



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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England Hockey League : Conference West

Men's 1st XI

VS

Bath Buccaneers

12.00

Sunday

28th September

***Come along and support the Men's
1st XI.***

Bar open and snacks available.

The League season starts for all this weekend, Fixtures shown below. Good luck to all. If you have not been in contact, please do so now. Also remember that all games must start on time.

We are delighted to report that **Richard Norman** is back on the case as our Director of Hockey.

Training has started for all; the main club times are for Ladies Wed 8-10, Men Tues 7.30 to 8.45 at Charterhouse.

Club Handbooks are available through your Captains. Get your subscriptions in by Sept 30th to enjoy discount,

Keyholders: please note that the keys to the clubhouse will be changed on Sat 1st November. Would all current keyholders confirm to Chris Connor that they will require new keys.

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

Men's fixtures for next two weeks

27th September

2 nd	Bromley & Beckenham	H	1200
3 rd	Teddington	H	1500
Shadows	London Edwardians	H	1230
4 th	NPL	A	1030
5 th	Horley	H	1530
Pilgrim	Haslemere	H	1400
Gondoliers			

28th September

1 st	Bath Buccaneers	H	1200
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4th October

1 st	Firebrands	A	1230
2 nd	Canterbury	A	1445
3 rd	Wimbledon	A	1200
Shadows	Richmond	A	1030
4 th	Woking	H	1200
5 th	Woking	A	1545
Pilgrims	City of Oxford	A	
Gondoliers	Woking	H	1330

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

27th September

1 st	Spencer	L	H	1330
2 nd	Wimbledon	L	A	1200
3 rd	Wanderers	L	H	1100
4 th	Old Kingstonians	F	H	1030
5 th	Spencer	F	H	1630
Fireflies	n/a			

4th October

1 st	Havant	L	A	1130
2 nd	Merton	L	H	1030
3 rd	Walton & W	L	A	1130
4 th	Cheam	L	A	1600
5 th	Addiscombe	L	A	1430
Fireflies	Byfleet	F	H	1500

Mens Reports

Guildford 2nd 3 Richmond 1

On a bright sunny Saturday morning, the game started off well for Guildford with some controlled passing and some good off the ball running. Despite the early dominance and attractive hockey, Guildford lacked penetration in the final third and only mustered a half chance from Mark who saw his reverse stick shot go narrowly wide. The rest of the first half was fairly even with both sides cancelling each other out.

As in the first half, the 2nd half started off brightly for Guildford with a high press causing several turnovers. After some good link up play, Sandy earned a penalty corner after some good stick work in the opponents D. From the resulting corner, Mark's strike on goal was saved by the keeper, but Patrick hit the rebound in home to give the visitors a well deserved lead. Shortly after, Alan capped off a fine run setting up Mark, who rounded the goalie for an easy tap in. Guildford continued to press, and caused the home team several problems. After some nifty moves from Mark on the left wing, he gifted Robby a goal from 2 yards out, giving Guildford a comfortable 3 goal lead.

This seemed to wake Richmond who started to penetrate Guildford's half. After some scrappy play, the Richmond centre forward had a 1on 1 with Max, only to be allegedly taken down in the D. Richmond was awarded a penalty which was coolly converted giving the home team their first goal of the game. This gave Richmond confidence and they continued to press Guildford. Frustration for Guildford mounted when Sandy who was harshly tackled in the midfield retaliated and slashed out at the Richmond player, resulting in a yellow card, and dismissal from the game. However, Guildford hung on and maintained a 3-1 win.

Ladies Reports

Fireflies 1 – 0 Woking Vets. (Kellett)

This was our first game of the season and it was a glorious sunny day! From the whistle Woking put us under pressure, but Ali, Alison, Karin and Lesley held firm in defence and we soon settled into the game. Rusty did loads of running and Kirsten got tripped over and had to come off for a break, so Mel was able to have a run up front! Kellett showed us a little bit of magic as she ran into the 'd' and put us a goal up before half time.

For the second half we continued to swap players around because it was so hot, and Gail, Jo and new girl, Sophie all played well in midfield, giving Rusty lots of support and playing some great balls through to the strikers. Kellett, who wasn't feeling well, made several good runs into the Woking circle and both Kirsten and Katy were unlucky not to score, with Jo also coming close.

At the other end, Mel dropped back into defence, and Tappy made some great clearances to ensure that Woking couldn't equalise, and we came away very happy

with our first victory of the season!

Thank you to George for umpiring.

Colts Report