



## GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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**November 24/25 see big weekend at Broadwater for Mens 1s with two National League home games, both at 12. They would welcome your support.**

**Put December 15<sup>th</sup> in your diary; the GHC Xmas Dinner and Party. Details to follow.**

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

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### Mens fixtures for next two weeks

Nov 17			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spencer	H	1330
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Spencer	A	1400
Shadows	Wanderers	H	1400
4 <sup>th</sup>	Surrey OBs	A	
Pilgrims	Winchester	A	1200
Gondoliers	Haslemere	H	1500
Nov 18			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Southgate	A	1400
Nov 24			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Old Loughtonians	H	1200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Indian Gymkhana	A	1300
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Indian Gymkhana	H	1330
Shadows	Camberley	A	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sunbury	H	1500
Pilgrims	Petersfield	H	1400
Gondoliers	Amersham & C	A	
Nov25			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chelmsford	H	1200

## Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

<b>Nov 17</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Basingstoke	L	H	1200	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Old Georgians	L	A	1500	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	GHC Fireflies	F	H	1030	
4 <sup>th</sup>	London Edwardians	L	A	1630	
5 <sup>th</sup>	GHC 3 <sup>rd</sup>	F	H	1030	
<b>Nov 24</b>					
1 <sup>st</sup>	Havant	L	A	1315	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barnes H & E	L	H	1100	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barnes H & E	L	A	1000	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kenley	L	H	1230	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Aces	F	A	1600	

## Match results/reports.

### Mens

#### National League Div 1

**No game; next game away to Southgate on 18<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Old Loughts 7 – Guildford 2 (Myles Newstead, Sean Percy)

With an excess of Antipodean players we set out on the long road to Old Loughts. It is widely accepted in the United Kingdom that the appellation 'Antipodean' may readily be applied to visitors from 'the Antipodes' (New Zealand, Australia, and other parts of Oceania). It is used most frequently in jocular or pejorative senses, and less often in serious critical writing. Just so you know, the term 'Antipodean' is not widely used in the Antipodes. Its' use is symptomatic of a proprietary Anglo-centric approach to the language. With this many "Aussies", the Aussie Toms nickname was made redundant. He tried to rename our side 'digger', which raised the question. If you are in Australia and you dig, are you digging upwards? Anyway, enough of that, let's talk of the hockey lesson. The Hoff (Hosky) decided that as we keep leaking goals, we would maybe put our defence up front to encourage goal leakage at the other end. This was about as coherent as we would get. A main theme in the 2's is we all have a sado-masochistic side where we like the uphill struggle. With relatively little foreplay, they thrust straight down the middle and penetrated our goal. A powerful and climactic effort fired high into the net left Dick (previously known as Greg) feeling unsatisfied with the shortness of the encounter. Bizarrely The Hoff could only manage a green this week, but thankfully Batche went off for some 'dangerous' implement use. We then went another down at a short corner, after Jolly failed to stop it at the brink, letting it dribble over the line. Tom Griffs' skilled technique found the right spot but failed to maintain the ideal stimulation and missed the opportunity to score, firing wide of the open target. Despite the Bloodless Wonders' (Sean) lack of age, he charmed his way in and deftly passed over to a hung-over Myles, who scored after a fruitless night. With the OL studs hammering

away at our rear, we were looking like old prostitutes as they scored twice quickly, without giving us so much as a penny.

We hobbled off at half time 4-1 down. The Hoff's on-board computer whirred into life analysing our performance, telling us to hold onto it, play around with it and not to shoot too early (the hockey ball). With our Antipodean contingent subbed on we had some life in us yet. But with an Anglo-centric unreachable pass, Gill ended one Antipodean career. Another Antipodean then pleased the OL centre forward by letting him have a go at ploughing Dick (aka Greg) with one of his friends, we felt dirty and dishevelled. With blood all over his shorts, ol' Bloodless Wonder felt a bit lucky, maybe a bit faint, and used an interesting technique of firing the ball in the general area of the target which worked its way into the goal. Phil, after seeing Dick being ploughed more than once and feeling slightly kinky and wanting to see more two on one action, deftly handed it to the OL centre forward to do his worst.

For those who don't already know laws were changed a few weeks ago; For quoting purposes only to inform the public I shall explain.

<sup>1</sup>Hereby, whosoever sayeth the axiom 'Dick of the day' shall henceforth be fined.

