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Super Saturday results in a win for Mens 1s against Lichfield, a draw for Ladies 1s and a narrow defeat for Mens 2s.

Current news:

GHC Christmas Dinner – Saturday 17th December

To be held at the GHC clubhouse, Broadwater School: speak to your captain or Dave Hall for tickets. This is a great event and raises funds for the club, please come along and encourage your team mates to do the same!

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	Coach	Ian Jennings	07802 886000		
2nd XI	Coach	Guy Fordham	07725 959205	London League Prem	2nd XI
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
Pilgrims	Captain	Nick Winn	07766 827461	Wessex Masters	Men's Vets
Gondoliers	Captain	Andy Roberts	01483 271206	Wessex SuperVets	Men's SuperVets

Mens 1s – EHL National Conference West details at <http://bit.ly/qubxys>

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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
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
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 20th November

Guildford 4 – 1 Lichfield
(Haynes, Falconer x2, Boot)

AVADA KEDAVRA!

The Ginger Wizard fired two short-corner goals as Guildford cruised to a 4-1 victory over Lichfield at Broadwater School.

It came as no surprise to the Guildford faithful that Dave Wilson's first start of the season coincided with an uncharacteristically sloppy start for the home side. Indeed, a lack of defensive organisation in the first few minutes allowed Lichfield to probe Guildford's D on numerous occasions before an unmarked striker tapped in the opener at the far post on 5 minutes. However, it did not take long for The Gs to recover their structure and to enjoy solid possession in the opposition half.

The following 65 minutes effectively represented a one-sided affair as Guildford created more chances than a monopoly board, forcing Lichfield deep onto their back foot. Rory Marsh was presented with Guildford's first clean-cut/dolly/unmissable/easy-peasy opportunity of the match. But the injury-prone striker duly squandered his reverse-stick effort thus surely alerting the EHL's Anti Corruption and Security Unit. However, The Gs were rewarded for their pressure just before the interval as Johnny Haynes continued his promising form by mopping up a collapsed short-corner.

Guildford continued their positive approach as the midfield rotated the ball with ease and precision, whilst regularly providing timely passes into the forwards. The inevitable second goal soon arrived as Ali Falconer (The Ginger Wizard) slotted a magical slap-shot past Lichfield's keeper earning 40 points for Gryffindor and a deserved lead for Guildford. The home-side maintained their assault on the opposition and soon emerged with a third through a slick interchange between Jennings, Haynes and Boot; a sure contender for goal of the season.



Ali Falconer celebrates scoring the first of his 2 goals

Viewers of the BBC's 'Frozen Planet' will appreciate the following analogy, as Lichfield began to fatigue and abandon the cause like a sea-lion pursued by a pod of killer whales. Indeed, by the time The Wizard collected his brace Lichfield had all but given up hope.



Paddy Harman either making a tackle or falling over

Guildford can take great confidence from their display and should be proud of the manner by which they responded to the unsatisfactory defeat at Bath last weekend. A big game awaits The Gs down in Fareham on Sunday and the collection of 3 points will surely make the Butter Beers taste all the better over the Christmas break.

Guildford Mens 2XI 1 - 2 Spencer Mens 2XI **(Scorer: Big Face)**

MOM: Bloxy

DOD: Deano (cheer up, we love you really!)

Poor old Big Face. What does the big fella need to do to win back that much coveted DOD outfit? He tries so hard every week only to be foiled by one of his hapless team mates. This week he turned up with the swagger of a supremely confident man. Those pink (yes pink) espadrilles were simply screaming "that outfit is mine!". But no...yet again defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory. Usually the contenders for DOD stake their claim before or at least during the game. But with everybody listening to Guy's appeal to minimise the mistakes on the pitch Face had to wait until the post-match fines session to see disappointment realised yet again. Enter Deano, stage right, clearly not yet fully used to the extra width of those leather elbow pads. Sends his pint across the table, all over Bloxy and, more importantly, the fines book. The team smelt blood and an easy opportunity to humiliate in front of the visiting girlfriend. It was all too easy. Face had to watch, powerless, as that classic combination of early 90's tracksuit top, leggings, blonde wig and comedy chicken "hat" slipped from his grasp yet again.

And what of the game? A competitive, closely fought encounter watched by a capacity crowd not seen since the last time the mens and ladies first XIs both played at home on a Saturday. Those that were actually watching were treated to some entertaining play and some tough umpiring which saw yellow cards for two players from Guildford and one from Spencer in the first half. The second half got underway with the score at 1-1 and everything to play for. Spencer struck early on with a well executed corner. And despite piling on the pressure until the last remaining seconds the home side just couldn't quite find a way to score. But it was a good all round performance and judging by the post match banter team spirit remains high.

Next week, a tricky away fixture at Reading. What will Face come up with next in his efforts to win DOD? Will we ever play in anything other than bright sunshine this season? And has anybody found Woody yet?

