawks**

We all started off extremely confident and ready to win, but unfortunately that didn't happen. Even though we lost, we played extremely well with near misses from Laura, Fin and Fi. We went 2-0 down at half time and then 3-0 not shortly after, but with an amazing shot from Ellie we got a goal back. Even though we lost we worked to our best potential. Hard luck everyone, but well played.

## **COLTS' SECTION**

### **Boys U14 Development 0 – 3 Surbiton Development**

This was a great opportunity for the development side to play without some of the more experienced players for the first time.

They acquitted themselves well and, on balance, the final score was not a fair reflection on the run of play. We had several chances to score in the second half but insisted on blatting the ball into the immobile goalkeeper's pads - rather than slotting it to one side or the other of him.

We passed the ball well in phases and showed some useful patterns of play around the back of defence. Up front, captain for the day Tom Serfozo worked tirelessly and was unlucky not to be rewarded with a goal.

These players are learning fast. Ball speed is getting quicker, tackles are getting stronger and positional play is improving enormously. Almost unrecognisable from the first session in September. Keep up the good work lads.

MOM – Tom Serfozo for gutsy effort

### **Boys U14 Cup at Chalfont St Giles – Double Header**

#### **Guildford 0 – 5 Surbiton**

It was like playing in what Chernobyl must look like today. No, this is not some extended metaphor about life with the U14 boys – that is what the ground actually looked like. Rundown, derelict buildings, battered wire fences, broken up roadways and all eerily deserted. So much for the University of Buckingham. Having said that, the host management team were very friendly.

Anyway on with the games. Once Geiger counter levels had dropped sufficiently, we took the pitch against Surbiton, who had themselves just played Amersham & Chalfont. They were glowing, we were not. They were strong in the tackle, we were not. They moved the ball quickly, we did not. Their umpire was a noisy Welshman, ours was not [apologies Steve if you ever read this – don't worry he's an old mate from Uni]. They scored five goals, we did not. All in all rather disappointing and our heads dropped towards the end.

I actually didn't think they were that much better than us.

So, some stern words from the coach at the end of the game before the second part of our double header. Not a lot said about hockey but quite a lot said about life, competitiveness, rising to challenges, not being beaten and getting to the top of anything and everything we do. You can coach the feathers off a duck but if it won't compete, what can you do!? As my Dad used to say – half the battle is mental, the other half is in your head.



On to game two.

## **Guildford 2 - 0 Amersham & Chalfont**

As the sun began to set over the tundra, Guildford started, intermittently, to play some decent hockey. We were more competitive, we looked like we wanted the ball, we passed it (sometimes even to our players) and we 'got stuck in' to a few tackles. At last we scrambled a goal, and then another, confidence started to surge back and we eventually ran out comfortable winners.

Hot, hard work but its nice to get a win away from home.

Let's remember that in both games we were, man for man, a year younger than the opposition. We've played less together and we are still settling into our best formation. It will come.

Many thanks to Jeremy for umpiring both home and away and for the support from the parents!

MOM – Hamish Owen for strong performances in both games. Excellent distribution too.

DOD – Jeremy (for umpiring in his vest to beat the colour clash – there's commitment for you boys!)

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