<sup>2</sup>Whosoever the said tit is for said day, shall only be known as 'Greg of the Day'

<sup>3</sup>So says I, Gill, Lord and master of the fines.\*

\*Actual quote- [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

Greg of the Day – Matty the Slim

Man of the Match - Gillan

**Guildford 3<sup>rd</sup>      3 Southgate      2 (Dye, Watkins,Hales)**

After a disappointing trip to Southgate 3's the week before, it was time to get back to winning ways at Fortress Broadwater. However, the day did not start well, with Guildford's keeper not turning up until 10 minutes into the game (thankfully, Woody, the Shadow's keeper was able to bridge the gap). During this spell there was not a great deal of goalmouth action. The only eventful incidents being the speed with which Max kitted up and the absence of an early green card (no Dan Caesar)! Not long after Max's arrival on pitch, Guildford started to take the initiative. Useful balls were delivered down the wings from Liam, Henry, Sam and Tom and weaknesses were exposed in the Southgate defence. Guildford were threatening to do something and continued to build the pressure with a few balls shelled into the 'D' and the pivot man, Stumble, being used to good effect. Sadly, Liam was then struck down by a freakish toe/knee combo injury! He was forced to leave the pitch and the reshuffle led to Jonny Dye coming on up front and Ollie Dupenois going to left half. This worked well with Ollie cutting in off the left a number of times, while on the right Hales and JB were linking up nicely and another short was won. After a lengthy, if not silky, piece of dribbling from Bungle, Jonny Dye converted to make it 1-0 (sustaining a knee to the head in the process).

After this, Guildford's supremacy became increasingly apparent. Quick breaks left the Southgate defence stretched and it was not long before a second goal was prodded in by Elliot with a queue of players lining up behind him hoping he'd miss it. The

celebration was quite something! 2-0. Sadly, Guildford then started to relax and although still creating chances, they failed to capitalise due to poor decision making (TFC JB) and a breakdown in the build-up play. Thanks to some great keeping Guildford went into the break 2-0.

(Cue chat about clean sheets, lets not do a Hammersmith and Westminster etc...!) Guildford started the second half brightly and within 10 minutes, got their 3<sup>rd</sup>. Good work down the right hand side led to a great ball into the 'D' from Liam and Hales deflecting the ball into the top of the net (straight out of Monday's training session, although neither player involved was present)!!

Unfortunately, this goal almost seemed to have a negative effect on the team's play! The intensity dropped (possibly exacerbated by the lack of substitutes in midfield), and soon Southgate were coming onto Guildford. In a brief spell of shabby play, Southgate scored twice as well as letting at least one other golden chance go begging which could have drawn the match. Thankfully, this missed chance seemed to spur Guildford on and some structure returned. Great leg work from Dan, and further great keeping from Max helped Guildford to hold on for a 3-2 victory.

... So Fortress Broadwater's reputation remains intact and really the game should never have been this close. The win keeps the league 2<sup>nd</sup> spot in sight. However, the quest for a clean sheet this season remains just that...

MOM: Davey

TFC: Beake

## **Guildford Shadows 1 NPL 0**

The Shadows approached this fixture with mixed feelings. Their own unbeaten spell was halted last week by top of the league Purley, who the previous weekend bagged 10 goals against NPL without reply. However, all thoughts of this fixture being a walkover were quickly dispelled, and despite having the majority of possession during the opening half the Shadows never capitalised. Early pressure went unrewarded, and soon NPL began to demonstrate that they were quite content to move the ball around the back of the park and wait for their forwards to find space. The Shadows defended confidently, with the greatest panic in the 1<sup>st</sup> half coming from a desperately poor piece of stick skill from the team's resident Antipodean leading to an unforced long corner.

Twenty minutes in and finally Guildford went up 1-0 through a scuffed, bobbling flick courtesy of Alex Roberts (chin up NPL's keeper). The goal set the tone for the first half really, with the Shadows firmly in control and yet a sense that we could be doing things just a little bit better.

A shame then that we came out in the second half and made life difficult for ourselves. NPL started to move the ball around more and on a couple of occasions their strikers got shots off at goal. Guildford were finding it very difficult to maintain possession, passing became wayward and NPL had us trapped from the 16 with a decent half court press. With Woody screaming like a banshee from the back and Mike forced to make a couple of cynical last minute tackles, the game really fell away from the Shadows. Thanks to some occasionally frantic but generally steady defending NPL never looked like scoring, however we will need to lift our game significantly next week against Wanderers, who have scored 30 league goals so far this season including 7 this weekend against Purley!

**Guildford 4<sup>th</sup> 11    Univ of Surrey    0**

*Note to readers: As none of the team from Saturday's win were prepared to write a match report, this report is written by the Captain, who was away for the weekend and missed the game!*

*Dave Hall scored all 11 goals as Guildford dominated a Surrey Uni team boasting 5 current Internationals. Hall was also on hand to make 7 goal line clearances whilst also umpiring the game and filming it for Hockey AM who were beaming the match to 52 countries worldwide.*

*What a player that Hall is!*

*Next week Hall will be single handedly beating Surrey Old Boys whilst balancing a hockey ball on his head!*

**Pilgrims            0    Basingstoke    3**

## **Ladies Reports**

**Guildford            1    Eastbourne    2**

**Guildford 2<sup>nd</sup> 1    Merton    1**

Ok what can I say about this week's match with Merton. Firstly I'd like to point out that before the game started Guildford 2's were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the league with Merton the only team above us (although it has to be said they were only 2 points above and they had a game in hand as well!!) So we knew it was going to be a hard physical game before we even turned up!! And boy, was it hard & physical! We had arguments, elbows, pushing, tripping up, and on one very entertaining occasion our keeper completely took out their striker (not on purpose it has to be said!).