Kings and Alleyns 2nd XI 2-4 Guildford 3rd XI

It was with unequivocal relish that I waited for my team at the King's and Alleyn's ground in south east London on Saturday. Having beaten a resiliently rude Indian Gymkhana satisfyingly last week, turning our poor start to the season around somewhat, I was excited to consolidate that victory with three more points. In the 45 minutes that I waited however, basking in the glorious November sunshine, some of my initial anticipation drained away into annoyance. Phil and his men were all very late. As I watched a professional and sleek opposition warm up, struck by how tall they all were, my fears were finally compounded as I watched 12 or so bedraggled and hungover stalwarts of English hockey haul themselves to the sidelines. Well Pat was hungover anyway - the others appearance merely reflected my annoyance. There followed a pathetic warm up, and a quick start to the game. At least we tried to start quickly. Kings view

of us may have taken a turn down a country lane, towards the village perhaps as we realised we only had ten men on the field. Chris had helpfully gone for a poo. A long one.

However I am pleased to report that despite an extremely casual pre-match ritual, we preceded to play the best hockey I've ever seen a 3rd XI side produce, especially away from home. Phil had helpfully announced to greater Lewisham before the game that, "This pitch is really fast, so watch out!". It was probably the slowest surface any of us had ever played on. This, unbelievably, suited us perfectly and Guildford were able to control possession from the first minute to the end of the match/rampage. Though they may have been tall they were also VERY slow. They made me look pacey and Bungle look agile.

Soon, Chris was able to scramble in a first goal after some extended pressure by Guildford. Joe and Nick bossed the midfield unrivalled as we were given space enough to calmly put the ball around the park. Kit and Ryan provided a pestering bother to the opposition whose defense was caught in possession all too often. Chris was able to selfishly, but brilliantly round the keeper for his second of the day, flicking hard to the keeper's left before the break. Unfortunately a terrible mix up between Bungle and Any Valner in goal allowed Kings an easy opportunity which they took. A simple tap in, but importantly their only shot of the half. 2-1.

After a Brandon Summerford special pep talk we went out for a second half determined to close out the game. Joe, Nick and Pat worked very hard in midfield whilst I watched on. I mean, I battled ferociously. Chris was able to deflect Joe's solid shot in for his hat-trick with a touch so fine it was extraordinary, all credit to a scintillating run by the midfielder (on only his second 3rd XI appearance). Joe went on to blast Guildford's fourth from the right hand side of the area, an unstoppable finish. We held the ball for the remainder of the match, seeing Kings score from a short late on, but the winner was clear by this point. Credit for this stunning victory against a very reasonable, if slow, side should be shared amongst the squad but special mention to Chris, Joe, and the defense Phil, Bungle, Sam, Deano and Mark for being steadfast throughout.

Great win.

MoM - Chris/Joe

DoD- Chris (for pooing)

Guildford 4s 0 - Leatherhead 1s 4

A massive squad turned up in high spirits to try and capitalise on the recent form shown by the team. However, early goals from the opposition once again proved to be the downfall of the team. The 4s showed a promising spell at the start of the second half which was capped off by DOD Alex passing the ball to the opposition's centre forward in his own D and allowing Leatherhead to seal the tie with an insurmountable 3rd goal.

The scoreline did not reflect the standard of hockey that was played by the 4s. Big performances were put in by Dave B who had MOM stolen from his grasp with the final vote; some would say banter rather than performance prevented him from receiving this accolade. JF and Jim had another solid game at the back. Chris "Usain" S and the forwards linked up well when given the chance.

Had the finishing of the previous game been displayed the result could have been positive. As it is, the team is left with a couple of crucial games before Christmas.

Guildford Shadows 4 (1) – 0 (0) Oxsted Men's 4's

[R Henry, C Sanderson, T Annabell (2)]

In an eagerly anticipated bout, the Shadows continued their superlative form to ease past their closest challengers and take a three point lead at the top of the Surrey Open Prem.

In the unseasonably warm weather, the Shadows never looked concerned and they set about methodically picking apart Oxsted. In comparison to recent displays, Guildford's approach was patient and measured and with Shadows' stalwart Marcus Smith patrolling the Guildford defence, any hint of danger was promptly snuffed out.

The Shadows broke the deadlock midway through the first half with a textbook short corner from Ross Henry and continued to look comfortable with good performances from Valner and Ward. Oxsted, who had a youthful and skillful line up, looked excellent individually, but failed to deliver any telling blows.

However, by half time, Guildford had failed to add to their tally and knew that the next goal was crucial.

After the break, the Shadows pressed higher up the pitch where Major and Copeland continued to cause problems up top. The pressure told and the crucial goal came from another short corner, when returning Shadows' "All Star", Sanderson, pounced on a poor kick from the Oxsted keeper to slot home.

