



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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**Entertaining programme at home on Saturday, Nov 3rd. Mens 1s vs Bath
Bucceneers at 12, Ladies 1s vs Purley Walcountians at 13.30. Plus a number of
other matches from 11 to 17.00.**

Will all please note that dogs are not permitted in the Broadwater school premises.
This covers us and our visitors.

Results, league tables and full fixture list can be found through website.

Mens fixtures for next two weeks

Nov 3
1st Team Bath H 1200
Buccaneers
2nd Southgate H 1500
3rd Southgate A 1230
Shadows Purley/Wlcntns A
4th Croydon A 1330
Pilgrims Wimbledon A 1630
Gondoliers Reading H 1530

Nov 10
2nd Old Loughtonians A 1500
3rd Southgate H 1230
Shadows NPL H 1330
4th Univ of Surrey H 1400
Pilgrims Basingstoke H 1500
Taverners
Gondoliers Wimbledon A

Other friendly games may be organised by captains.

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

Nov 3					
1 st	Purley/Wlctns	L	H	1330	
2 nd	Richmond	L	A	1500	
3 rd	Walton & Weybridge	L	H	1100	
4 th	Richmond	L	A	1330	
5 th	Worthing	F	H	1400	
Nov 10					
1 st	Eastbourne	L	A	1330	
2 nd	Merton	L	H	1030	
3 rd	Richmond	L	A	1145	
4 th	Byfleet Ramblers	L	H	1200	
5 th	Tbc				

Match results/reports.

Mens

National League Div 1

No game for Mens 1s.

Hampstead & Westminster 6 Guildford 2s 0

What can I say – “It was close??” It was not really what they did with the ball that killed us; it was what we could NOT do with the ball. From the back to the front we passed to non-existent players and could not stop it when it got there. They were a better team than us by some margin and deserved the win.

We have a lot of work to do and need players to stand up and be counted, belief, determination and quality seriously lacking. Back 2 basics - working on bringing the ball out from the back, passing, stopping and what to do when we are in the D! All round improvement required, but there is hope!!

MOM – Gillan Martin (after much debate we agreed he was less crap than the rest of us)

Greg of the Day – Mark Hoskin... tactical naivety and being a Greg.

Guildford 3s 3 Hampstead and Westminster 2

Guildford Shadows 6 Reigate Priory 2

Looking for their fourth win from four games the Shadows got off to a tremendous start scoring 5 times in the first twenty minutes. The initial blitz wore off towards the end of the first half and things never really took off in the second half for the Shadows scoring just once in the sixtieth minute. Things however did improve for Priory, who

seemed a little helpless against the initial assault, as they took two good chances to outscore their hosts in the second half.

The key to Guildford's early success was mainly due to short precise inelegant play and some exhilarating finishing from Charlie B, Ben G and Alex. Ben P had a superb first half instigating some good attacks and keeping things very tight at the back. Robbie G also stood out during the early stages keeping the ball out wide and running circles around the opposition's defence. At five nil up it was hard to tell just what went through the minds of the Guildford players but it seemed as if they had decided that they had done enough for the day and eased back allowing Priory to settle down and launch a few attacks. Priory's efforts were rewarded with a few short corners towards the end of the half but failed to capitalize on them going into half time 5 – 0 down.

At half time the Shadows bid farewell to their captain (Ben P) and agreed on the importance of regaining momentum and scoring the all important first goal of the second half. The big easy however continued for Guildford who made things really difficult for themselves and after a bit of pushing and shoving it seemed that they would never regain focus. Things nearly took a turn for the best when they scored their sixth midway through the second half however the excitement of the 6 – 0 lead proved to be too much for Guildford who seemed to lose all sense of good hockey apart from a couple of well constructed attacks. Priory meanwhile found some form towards the end taking a couple of well constructed goals.

A good result for the Shadows in the end but will need to take heed of the 2-1 loss in the second half as they play Purley next who clearly were not out to play half a game of hockey when they beat their opponents 10 – 0 at the weekend.

Guildford 4s 2 Thames Valley 3

Pilgrims 2 Alton 3

Gondoliers 2 Oxted Vintage Moonshiners 1 (Perrin, Carney)

A gloomy afternoon at Broadwater, but once we found 11 players we were quietly confident, playing with Paul Dix amongst the many spectators – good to see you Dixie! From the start, good possession allowed the Gondoliers to construct some useful moves down the right through Tonks, Jones, Belshaw and Carney. With the midfield operating well, we were able to sustain early pressure, using short balls to work around the opposition and to create opportunities up front, mostly from the right where Belshaw and Carney were enjoying themselves. Ten minutes in a cross from Belshaw found Chloe Roberts; the shot was wide, but the Oxted defence were rattled. We didn't have to wait long before another move down the right, from Tonks to Carney and then out wide to Belshaw and back to Carney before the ball was crossed to Perrin just right of the spot – one nil! That old Perrin magic is still there! Our reinforcements then arrived, Jenkinson taking over from our guest keeper from the Shadows and Basey taking over from Roberts at the back, Roberts moving up to wing in place of daughter Chloe (a poor substitution). Having momentarily lost focus, Oxted passed the ball into the D from beyond the 25, it was safe enough and well covered by Basey, but bobbled at the last – short corner! To add insult to injury (well, at least a sore foot?), they scored from a fairly weak shot, deflected by a foot on the line.

