



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Mixed fortune or Mens 1s in Double header at weekend, going down in high scoring League game but winning through to next round of cup.

Ladies 1s notch up 7 vs Wimbledon.

Club Social – Sat 27th October 2007

Fancy Dress Halloween Party

Price £7.50 includes, entrance, disco/music, competitions, games and Curry & Rice
Please contact your Captain to for tickets or Sally Johnson on 07775 877 394 or
email sallyjohnson30@btinternet.com

Please support this event and your club!

Have you paid your sub? Give it to your captain this week.

Full fixture list, results and League Tables can be accessed through www.guildfordhc.com

Mens fixtures for next two weeks

Oct 6				
2 nd	Surbiton	H	1200	LL premier
3 rd	St. Albans	A	1500	LL
Shadows	Sanderstead	A	1445	Surrey Open
4 th	UCL Accies	H	1500	Surrey Open
Pilgrims	O Kingstonians	A	1130	Wessex Master
Gondoliers	Winchester	A	1500	Wessex Supervets
Oct 7				
1 st	Belper	A		National league 1
Oct 13				
2 nd	Bromley & B	A	1200	
3 rd	Bromley & B	H	1400	
Shadows	Old Cranleighans	H	1330	
4 th	Spencer	A	1500	
Pilgrims	Andover	H	1230	
Gondoliers	Woking Pitts Elder	H	1500	
Oct 14				
1 st	Brooklands MU	H	1200	

Other friendly games may be organised by captains.

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

Oct 6						
	1 st	Trojans 2	L	A	Wellington SG, Southampton	1400
	2 nd	Tulse Hill & Dulwich 2s	L	H		1330
	3 rd	Camberley & F 2s	L	H		1100
	4 th	Cranleigh 2s	L	H		1230
	5 th	Staines	F	H		1400
Oct 13						
	1 st	Horsham	L	H		1200
	2 nd	Wimbledon	L	A		1500
	3 rd	Oxted	L	A		1200
	4 th	Merton	L	A		1100
	5 th	London Eds	F	H		1530

Match results/reports.

Mens

National League Div 1

Guildford 3 Old Georgians 5 (Beere 1, Acquaye 1, Usher 1)

Thanks to all our supporters for coming down to watch a thoroughly entertaining home game. Next time we'd like to be entertaining and take the win!

We started really strong and took the early lead through a superb penalty corner drag flick (which should have cracked the backboards) from Adam Beere, hopefully he'll delight us with a few more of those this season! Duncan Marsh played well at right half and caused OG a few concerns whilst feeding David Usher some good ball to harass the OG defence. Minutes later and OG had their first corner. A shoulder height drag flick followed which struck Justin Lyon Taylor on the line and OG deftly put away the resulting penalty stroke making it 1-1. We'd barely settled into the game when OG picked up another corner, this time the flick found low left corner of the goal with worrying ease.

Then followed a piece of brilliance with Craig Acquaye steaming into the D to deflect a cracking long corner pass into the net, leaving the crowd excitable and the OG defence breathless. 2-2 would have been a good half but this game was just warming up. A case of déjà vu with another OG penalty corner and OG led 2-3. In truth Guildford lost possession in the midfield all too often and OG were quick to turn scraps into attacks, a super ball across the D deflected into the goal at the far post was the inevitable result. On came Tom Griffin and picked up a super pass, the Aussie did well and slipped the pass to David Usher who had found space; Usher made no mistake striking it home to lift spirits again, but still trailing 3-4. OG were on the counter attack within seconds and earned another penalty flick when Justin Lyon Taylor mercilessly threw his subsequently battered body in front of the goal, a bit keen but shows his grit. The penalty was easily put away and so an incredible and exciting first half drew to a close with Guildford trailing 3-5.

Things settled down in the second half into a much more defensively orientated affair. The speed of the game abated somewhat with 3 players seeing some yellow. Guildford could have done better with 11 v 10 had the midfield been able to up the tempo, but the tiring speed of the first half had its effect and resulted in some heavy legs. To be fair, OG had the upper hand and earned themselves no fewer than six 2nd half penalty corners. Although this statistic could be a cause for concern, the defence did well to keep OG at bay, well done to that man Justin Lyon Taylor again for his superb save on the line. OG changed their penalty corner tactic with a two phase set piece, the effort bobbled but caught our boys off balance and ahead went OG to 3-6 and that's how the game ended, sadly. Dov Tait in goal pulled off a super save following a somewhat unnecessary foul outside the D within minutes of the final whistle.