From then on, it appeared that Guildford had Oxsted beaten mentally and Tom Annable added a quick fire third after his tenacity in front of goal paid off. Guildford could then enjoy themselves as the game opened up, allowing the Shadows' full backs to maraud forward and exploit the space.

Man of the match, Annable, had the last word as he finished off two or three quick exchanges with Hyett in the move of the game to add a second to his tally and a fourth to the score line.

Other notable performers were Mike, who deserved a goal for his efforts from full back, and skipper (and Editor), Steve Morris, for shepherding his team to yet another impressive win. The Shadows' now have a well earned week off and will return to the fray on 3rd December away against Barnes 5's, and will still be at the top of the Prem on GD regardless of the Oxted-Bank result.

MOM: Tom Annable - for his weaving runs, giving the Oxted youngsters a taste of their own medicine, and two goals.

Joint DODs: Author & "All Star" Chris S, for getting skinned by a 5-year-old, then tracking back for a foul, PLUS Ross H for having a *hole in his stick* on more than one occasion.

November 12th and 19th

Gondoliers 5 Haslemere/Chalfont combined 5 (Chris B 1., Tim 2, Nick 1, Pete Chalfont 1)

This is a combined report because a two leg draw somehow sounds better than a thumping 4-0 loss followed by an easy 5-1 win. Also the match report for the 12th Nov went astray and the author, a virgin Gondolier's reporter until then, was concerned that his sacrifice may have been unrewarded by the birth of a publication.

The performance of Ian, the goalkeeper stands out as especially impressive, particularly because it saved us the blushes of a much higher opposition goal count. Brave, skillful, and off-putting with a number of intimidating charges forth from the goal line, Ian thwarted many an attacking challenge and shot, from an over-excited and enthusiastic Haslemere forward line. Oxshott troubled him less and he took pity on them towards the end of the game and opened his legs for a consolation goal.

Ian's place in goal allowed Richard Gordon to make some threatening charges of his own out in the field and down the left wing. A few opportunities to strike on the goal might have gone amiss, but overall R. Gordon injected some gusto and red-bloodedness into our attack, not to mention some vocals that were easily heard (and ignored) over on the right wing.

Perhaps the greatest challenge to Haslemere's defence came from Rudy, who almost singlehandedly staked Gondolier's claim to the mid-field and the opposition's 'Dee'. Rudy's running from deep with the ball presented our greatest threats upon the opposition's goal. One shot which ricocheted off the right hand post sending splinters of wood flying off into the crowds, caused the Haslemere umpire to splutter a few unexpected expletives and turning to their full-back, stated that a centimeter to the left and that would have been the goal of the match. Nick provided the ideal substitute for the second match and not only ran at the opposition but also passed as well. His contribution was goal of the match against Chalfont, described by himself in the after-match press conference as "a little bit to the left, a little bit to the right, dribble, dribble, bang."

It was actually a relatively solid performance from our lines of defence; and notably from Windsor-Lewis, who maintained his alchemical knack of stealing the ball from off the sticks of the opposition and send it Beckham-like onto the sticks of our awaiting forward line - who sadly this Saturday, tended to pass it straight onto the sticks of the opposition. He role was picked up by Tom for the following match who provided what can only be described as variations on the theme of Central Defensive Midfield.

At the after-match press conference, Tim described his two goals as "one I am proud of and one I am not", whilst Chris B. dismissed any suggestion that he stumbled by chance on the ball whilst wandering around near the goal, maintaining it was "a perfect deflection into the net,

after a well timed run” . The three goals scorers at the press conference feature on our Page 3 special below.



The triumphant goalscorers celebrating (after the game?)

Nothing was remembered about Haslemere’s goals. The half time talk is also unrecorded as it could not be heard above all the shouting. Gould was heavily fined for at first failing to come on as a substitute when requested by the coach Carneni.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 19th November

Ladies' 1s 2 – 2 Maidenhead



Ladies 2s 2 – 2 Sunbury

The ladies 2s took to the pitch this weekend nice and early and hopeful for a win against a tough opposition of Sunbury. With Caz still doing a great job in goal the coaching void was temporarily filled with 15 minutes of Jenno time! Needless to say by half time the team were 2-0 up with a great goal from Average, who retains her position as top goal scorer and also a nice short corner rebound from Doddsy who nearly got a nosebleed being that close to the goal and almost passed out actually scoring! We went into half time dominating the game but knew that after Sunbury's half time telling off the second half would be much tougher. Needless to say Sunbury's passing improved and they scored 2 second half goals which although disappointing from our perspective were definitely deserved. In the second half the defence did a good job with Caz making lots of saves and the defence clearing off the line, the final result being 2-2, if honest we were disappointed with the result but hopeful that with some good training on Wednesday and some more goals next week we can hopefully put local rivals Woking to the sword next weekend and grab 3 points!

COLTS' SECTION

No reports this week

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