Regaining our composure in the second half and bolstered by Bigos, arriving hotfoot from Basingstoke Hospital (like father, like son), the Gondoliers established full control over the game, with forwards, midfield and from time-to-time Hadley, Stokes and Basey from the defence queuing up to take their chances. A crisply taken short hit out by Jones saw Carney rifle the ball just inside the far post, deflected up on the line, but the goal was rightly given and we were 2-1 up. Try as we might, we were unable to finish more – we should have had at least 5, but we dominated the second half, with Jenkinson touching the ball only once, returning the ball to Pearse after a long clearance by Oxted.

A very social time was had after the match with Dixie and Terry Faithfull joining Norman Vowles and others for stories of red wine at 99p/litre, snorkelling and other tales of derring do. Just like the old days really!

03 November: Gondoliers vs. Reading Vets (WSFA. Broadwater sand-based pitch 15:30 push back.)

Team: Belshaw, Bigos, Carney, Frew, Gordon, Gould, Hadley, Jenkinson, Jones, Pearse, Perrin, Roberts, Russell, Stokes, Tonks.
Umpire: Faithfull

Ladies Reports

Guildford 1s 2 Spencer 2

Guildford 3's 1 – Maori Vamps 1 (scorer Chloe)

After a thorough warm up with Dom, we were ready and raring to go, for what would turn out to be a very feisty encounter. We made our usual slow start but gradually worked our way into the game with some good passages of play. A period of possession eventually led to our goal, with the ball being passed up the pitch to Phyzz who played it onto Chloe who deftly put the ball in the back of the net. As the first half wore on we were put under pressure but some great team defence led to a first half shut out.

A positive half time talk from Dom and we were ready to play full court press for the first 10 minutes of the second half. This led to good pressure and resulted in a short corner being awarded! Slick bimbled up the pitch to take first strike which the keeper saved but the rebound came back out for a perfect opportunity to put us two nil up, however her two shots went straight at the keeper and Vamps were able to play the ball away from danger. As the second half wore on we began to tire and our final ball started to let us down. The opposition enjoyed some possession and made a number of shots at goal but Kirsten was able to pull off a number of athletic saves to keep us in front. Eventually we were punished by a quick break and the Vamps forward made no mistake with her clinical shot to make it 1-1. This would turn out to be the final score.

A lot of positives to take from the game. Particularly the passages of play where we kept good possession with our 100% passes. Thanks to Martin for umpiring and to Dom for his fine wisdom from the side lines.

MOTM – Kirsten for another fine display in goal.
DOTD – Slick for what is so far, the miss of the season!

Colts Report

Boys under 18's vs Canterbury. Lost 0-3

Another trip to Canterbury on a grey and drizzly Sunday was never going to be easy especially as we were a little depleted owing to half term commitments. This was in fact a great defensive performance where all the mentions go to the defenders, Charlie Cox had a fine game in goal and made numerous excellent saves, centre back partnership of Ewan Mitchell and Adam Davies was excellent in defence although I think Ewan will agree with me when I say our distribution from defence could have been better. Having said that its always difficult to play the percentage pass when all your colleagues are very tightly marked, something to work on. Tom Boersma and Matthew Bloch were also excellent in the back four. This was an incredibly tough day for the midfield and was made even more so when Adam Davies stopped a short corner with his thumb and had to pay an early visit to the x-ray department and Ben Sharples hurt his back and retired to the bench, this left us with 10 men and keeping the score to only 3 goals against was down to great courage and a fantastic fighting spirit. Ed Sutton as usual mesmerised the defence, and the crowd, with some marvellous stick work and pacey running, Jamie Rumball and Andy Smith played some excellent hockey and Ben Sharples was his usual combative self. Upfront Lawrence Cox, Ben Aaronson and Robbie Gray ran tirelessly and never gave up, Robbie and Ben had to add midfield duties to their game when we were down to 10 men.

All in all I was really impressed with the boys and the Canterbury coaches were fulsome in their praise of our defending and fighting spirit, well done chaps. See you Sunday for training.