



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Ladies march on at the top with another 4 – 0 win, while the men give League leaders a fright in 1-1 draw.

Xmas Party – December 13th.

Book now through your captains to avoid disappointment
£25 gives you bubbly, 3 courses, wine, music and £5 to the club.

Club Fundraising

Do your Xmas on-line shopping through www.easyfundraising.org.uk/guildfordhc. members have already raised £93. Sign up now by visiting the above website.

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

Men's fixtures for next two weeks

6th December

2 nd	Southgate	A	1200
3 rd	Soutgate	A	1500
Shadows`	Sanderstead	A	1300
4 th	Epsom	H	1230
5 th	Sanderstead	A	1445
Pilgrims	Winchester	H	1500
Gondoliers	Reading	H	1400

13th December

2 nd	Bromley & B	A	1200
3 rd	Teddington	A	1200
Shadows	No game		
4 th	No game		

5 th	No game
Pilgrims	No game
Gondoliers	No game

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks.

6TH December

1 st	Eastbourne	L	H	1200
2 nd	Tulse Hill & D	L	A	1100
3 rd	Richmond	L	H	1330
4 th	Uni of Surrey	L	H	1100
5 th	Addiscombe	F	H	1530
Fireflies	Burnham Ves	F	H	1630

13th December

1 st	Wimbledon	L	A	1330
2 nd	Wanderers	L	A	1030
3 rd	Barnes H and E	L	A	1000
4 th	Reigate	F	A	1430
5 th	Aldershot & F	F	H	1200

Mens Reports

Guildford 1 Old Georgians 1 (Emery)

After our win over top of the league Exeter last week had hoped to cause another upset and we did. We were much the better side in the first half and scored with Danny Emery once again converting a short corner. He is now joint top goal scorer with Tom Norman. The second half saw OGs take control of the game but we stuck to our task and limited them to few goal scoring opportunities. Lack of concentration for a few seconds allowed veteran International Nick Thomson to equalise. We had a short corner in the last two minutes and although the ball ended up in the back of the net the umpire ruled that the shot was too high which was probably the right decision. Unfortunately the opposition took the draw badly which was quite pleasing! This now takes us into the Christmas break and the next game will be on Sunday 1st February away to Team Bath. Merry Christmas to you all!

Guildford 2nd 2 Reading 6

Guildford 3rd 0 Richmond 1

Shadows 2 EUHC Gamblers 2

Guildford 4th 2 Kenley 3

A brave performance from the 9 men of Guildford against a competent Kenley side. This umpire/goalkeeper/player situation must get better in the new year or no fun will be had by anyone. Huge thanks for the massive effort put in by those who did play.

Guildford 5th 3 Old Reigatians 1

Pilgrims 3 Southampton 1 (Gilliver, Gray, Lenel)

Good win on the south coast for the Pilgrims against an oppo we do not have a great record against. The telling factor today was the appearance of a speedy and youthful midfield, Rees, D'Mello and Gilliver, who were able to control play in the midfield whilst supporting both the defence and the attack. Ok. I know that is what the mid field is supposed to do, but it helps to have the legs and fitness to do it. The first goal was this to a tee, we broke down their attack in our 25, Rees to D'Mello at pace, two more passes, all three at a sprint up the pitch and Gilliver is there at the top of the circle to shoot home. A classic break away goal. Rosoman continued well in his return and the confidence of the whole team is growing as we have our best start to the season for a long while. A Gray shortie put us 2-0 up and a right wing cross was fired home by Lenel before a late Southampton shortie gave them a sniff at 3-1.

Well done everyone and it was good to have 13 available for the trip. More of the same next week please.

Gondoliers 1 Poly 5

We thought we were going to win the second half but it was not to be. The first half saw a significantly faster, probably younger, Poly side catch the Gondoliers cold, and rapidly go 3 – 0 up. With Chris Gould finally arriving, things tightened up and we managed to force some short corners, but to no avail. An excellent goal from a well positioned David Stokes gave hope of a comeback, but in the final minutes, despite Richard Gordon throwing himself about in goal, Poly managed two opportunist goals.

A good game played in traditional veteran good spirit.

Ladies Reports

Guildford 4 Basingstoke 0 (Mills, LittleJs x 2, Simmonds)

Dear members & supporters of Guildford Hockey Club,

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our regular scribe cannot gather her thoughts for a match report. There's a rumour circulating that she may have been stunned into silence by her active role in this weeks game: Three touches by her count.

So the job of regurgitating this weeks match is up for grabs. Here goes....

- Kerry scored the 1st from a goal mouth scramble after a short corner straight strike hit an opposition hoof on the line.