With the cup game to follow on Sunday the boys must have been disappointed to concede penalties and goals so easily, but lifted by a spirited effort and comforted by knowing they have real potency and have a quite a bit more to offer.

England Hockey Cup 2nd Round –

Guildford 4 Bromley and Beckenham 3 (Griffin 2, Usher, Acquaye)

After losing on Saturday this was a good morale boosting result. Aussie Tom did justice to the number 13 shirt with his spectacular reverse stick shot from just inside the D. Craig made it 2-0 before half time and we looked quite comfortable. Dave Usher finished off an excellent counter attack five minutes into the second half to make it 3-0. Bromley had nothing to lose and put us under pressure and scored from a penalty corner. Tom got his second and the game looked safe. However we started to tire and the opposition scored two more goals in the last five minutes. But we ran out worthy winners. Goalkeepers Greg Lewis and Max Davey each had a half and made some good saves. There should

also be mention of good performances from newcomers Richard Julian and Paul Scullion.

This now takes into Round 3 of the Cup on 21st October. Next Sunday we travel to Belper for a 1.30 pushback.

Guildford 3s 1 (Miles) Wimbledon 3s 1

The 3s started the season with a hard-fought draw against last seasons high-flyers Wimbledon. Guildford took the lead in the second half through a short-corner routine worked out during the pre-match warm-up. A straight strike from the top of the D by Bungle was deflected into the net by one of the many new players to the club, Miles. The tempo remained high throughout the seventy minutes of the match but Wimbledon eventually drew level through a short-corner flick which was stopped on the goal line by the chest of skipper, Stumble, to give away a P-flick. A low, hard, P-flick into the corner of the goal meant that when the final whistle blew it was honours even.

A supreme effort by the 3s playing without some of the better known

stalwarts and seven new players to the team! A solid start from which to build from.

MOM: Buxton

TFC: Stumble

Ladies Reports

Guildford 7 (Emily, Sals x 2, Jess, Average, Sam, Kit) – Wimbledon 0

No I haven't had some mad form of numerical dyslexia, we did indeed finally score **SEVEN** goals in one game. And what's more, not only were the entire midfield and forward line superb, but the defence were so awesome I literally did not touch the ball all game. Woo Hoo!

After last weeks usual slow (in all aspects of the game) start to the season Guildford arrived at the game with a pretty much full strength squad who were all looking to banish the memories of last week and wipe the slate clean. The traditional hockey tunes were dusted off and after reminding the girls that their goalkeeper actually has more goals this season than anyone in the Ones, everyone was pumped up and ready for the off.

The team talk from Sally was simple: be first to the ball, set the tone and tempo from the start and play to our strengths. After much nodding of heads and a few C'mon's (in your best Renault adverts voice please) we sprang.....mmm...okay, casually sauntered, onto the pitch with a strong mindset.

Sam Carr had obviously eaten three shreaded wheat for breakfast because straight from the whistle she was in top gear and put Wimbledon under immediate pressure.

Causing a missed pass by her opponent in the first minute of the match,

Average & Jess pressed hard, constantly making the Wimbledon defence work to clear their lines and when the opposition managed to dodge them and the wing forwards, there was our solid midfield to sweep up. With Kit, Theiks & Sals always looking up to try to find the defence splitting pass, the forwards and wing halves received much more service than last week and Guildford created plenty of chances to score. The Wimbledon keeper worked her socks off to keep them in the game and when she was beaten there was often a Wimbledon defender waiting to clear. However, Guildford did not give up and after 15 mins of pressure a Wimbledon foot on the line gave our Super Flick taker Emski a chance to step up and sweep us into the lead.

Finding it hard to clear their lines under intense pressure from the wing halves, Wimbledon tried to hit big balls through the channels, much to the glee of the midfield and defence of Guildford who cut everything out and pilled the pressure back on the opposition. Within 5 mins of the first goal came another. This time a training ground short corner move finished with style by Sals.

And not to be outdone, Jess picked up a pass from Sally after a "GREAT TACKLE" who swept it reverse stick into the net. (I think that's a fiver Richard).