The game started fast, and continued throughout. Both sides had lots of chances, and about 20 mins in Merton were awarded a short corner. As our defenders were getting ready and talking about what to do and where to run, whilst still standing outside the goal line I must add, Merton took the short and the ball went in. The goal was awarded despite many arguments from Karen and Joe Lee with the umpire that they were not ready. **1 – 0 to Merton**. Not at all happy at this point we responded almost immediately to this with Shakira-Shakira scoring a cracking goal chipping the goalie as she lay on the floor. **1 – 1**. Literally a few minutes later it looked like we were going to score again with Sarah having another fantastic shot, which unfortunately failed to go in.

Guildford's sweeper, Stringers, had a number of good runs up the pitch working her socks off, and powering through the Merton players. Merton obviously realised this as well, as one of their players blatantly just took her out with a stick as she ran past her. The umpires didn't spot it, but all of us on the sidelines did!! Coach B was incensed and from this moment onwards she continuously bickered with the Merton Coach. (Good work Rach!)

*.....The next sentences have been cut by the Editor who does not want to get sued.....*

In the end it was a good hard game with a fair result.... And so the top of the Division 1 league table stays the same. But although we are still currently 2<sup>nd</sup> and only 2

points behind 1<sup>st</sup> place, it must be remembered that Merton still have a game in hand!! Guildford 2's are still unbeaten so far in the league this season - Not bad for a team just promoted I'm sure you'll agree!

**MOM** – It was a tie - Joe Lee for some excellent saves & Ciara for a goal which will definitely be a contender for goal of the season!

**TFC** – In a virtually unanimous decision, Sarah was voted TFC for being on her mobile phone through the entire warm-up. (Saz you may as well just keep Dopey all season!)

### **Guildford Ladies 3's 1 Richmond Ladies 4's 0**

After a rushed warm up Guildford took to the pitch with confidence. We put pressure on Richmond from the first whistle and continued to dominate possession throughout the first half. There were great passages of play with many moves learnt in training, being put into practice. Richmond defended well but with strong running from Guildford's midfield, Tricky and Manchie, we were getting the better of them towards the end of the first half. A fantastic pass into the D by Jo was narrowly missed, but again, the 3rds demonstrated that they were putting into practice things learnt in training. Richmond broke quickly on a couple of occasions but our strong defence couldn't be broken down. Gobby, (man of the match), Slick and Jane were solid in defence and Kirsten provided her usual stylish demonstration in goalkeeping - what would we do without her! The second half started at the same pace with Richmond upping their game. However, Guildford still dominated the possession and pressure, typified by a great break after a short corner given against us. The ball was released early from our D and sent out to the mid field, from there, up the the forwards. Richmond only just managed to keep us at bay on that occasion but after prolonged pressure, Guildford was awarded a short corner. This was deftly converted by non other that Slick - 1-0 Guildford!! Richmond continued to battle well but Guildford's fitness and determination is improving and there was no way through for them. Players and positions changed seamlessly with Dom directing from the sideline! Many thanks. Overall a well earned result from a more astute and attacking Guildford side. Well done Gobby (**man of the match**) and I hasten to point out there were several contenders for **DOD** including:-

Manchie - almost ending an OAP's innings in this world!

Chloe - for getting the wrong time and being over an hour late

Jane - for a pathetic side line hit - school girl stuff my dear

DOM - for telling tricky to get involved when she was standing on the side line next to him

DOM - for having his flies undone all match

Kate - for calling for 3 cheers at the short corner whistle.

Unfortunately not all facts were known at time of voting so DOD - KATE

### **Guildford Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> 7 Byfleet ramblers 1**

#### **Fireflies 1 Guildford Mix 2 ( Edge.)**

Thanks again to George who managed to persuade a mixture of 2's, 3's and 4's to play their second match of the day so we could get a game.

We started well and forced a short corner. Shevs struck it, Jo saved it, then Edge

gathered the ball at the top of the circle and rocketed it into the goal! Good end to end play ensued until Shevs slipped and caught the end of a follow through on her nose. She had to retire to the sideline for treatment, and Man-chie very kindly offered to help us out in her place. It was a good, even game, and Kellett could have doubled our score when she found herself in a one on one with Jo. She deftly took the ball round the approaching keeper and was just about to roll it into the goal when Jane came hurtling across and steered the ball away from the line! How could you deny us so cruelly, Jane? Play continued but as we started to tire the 'youngsters' stepped up the pressure and Clare scored from a short corner strike which somehow slipped under Freda's foot! Disaster!

We had been doing so well and despite another couple of short corners we couldn't put the ball in the goal. Even Jules, who arrived ten minutes before the end couldn't work any magic this week. In the last minute, the Guildford team were awarded a free hit on our 25 and the ball was struck goalwards. Chloe deflected it into the goal – much to Freda's surprise and dismay! And so it finished.

Great to see Edge and Sparky this week – as well as everybody else of course! A huge thank you to our opposition for putting out a great team to play us, and thank you to the umpires.

Next week's game is at 10:30 against the 3's.