- Alice scored two deflections, one off a Jade strike from the right & the other from a chip reverse stick from the left.
- Kit kat scored a killer straight strike from a short corner. Bottom right. So hard the ball bounced off the back board back to the top of the D. Nice.

Other notable moments:

- The umpire green carding “white number 3” instead of “red number 123”. Alice nearly cried at the injustice.
- Kate and Alice’s head on collision. Kate has whiplash and is considering suing.
- Mr Jolly wiping the white board with his bottom in the pre-match chat and then having a go at us for being pooh in the 1st half.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our supporters. Your cheers are very much appreciated. We hope you thawed out eventually.

Thanks for reading!

P.s. SCHOOL DISCO was a quality night which raised a few eyebrows and nearly £80. Thanks to Jade for organising it, Jade’s sister for the amazing cake, Kate for decorating, Kit for cashing in & the rest of the team for the tasty grub.

Guildford 2nd 1 Old Kingstonians 1

Well what can I say! The day was cold , drizzly and dreary and I was late and in a mood so I got the job of writing something down.

Where do I start? Jolly poems from Kath about some numbers and sticks, or our 2 Florence Nightingales (also Kath and Heather) taping some chaps eyes up . Or a moody umpire (it must be catching) who wouldn’t allow us to start a few minutes late whilst we waited for the nurses to get back and warm up. Why do the men not have any Drs or nurses or is it just that they like to have chests thrust against them and the need to be pampered!.

So as you can imagine we were not really switched on (does that sound familiar), we looked to start with, so disorganized running round like headless chickens, but we egged ourselves on and kept going. Some lovely play down the right hand side being hit into the D but no surprise to us we just couldn’t score. Our defence held fast and managed to keep the oppo out passing the ball to Stringers who deftly weaved in and out of players, then passing the ball to Laura, who in turn managed to barge her player off the ball and charge down the wing. We gained a couple of short corners but frustrating as ever the goal never came.

There was some strong words said to the oppo by the umpires as they too were getting more and more frustrated. We seemed to switch off for a while and surprise surprise they scored. We kept our heads held high and struggled on wanting/needng a draw and with just under 10 mins to go we were awarded a P flick, and OMG how tense were we, the only one who looked cool as a cucumber was H, the P flicker. And what a flick it was – right in the left corner – Sweet.

We then had to make sure we didn’t loose concentration and keep their attack out.

A win would have been a true reflection of the game, but a draw will have to do, and at least we're still top of the league – just. Whoo Hoo.

So girls big test on Saturday against Tulse Hill, maybe Kath can dream up some chant to get us in the mood before we start.

Well played by everybody and I hope I didn't scare too many of you with my mouthy comments in the changing room, I'll try and be on better form next week.

Who was Dopey? Do we need ask – Why its LAURA (have I seen a match report from you)?

MOTM – Who were they? I know there was 4 of em – was Laura 1? No!!!!!! Kath, Katie, JB and H.

Well played once again to everyone.

See you Weds

Guildford Ladies 3's 1 (Jules) UCL 3

They say a picture speaks a thousand words...



It just didn't happen. Lets all get down to training and look forward to getting back to playing a good couple of matches before Christmas.

MOM: Rachel – showed great skill and confidence

DOD: Jane – for thinking that men's hockey was 40 min each way!!

Guildford 4th 0 Croydon 0

Guildford 5th 0 Surbiton 1

Colts Report

Boys Under 18 National Plate.

Boys Under 18's vs Haslemere. Won 5-3. (Rawlings 3, Percy, Sommer)

Local derby with loads of bragging rights to play for. We got off to a great start and 2 fine goals from Rawlings put us 2 up within the first 10 minutes, the second goal was a real beauty! Haslemere then got into their stride and began to put some pressure

on the Guildford defence, they scored with a shortie and things looked tight until Rawlings scored his third and right on the stroke of half time Sommer nicked in a cross on the far post.

4-1 at half time was comfortable, 10 minutes later it was anything but comfortable as Haslemere quickly scored 2 shorties to make it 4-3. Haslemere then relaxed slightly and with Percy, Kimmins and Gray beginning to take charge of the midfield Percy's shortie put us 5-3 up. The final 10 minutes passed off with out too many alarms and we are through to the next round in March.

Well played everyone and thanks to Hamish for coaching and all the supporters for braving the weather. Haslemere brought a significant band of support who were vocal in their encouragement of their team, this was a real local cup tie with loads of noise and a great atmosphere. Thank heavens we came out on top.

See you next week for the visit of Canterbury in the league.