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# 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

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012

#### Hampstead and Westminster Zak Honda 2 – 0 Guildford 3s

Today's match report written from the perspective of Andrew "Mullet" Waters, in honour of his impending marriage and a hockey career lost to Saturday shopping trips for new curtains, couple's yoga...and eventually... mini Mullets. Mullet, it has been an honour. Fade into the twilight of your life with dignity sir.

*"Saturday morning was going well. Well, ok. I'm still getting married next weekend...no way out of it now, so that bloody speech will have to be written. Feeling a little shaky and constantly nauseous. Didn't drink last night for the first time in as long as I can remember...and this morning it feels awful. Never again. Will definitely make sure I'm drunk for the wedding, will hopefully make the whole thing more bearable.*

*I had banked everything on the tea shop in the station being open, like it always bloody should be, but NO! Why would they work a proper, respectable working week like the rest of us?? Skiving, work-shy, rush-hour profiteer, mediocre-tea merchants. Got a minion to phone ahead for tea at Guildford, but ACTUALLY got told off by an old lady as we were in the 'quiet zone'. Incredible. We talked extra loud just to annoy her.*

*This week we were playing a team with a silly name. It's 10 games in and I haven't scored. Who says attacking midfielders should score anyway? The little Geordie guy with the glasses up front isn't here this week, neither is the RAF guy who can't add up. Ha...I did a maths degree. Sucker! Sam, Mr. Incapable-of-getting-me-tea is back on the left, and so is Tyrone at right back, the guy I shouted at last week. Definitely going to shout at him again this week. That was great. No Bungle again, something about not being able to look me in the eye and baggy shorts.*

*Before the game, casual 400m time trial on the athletics track next to the pitch. Missed my pb by 8 seconds!! Should never have agreed to getting married. My secret boyfriend Will and Matfield even beat my time. Disastrous. Will mentioned that there are 83 lego men for every real person in the world. They would definitely take me in a fight. Still thinking about how they would definitely want to kill me. Probably why I wasn't at my best.*

*Right game time. Im top of the diamond again, no pressure to score. Of course. What's this? We're under the cosh for the first 5 minutes! They're all over us and playing a really weird formation where they pack the middle of the park and leave the wings exposed. Doesn't matter though, our goal is in the centre of the pitch...and that's where they put it from a short corner. Damn that Sam Hansen, he missed it on the line. Maybe he should have had a bloody tea.*

*Rest of the half ok, we play better. I still don't score. This rubber crumb pitch is awful. Rich F on the right wing having a stormer, hot-beverage-denier Sam solid at left back, Geordie talisman Kit running marathons upfront. We play some nice stuff but don't take our chances, 1-0 at the half. I would normally be trying to be sick somewhere right now. Being sober on a Saturday is rubbish. Actually have to listen to the team talk at half time. Boring. Can be in the pub in under an hour.*

*Second half very open, chances at both ends. Verbals flying. No real reason to shout at Tyrone so shout at oppo instead. Brilliant. We're more up for it this half, working the ball around nicely. Still not that much in their D though. I stay well away from the goal. Of course. Then we turn the screw and have something mental like 6 short corners in a row. Have we ever practised these? Not sure, haven't been to training in years. Trying to get out of a marriage you see. Takes time. Im stopping for the shorties. That doesn't go too well. Better than Rhino's striking though! I miss Bungle. Lots of wasted opportunities. Just like my life.*

*Defence has been playing well so far. But then the team with the silly name only go and score. 2-0 and that's that. Is losing 2-0 better than getting married? Don't care, the lego men haven't materialised. Still thinking about how they would definitely want to kill me. Probably why I wasn't at my best. See you after Christmas boys, when I'll be wearing proper trousers and smart shoes. What's this? Its someone's birthday do tonight? That must mean I literally get to drink ALL THE WAY HOME. Result. This day could be saved yet..."*

Season's goal tallies: 4 – Rhino  
3 – Pollard  
2 – Alex, Kit, Chris B, Sam HS  
1 – Ryan, JB, Rich F

MOM: Shamelessly lobbying and capitalising on a momentarily-confused Geordie meant that surprisingly Matfield got this one, ahead of the much more deserving Rich Franklin.

DOD: Deano voted for himself on this one, displaying what could be called outrageous over-confidence that he was way out the running. However, he was. Top-scorer Rhino took the shirts for butchering what might have been 8 short corners, wind-milling like a junior who's only been playing for a matter of weeks.

## **Guildford 4s 4 – 2 Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian 3s**

The sun peaked over the horizon and we were playing at home, this was a good day for hockey. We had an umpire, keeper, full team and subs; so no problem keeping the engine room going by having rolling substitutes.

