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Mens 1s grab 3 points at Fareham

Mens 2s in 3-3 thriller at Reading

Ladies 1s lose to league leaders
Hampstead

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!

Raffle Tickets – DRAW IS ON 10th DECEMBER SO GET YOUR STUBS IN!

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](#)

GHC Race Night Saturday 4th Feb

See below for details...

GHC RACE NIGHT!!

- When:** Sat 4th FEB 7pm
Where: Guildford HC
Who: YOU & all your friends & family
Why: Points make prizes & there's money to be won!!



Tickets (includes a scrumptious dinner) = £15!
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Prizes this year include: Food vouchers at Zizzi, Nando's, Pizza Express, Jamie Oliver's, The Dog & Pheasant & more!

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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

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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
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
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

Sunday 27th November

Fareham 0 – 1 Guildford

Haynes

A good win to cap off a decent first half of the season, finishing with 19 points in third place. Fareham are a good team full of talented players, as the 2-2 draw at Broadwater proved so we knew we would have to be resolute in defence and take our chances. This we did with aplomb – Fareham created some decent opportunities but failed to convert thanks to a combination of rather inept finishing, solid defending and a goal keeping master class from a certain Simon Mason.



As the game drew on and the score remained at 0-0 it was difficult to see where a goal was going to come from. Up stepped Jonny Haynes whose size thirteens had minutes before got him a yellow card for a rather deliberate foot. The break in the sin bin had clearly done him good as seconds after returning to the game he was given a yard of space in the opposition D. He duly dispatched the ball into the roof of the goal making it 1-0 to the visitors and the game pretty much sewn up.

A couple of further chances were created towards the end of the game: one fell to Mike Rippon who tried the option of throwing his stick high into air instead of hitting the ball at goal. This didn't work. Another fell to Rory Marsh who had a two on one with the goalkeeper who was out of position. Rory tried to lob him instead of passing or dribbling round him. This didn't work either.

Despite these misses, the game finished 1-0 and three points for Guildford. Kudos must go to Fareham for excellent post match teas, the best in the league outside of Guildford, although the room could do with some windows.

MOM: Simon Mason

Saturday 26th November

Reading 2s 3 – 3 Guildford 2s

Despite what that the scoreline is a disappointment after a 3-0 lead at half time, Guy (our coach) is starting to see his efforts rewarded. When we are playing well we play very well and we can honestly compete with the top sides in the league...unfortunately when we don't an under 10s side could probably pick us apart!

Having had our recent away games fall apart due to the pre-game preparation we arrived early and were ready to go from the off. So with a concerted effort we all arrived on time and promptly dispatched Dave to fetch some astros for an embarrassed Wilder. It seemed there was no need for this effort as an umpire had not turned up and we had a lot of time to get ready.

We started strongly, controlling the ball at the back and using the midfield well to hit the wide forwards. For the first 20 minutes we seemed to be able to get the ball into the opposite D quite easily. Guy had devised some ingenious short corner calls, the forwards keen to test his memory decided not to win any and slot the ball home instead. First one...then two and finally three goals up...against a good Reading side! we were cruising! As half time neared we eased up the pressure, Reading probably thought they were getting back into the game but the team defended well and we went into half-time with our lead intact.

Following some encouraging words from Guy, we went out for the second half. Unfortunately the Reading side had had plenty of encouragement and came out very strongly, scoring a goal in the first couple of minutes. With Reading playing a very aggressive press we couldn't find our feet again, and it rapidly became one way traffic. Slowly our lead evaporated as we desperately clung on. Without Hamish's heroics in goal, the game would have been lost!

The Guildford side was delighted to hear the final whistle, despite being 3 up we had been very lucky to come away with a point.

MOM Darkie

DOD Wilder

Guildford 4's 2 - 1 Epsom HC 4's

An early game waited for the Guildford 4th XI, as we set off to meet at Epsom for a 10h30 pushback. We were greeted with a crisp autumn morning, a perfect morning for hockey. As usual the banter started, this is why we get out of bed and leave our wives and girlfriends nagging, to get harassed by your team mates, marvelous (why do I do this again?). In true team spirit I decided to partake in the team's dress code of wearing tracksuit bottoms, as I usually wear jeans as any self respecting human does, but my choice of outfit lead to me writing this report. As mentioned by Moody "are you a BHS model", ah the love of comrades!

So back to the game at hand, we had a lot at stake as winning this game would get us off the bottom of the league and we could enjoy our Christmas mince pies and ales with some dignity. The first half was an absolute crisp, clean and glaring domination by us. With us scoring our first goal off a short corner, that was actually planned and executed, with the ball being hit to the far post, a man on post tapped it in, only to be blocked by the keeper, but to be tapped back in by Jimbo on the near post. Again Moody pulled out his play book and using his page 4 play of

running the ball to the base line got us another short corner. This time a more militant approach of keep it simple, stupid. Bring out the big guns and hammering the ball passed the keeper hitting the back board. 2 – 0 by half time.