We have been three in front at half time on a few occasions before, only to allow the opposition to sneak back into the game but after a half time team talk from Stumble that seemed to consist entirely of motoring analogies we were determined not to "Take our foot off the gas" and "Keep the pedal to the metal" for the second half. Straight away Sam was back in the thick of things and got her reward with a goal early in the second half. Average assisted Sam with putting it in the back of the net

and then promised to wash the shirts if she could have the goal so it's officially Average's goal.

Sals then popped up with another great finish to make it 5 and finally Sam got her just reward when she tanked in a great strike to make it six.

Not to be outdone, Kit then added her own touch of style with a storming strike and it was all over bar the clapping and cheering. Three points in the bag, a nice relaxing afternoon for me and what's more....HOT TEAS!!!!

A big thank you to both umpires ~ Ian & Skippy for helping us out when the league let us & Wimbledon down.

Congratulations to M.O.M ~ Sam ~ for her hard work and goal scoring!

Commiserations to this weeks "PARP" Award Winner ~ Jonesey ~ from bringing a hairdryer and straighteners to the match and taking ages to get ready.

A little ditty to finish courtesy of our resident poet laureate Kit Kat:

(N.B. Read Sar as Sair)

There was a young lady called Sar

Who regularly straightened her hair

She was last out the shower

GHD's slow to power

The pink suit made everyone stare

Guildford ladies 2's 5 Purley Walcountians 1

The ladies 2s arrived at the pitch in good time to start preparing for our first league match since moving up a division last season. We were all a little nervous but, about three minutes after the starting whistle our nerves were calmed when Kerry scored the first goal of the match. We were confident that winning the match was going to be easier than expected until, despite great defending, Purley scored a short corner making the score 1-1. Guildford soon returned with another goal, scored by Kerry leaving the score of the first half 2-1 to Guildford.

By the start of the second half, Guildford were desperate to win and we put all our energy into our play, increasing the ball speed and energy levels which meant we were able to run rings around our opposition. We managed to score 3 strong goals in the second half and had many more opportunities which we unfortunately didn't convert. Our defence managed to successfully break down any quick breaks made by Purley, meaning they converted no goals and became disheartened. The final result was 5-1 to Guildford, achieved by pure determination.

Finally a big thanks to Jo Frack for helping us out this week.

Man of the match goes to Kerry who scored an amazing three goals (well done Kerry!)

The Dopey award goes to Karen for completing the warm up with her skort on back to front.

Guildford 3s 1 Bank of England 1 (Chloe)

After a warm up and talking to by Dom, we were ready to take the game to the Bank

of England.

We started strongly, passing the ball and keeping possession. With the halves and forwards running their little socks off, it was only a matter of time before we scored.....or so we hoped.

Bank of England had a quick break and scored, we were 1-0 down but not defeated. We rose to the challenge and attacked as hard as we could, blocking their hit outs, which caused them frustration because they could not see a way to get it out of their half.

Guildford dominated the play in end of the 1st half and it was only by bad luck that we did not score.

After our half time talk from Dom, the 2nd half saw a refreshed team take to the pitch, with our focus on keeping the ball and doing 10 passes.

The focus and hard work paid off with a goal from Chloe. You would have thought we had won the world cup with a little celebration. The score was level and Guildford kept going hard at the Bank of England, intercepting and gaining the ball wherever possible.

Bank of England came back with only about 10 minutes left of the game but the whole team defended well and made sure that they did not get through.

The score does reflect the high standard of hockey that was played by Guildford, not to mention the determination from the whole team to put into practise all that we have been taught.

Man of the match went to Chloe for her goal in the 2nd half.

Guildford Ladies 4XI 3 Mitcham Ladies 1XI 1

Team: Claire (GK), Katy L, Louise, Ellie, Karina, Harriet, Claire H, Charlotte, Louisa, Sonja, Katie, Aisling, Fin and Nadine

A new season and almost an entirely new team, thankfully the first few friendly matches seemed to iron out any problems and the prospect of a league match made everyone step up a notch. From the very beginning of the game Guildford kept pressing on Mitcham's defence, quite a few chances to score went awry but Mitcham were stuck to our players like glue. At half time no one had scored but Guildford felt very positive about the game with most of the possession. Knowing at that point we should be winning we stepped back onto the pitch with more determination.