The first half started off well and we were able to keep the opposition out of our goal, the defence banded well and kept them out. We counted and forced the opposition into a mistake and a shortie was rewarded. We scored and kept on attacking getting a second goal in open play, a bit scrappy but a goal is a goal.

Second half saw the oppo attacking and managed to get a goal in. The fours came back and managed to get another one past the keeper. Trinity where not happy and started to get ugly, they got a goal

on a shortie that was more luck than skill, after being blocked by two separate defenders the ball still rebounded back into play and they got it through. A mention must go to Rob who had three attempts on goal but alas no back board.

All was not over the fours trumped them with another goal leaving them high and dry, with two goals down. Ah the winning feeling how I have missed you.

Man of the match: Gordon 'the vet' (who made us look old)

DOD: David Barnardo (for reason I still don't know!)

## **Gondoliers 3 – 3 Epsom Vagabonds**

A delayed start (one hour) and a frisky oppo meant we were soon 3 up before their fifth column (our defence ) kicked in, leaving us short changed with a draw. Highlights -Blatchers many misses / Wylie's underwhelming goals and their stunning penalty flick

# LADIES' SECTION

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Ladies 2s 0 – 1 London Edwardians Ladies 1s**

This week saw the visit of London Edwardians to GHC, after recent league wins we were hopeful of a positive result although London Eds were only 1 place below us in the league and a pretty tough and physical side. We started the game shakily but after 10 minutes were back in control dominating possession and really showing our passion, determination and enthusiasm like toddlers fuelled on jelly tots! Despite lots of possession we were unable to convert either through open play or short corners and we went into half time at 0-0. The second half was much tougher with the opposition coming out strong, and taking the lead through a goal line scramble. We dominated with possession in their half but again could not convert. The game ended 0-1 and despite our disappointment at the loss we can take a lot of positives from our performance including our commitment, team work and resilience especially in the second half- fingers crossed we can return to winning ways next week.

*(Apologies to captain Louise for missing off this report in last week's edition – ed)*

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

## **Woking Ladies 1A 1 – 2 Guildford Ladies 2s**

The ladies 2s headed to Woking this weekend for a local derby keen to get back to winning ways after last week. On arrival at Woking we found the pitch solid and icy and Woking keen to postpone or bring push back forward and play on a different pitch. After a brilliant training session on Wednesday the girls were not going to go home without 3 points, Genie stepped up to the mark umpiring the first 20 minutes and we started after a 10 minute warm up. Although not an ideal start after the first 15 minutes we settled into our style of play. Unfortunately this was not converted and Woking went 1-0 up. However the fighting boom ninjas came out with a vengeance with Kit scoring from a corner, the game remained 1-1 for the majority of the second half. With 10 minutes to go Guildford dominated possession and were unable to convert their short corners and possession in the 25. The girls really dug deep, fighting for 50-50 balls like Augustus Gloop fighting for chocolate, and the work rate paid off when Amy hit a lovely ball into the d which Lou deflected into the goal- a late winner but totally deserved. It was celebrated with a great night out and we look forward to taking on Surbiton next week.



# COLTS' SECTION

## U12 Boys in action Friday evening for 7s and Sunday morning for 11-a-side

### Friday evening – 7-a-side matches against Reed's School

Following the enthusiastic feedback we had from the fixtures organised at Reed's School last month, a second set of matches were to be played during the Friday evening training slot – half the GHC U12 squad travelling to Reed's and the other half meeting Reed's at Broadwater. Alas, the weather had other plans – Reed's organisers had to call off their home matches due to frozen pitches. The action at Broadwater was moved to the Sand but met an early end as the temperature dropped.

### Guildford U12A wins 5-0

Following on from a hard fought 4-3 victory against Reed's U13As in the 11-a-side format a couple of weeks ago at Reed's School, Guildford U12A team boys expected another tough match against the U12 7s, this time at Broadwater.

It was very cold and as the game was played on the sand pitch, the parents and supporters had to prise themselves away from the warm bar to watch the contest.

What was immediately noticeable was that the team started brightly and took the initiative early. The boys got their passing going from the very start; the calling between the players was also noticeable and perhaps is a sign that they are beginning to 'gel' as a team. A good move involving Will and an excellent pass by Freddy led to Elliot beating the Reed's keeper to make it 1-0.

A strong run and pass from Max led to another goal from Elliot to make it 2-0. Reeds responded with several attacks and this led to some good clearances by Alex who was ably supported by Raphael and Ollie. Just before half time Guildford was awarded a short corner and Raphael's pass led to a good shot from Freddy that was deflected by a Reed's defender past the keeper to make it 3-0 at the break.