The second half was a little scrappier with the opposition scoring a goal. With the opposition now seeing a glimmer of hope they became more aggressive, resulting in myself being hit in the ankle, releasing an almighty, man cry, I fell to the ground (this was another reason for me getting DOD, ah the love of comrades), this was my game over. The team reformed and gained position but we could not get back the form and composer we had in the first half. Disappointed we should have score more but alas, a win is a win.

Man of the Match was a draw between Jimbo and Moody but Dave.C sent in his nomination by text and Jimbo won it by a whisker. DOD was David.B, none of the reasons related to the game played. With one more game before the Christmas break hopefully we can get some more points onto the board.

Gondoliers 2 – 3 Havant Cavaliers **(Gould, Fuller)**

On being driven home with the radio blaring out into the dark night, giving the days results, inspiration stuck.

An Ode to Stuart Hall...

The sky was grey with a November palette only brighten by the stars in a strong gondoliers side. A side still missing Windsor-Lewis, Gordon, Jordan, Belshaw and Blatcher, to name but a few.

With the youth of adolescent antelope dancing across the Serengeti the Gondoliers were full of ambition and drive.

Onto the battlefield with lieutenants Hall and Paul the squad had reinforced defence and tactical strength ready for the fight.

But what was witnessed, oh my... what decisions followed, with captains, 2 strong, what oversight....

An attacking line filled but no back line seen, not 3 but 2 roundheads were left to hold the fort and defend against the marauding Cavaliers.

The Famous Front Five took to their adventure well with pass and attack again and again but with finishing without result was like a first edition missing it's final chapter.

The game remained scoreless.

On looking back and seeing nothing but emptiness and void, Gordon, Gordon and Savage decided 5 was to be reduced to 4 and so 2 became 3. This, however, left little width on the left but emptiness and void and so frustration followed.

Substitutions led to yet more movement managing to manipulate a moment of magic in the making. Bigos found himself with ball on stick stuck to the touchline, the ball soared, like an

eagle in flight, passing over static players (not for the first time), but with a good following wind and Gould, a goal was made.

Joy unbound and blood pumping Rudy picked up the ball, circled, teasing and passed all in front before dispatching the finest of finishes. A cry of "Great team goal" was heard.

The crowds crowed for more from the very top of the surrounding bare winter trees but with confusion and adrenalin still raining down Havant stole one back from not 1 but 2 keepers left defending the line.

The game had changed like the turning of a page and so to half time.

Tactics were spoken, positions finally claimed and defence reinforced. The Cavaliers rode once again deep into their oppositions half. A depth so deep that encampment was made.

Final clearances were promised but were disappointing like a pre Christmas sofa sale. As time passed, like Havant been seen before, all too quickly bargains were to be had.

Mr Murphy fought so hard, making save after save until his body fought back, bringing him to his knees again and again. His efforts were great but all, too sadly, in vain as Havant balanced the score and eventually took all 3 points in the dying seconds.

The Gondoliers had gorged themselves but did not get their fill and in doing failed to win a winnable game from a winning position.

In defence, defence can't be defended without a defence from the start and a defence made at the end only smells of excuses.

Guildford Vets (Pilgrims) 3 – 2 West Wiltshire Vets (Wylie x 2, Rees x 1)

Pilgrims' ascendancy to the stratospheric heights of the Wessex Masters' League possibly given a little leg up last Saturday

Whenever I return home after each Saturday's hockey match, I'm usually greeted by three standard questions from my kids: "Didya win?" "Whatza score?" and "Didyoo get any goals?". On the increasingly rare occasions when my answer to the first is "Yes, we did win" their delight and enthusiasm is infectious (even if it only lasts up to the point when Strictly comes on the telly).

However, given that the stock answer this season to the first question has been a resounding "No", the kids aren't really interested in anything beyond that. I'm always amused by their sheer lack of compassion, their brutal honesty, and their ability to switch on and off their support simply to suit their own needs. (I guess it's rather like my son pretending to be a Manchester United supporter – "only when they win").

What they don't get (yet, I hope) is the fact that us players get so much more from a match on a Saturday afternoon than just win=good, lose=bad. Hard games where we've fought hard, played well, but still lost can be infinitely much more pleasurable than those where we play OK,

have some niggles with the umpires or the opposing team, and win just through the virtue of a single goal.

Our match on Saturday against the travellers from West Wiltshire was a bit of a mixed bag of fortunes. Despite having none of the occasional starlets to grace us with their presence, Nick had done a sterling job of mustering almost the entire old guard that has been keeping the team in the league this season (notable exception John Asdell, hope you're feeling better). When all of us are simultaneously fit, willing and able at the same time, we actually have more than enough players and quite a capable team!

A magnanimous sharing of duties between Kefford & Shelbourne ("you push up, I'll drop back") gave the midfield some decent structure and depth to the play. Basey, JT, Winn and Toplas provided defensive cover for Jenkinson in goal. Rees, Howells, Gilliver, Lenel and Wylie provided attacking play up the sides and front. Sounds all really organised & professional, eh? Don't be fooled – it wasn't – to begin with we struggled to link more than 2 connecting passes in a row.