Not long after the whistle blew Katy Lee had made her way up into the D for a short corner shot, the rebound was passed from Claire to Fin on the left who passed it back to Katy who put away our first goal, only to be equalised a few moments afterwards! Guildford continued to work hard to create more chances. Half way through the second half some quick thinking passing around the Mitcham players and a great strike from Charlotte at the top of the D put us one ahead of Mitcham. With renewed confidence we carried on with some brilliant hockey and a confident pass from Katie Thorpe outside the D from the right to Nadine who swept the ball into the goal with minutes from the end.

A great game that really boosted our confidence after some dismal friendlies! Next week we face Cranleigh again who beat us two weeks ago in a friendly, lets hope we can continue the same form as last weekend.

BHE Vets 2 - Guildford Fireflies 2 (Tappy, Shevs)

Another early start this week, but we were boosted by the fact that we managed to gain 2 extra players late on Friday night so travelled with 12!!!

It was great to see Shevs again - especially as she scored the equalising goal in the dying seconds of the game!!!!.....and it was also a pleasure to include Kathryn Morris - she has a few decades to go before she becomes a true Vet, but are we bothered?????

The game started at a cracking pace and we were put under pressure straight away by the Barnes Vets. However, solid defending by Karin and Hazel and timely tackles by Lesley and Kathryn kept them at bay until we had a chance to wake up and drive the ball to the other end where we were also thwarted by excellent defending from Barnes. They stepped up the pace and were soon a goal up from a swift passing move and we battled back until Tappy managed to sweep the ball into their net. Jess was most perturbed by this as Tappy has now scored more goals than she has!!! The game continued at a fast pace with the ball being moved confidently around our midfield trio of Kellett, Rusty and Shevs, and with the speed of our two wing players - Barbara and Suzanne we came close to taking the lead, but for their goalie who made some cracking saves. During the second half we were put under more pressure by the Barnes strikers and it was Freda's turn to show she can also make some spectacular saves, until one of their players attempted a shoulder high cricket shot at our defence who had to duck out of the way as the ball hit the roof of the net!

We were not happy and kept battling true Guildford style, with Hazel abandoning the other defenders and driving into the circle to earn a short corner. It was from this move that Shevs blasted in the equaliser! We didn't even have time to go back to the halfway line as the final whistle blew seconds afterwards. Great timing Shevs!

See you all next Saturday - you can have a lie-in this week!

Colts Report

Boys Under 18's.

Guildford 4 Maidstone 3 (Gray, Cox, Sutton, Rumball)

First league game of the new season and what is the Under 18's going to be like. It's also new Coach's Dom first view of his new charges. Blimey, fast and furious is the best way to describe it. We took a little longer to settle than Maidstone and their first shortie

flew high into the net to give them a 0-1 lead after 9 minutes. Guildford come

right back into it and off a short corner of ours Maidstone scramble the

ball off the line straight to Gray who flicks high into the roof of the goal,

1-1. Guildford then go through a really good spell with Mitchell, Rumball,

Griffiths and Sutton ruling the midfield battles. A quick free hit fell to Cox in the circle who shot past the goalie after the first shot was saved.

The Guildford defence held firm as Horst and Davies kept the skilful

Maidstone players at bay. Bird and Kimmins both played well at full back and were

instrumental in stopping many Maidstone attacks before they reached our

circle. Our pressure told as Ed Sutton flicked home a powerful short corner and

Rumball scored an excellent reverse hit shot. 4-1 up and half time and things

looking rosy.

The second half was marred by too much chat from the players, Maidstone applied more and more pressure on Guildford and were getting frustrated as things did not go their way. I think they must spend too much time listening to Premier League Managers on the tele. Firm umpiring from Rolf and Sals was essential and thankfully that was exactly what they did. Boersma and Ayres continued to fight hard in mid field as the changes were rung by the coaches and Aaronson was busy up front with some good touches. Cox was as solid as usual in goal and made a couple of great saves to keep us going, in particular from their slick and powerful short corner routine. Maidstone got right back in the game with 2 well taken goals to make it 4-3. The final minutes came with Guildford deep in the Maidstone half.

Unfortunately they won back the ball and attacked at speed into our circle, horror upon horrors they get an overtime short corner followed by a second attempt. Horst charges down the corner and clears much to the relief off all players and spectators alike. Good game with lots of strong hockey. A good win to start off our League campaign.

Thanks to Rolf and Sals for umpiring, to all the spectators and to Dom for starting off his coaching with a win. I think Dom saw much for the boys to work on!