In the second half the boys continued to work really hard and it was not long before Max set up Harry who made it 4-0. To be fair to the opposition, they never gave up and with Isaac battling hard for his school against his club, they then forced approximately half a dozen short corners. Harry and Raphael on at least one occasion protected their keeper with good blocks. One hard, low shot was goal-bound until Alex managed to get his foot to turn the ball away and this was followed by a better save with his stick that saved a certain goal. After soaking up this pressure without conceding, some good work by Will led to Freddy scoring to make it 5-0.

In summary, the boys played really well. They supported and encouraged each other from the very first minute of the game and, importantly, took the initiative early rather than allowing the opposition to dictate the pattern of play. Thank you to Will Esplen and Gary Lonie for coaching. Coach Gary stated at the end that special mention should be made of Harry's performance but nominated Alex as his 'player of the match' - and who am I to argue.... (Gary S)

## **Guildford U12 B v Reed's U12B**

The team this evening was Quinn, Lawrence, Jack, Ben, Toby, Felix, Harry F and Will S.

Maybe because the boys were eager to get warm, the game was fast moving end-to-end hockey from the start. Some early solid keeping from Harry set the tone for a stable defence. A short corner win by GHC had Felix feeding out to Ben who launched at bottom left but didn't find the back of the net. Reed's came right back at GHC but Felix was quick back and applied good pressure to shut Reed's down. There was some all-round good aggressive hockey being played by both sides but it was GHC who opened their account with a fine goal by Ben. Two Reed's short corners were threatening and, for GHC, Lawrence and Ben worked well together to create another opportunity but the first third ended 1-0 to GHC.

Early in the second third, the Reed's right-mid player demonstrated an impressive turn of speed to even the score at 1-1. Quinn and Jack worked well together to put the pressure right back on Reed's but with a short corner awarded to Reed's, they turned the table once again forcing another excellent save from Harry. Lawrence went on a solo effort attracting the attention of most of the Reed's team including the keeper but somehow, out of the melee, the ball found the back of the net. Well done Lawrence and 2-1 to GHC which was protected to the end of the second third by some more solid defence from Felix.

At the beginning of the final third, GHC were slow out of the starting blocks which gave Reeds the space and time to wind up. An early stinging reverse stick shot from Reeds flew about 1 inch outside the left post. Reeds continued the deluge to quickly even the score at 2-2. Unfortunately, with the bit between their teeth and with GHC still warming up after the second break, Reed's took advantage once again to go 3-2 up with a cheeky tip-in. GHC finally started to find their feet again. There were some lost opportunities with a lot of 45 degree fast passes which just couldn't find the end of a stick but it was attacking play once again from GHC which created some real momentum and good possession. A short corner for GHC led to not one but two cracking shots from Quinn but both were fended off to deny GHC a level score-board. Reed's were always threatening on the break but Harry continued to pull off some solid saves and the entire GHC team continued with some excellent pressure.

Ultimately, GHC were perhaps a little unfairly punished for only a few minutes lapse of concentration at the beginning of the final third. This was largely a game of equals with GHC carrying the bulk of the possession but with a slight deficit of luck and a momentary lapse of concentration. Very entertaining though. Well done to all the players and thank you to James Relph for coaching the team. (David)

## **Sunday - Guildford U12 Mavericks v Woking U14D**

Team: Raphael, Freddy, Isaac, Will Fe, Max, Oliver G, Michael, Harry R, Elliot, Alex, Oliver S, Quinn  
This was a Game of two halves!! The first half was dominated by Guildford with loads of early pressure. Some excellent interplay particularly down the right hand side unlocking at least three clear chances in the first 20 minutes. Wave after wave of strong attacks went unrewarded either through lack of precision in the D or excellent goal keeping by Woking's giant of a keeper. Some remarkable timing by the umpires meant that the whistle blew just as Will was about to pull the trigger on a clear shot at goal. The half ended 0-0 but the team were confident that it was just a matter of time.

How wrong they were – the second half was a cracker, backwards and forwards with both teams having strong attacks. Guildford nearly opened the scoring with 3 consecutive shots all well saved by

Woking's inspired keeper. It was Woking however who scored first. Their very first short corner effectively struck into the Guildford goal. Somewhat against the run of play but there was time for Guildford to respond. This they did in the form of Isaac with a strong individual run leading to a short corner which he then buried with a rasping shot to make the score 1-1. The match continued to excite with both teams having chances to "take the 3 points" – Alex kept Guildford in the match with an excellent save in the last few minutes. It was end to end stuff and a great game. The final score 1-1 probably a fair result. Big thank you to Gary, James and Will for coaching today. (John)





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