Although it was West Wilts who took the first goal of the match, unlike many previous matches this season we weren't disheartened nor were we ready for yet another drubbing. This was because we had already created a number of excellent goal-scoring chances (including being denied a flick for a goal-line football defence). So it wasn't much longer before Wylie pocketed our first of the match in a manner that only Wylie can do - nothing more than a neat and tidy deflection mere inches from the goalline.

At this point things took a little turn for the worse. Shelbourne ripped up his unread copy of 'People Management 101' and tried to persuade certain other people to his perspective of the application of field hockey rules by shouting out them loudly and vociferously. Given that it was one of the umpires he was trying to persuade, and given that particular umpire was Jeremy Holt, it was never going to end well. Jeremy saw red, and Shelbourne saw an immediate yellow card. We were down to 10 men but thankfully conceded nothing for the rest of the half.

West Wilts took the lead again about 10 minutes after the break by converting a questionable short corner. Not having learnt from his earlier censure, Shelbourne's sarcastic aside again had him called up in front of the umpire. In any other circumstances he would have earned a red card (would *that* teach him respect for the umpires?), and the oppo were certainly baying for blood. In this particular instance, however, Jeremy handed James the whistle in the hope of baiting him back for the rest of the match and in doing so conceded umpiring duties outright. James graciously handed the whistle onto the oppo's spare player (why didn't they provide an umpire from the start?) and the match continued, albeit with some confusion and regret that the atmosphere had been so badly tarnished.

Our second goal was an uncanny mixture of good fortune, luck and fluke. Matt Rees, piling into the D at a sterling rate of knots, attempted to recover the ball that had been sent out wide. Not having the grace, footwork or flexibility to take it cleanly, he slid into the circle on one knee, reverse stick on the end of outstretched arm. Luckily he found good purchase on the ball and hoisted it back in the general direction of the goal, in a great looping arc that beat the goalie and left everyone else surprised that it was actually on target. I still haven't decided if I'd rather have one spectacular Rees goal a season (I refer you to Haslemere, 22nd January 2011),

or a larger volume of more sensible scoring.

Game on – all to play for now – and it was the simplest of short-corner conversions (another Wylie 2-foot redirection) that earned us the winning goal, bragging rights, happy faces, 3 points (“Hey, it’s the same as three draws” said an insightful Nick Winn), a step up out of the relegation zone and some friendly banter in the bar afterwards. James Shelbourne was nowhere to be seen.

LADIES' SECTION

Saturday 26th November

Ladies 2s 1 – 2 Woking

We started well with high levels of aggression and communication, determined to make a strong start. We had the ball at their end for the majority of the first half but were unable to put it away, or gain short corners. (Maybe this was due to the both of the umpires not attending their regular spec-savers check up.)

During the second half, Woking increased the pressure and were able to gain 2 goals against us. They had a few more shots at goal, but the defense were very strong within their positioning and Cas made some brilliant saves.

Throughout the game we were able to put our training into practice where we managed to transfer the ball within the mid- field and defense very well. When when there was an opportunity, Kath and Kate managed to place some brilliant balls through their defense causing the upfront to have a few shots at goal. At this point of the game, we were determined to come back and Average made this true by scoring one of her brilliant goals.

With the score 2-1 to Woking and only a few minutes left, we were able to win another short corner and so with the whole team coming up to support, we made every effort to score. Unfortunately the ball was deflected by a defender over the back line where the final whistle blew to conclude a 2-1 loss.

A great game played by all, and unfortunately the score doesn't reflect how well we played as a team. A great thanks goes to the support we had from the sideline- this really lifted our spirits and definitely helped with our positioning throughout the game.

Guildford ladies 3rd team 2 – 0 Addiscombe

Early start for us today, sleepy Sophie stumbles into a Karens car to drive to Croydon. We get to the Addiscombe pitch with plenty of time to psych ourselves up. Good team banter in the changing rooms and a solid warm up while Sarah dons the goalie kit albeit with kickers on the wrong way round to start with.

The oppo started hard and strong but soon enough we found our feet and played our game. The first half was close and a few opportunities came our way but no goal yet. Jane made light work defending by using her feet on the sideline - very subtle the umpires missed it. Talking of missing things... we all played the first half with the goal 1.5m off the centre. Which would have meant that Roz and Vicky's close misses would have gone in. We didn't make a fuss though-confident that we were the better team hopefully the goals would come in the second half.

So the second half we started strong and dominated like only Guildford 3s know how-excellent

work team! The first goal came from Kat with a drive into the D from the left and a quick hit, lifted just half a foot off the floor, with a satisfying bang on the back board. Good goal! The second goal to seal the deal was from the right - some lively passes for the ball through to Karen in the D who slapped it across at a close angle which the goalie couldn't cope with. Sophie was ready for the touch or rebound but no need as Karen's had done the job-good work!

So 2 nil and the rest is history!

Man of the match went to Kat for being just about everywhere pretty much all the time! And Dick of the day was Rozzie (me) for getting away with a naughty mistake with some sweets which the team all enjoyed-so why punish me? It should have been man of the match instead.

Well done girls-c u at training on Wednesday!

COLTS' SECTION

No reports this week

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