



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Last weekend saw all games bar the Pilgrims and Gondoliers cancelled. League games will be rearranged at end of season.

IMPORTANT: This half of season we share Saturdays with the Royal Grammar School; please ensure that all games start and finish on time.

Date for your diary; the big club and charity fundraising event The Row 2 Rome will take place on March 29th. This will be great fun, but to be successful for the club, every member needs to commit and take part. If you have not yet had details, your captain knows them. See Poster on Website and in Clubhouse.

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

Men's fixtures from Jan 17th

Jan 17th

2 nd	East Grinstead	A	1200
3 rd	Tulse Hill and D	A	1100
Shadows	Rchmond	H	1600
4 th	Woking	A	1600
5 th	Woking	H	1300
Pilgrims	Southampton	H	1430
Gondoliers	Winchester	H	1500

Jan 24th

2 nd	Hampstead & W	H	1230
3 rd	Hampstead & W	H	1230
Shadows	Barnes	A	1600
4 th	Cheam	H	1100
5 th	Croydon	A	1415
Pilgrims	Andover	A	1530
Gondoliers	Woking	A	

Ladies Fixtures from Jan 17th

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1 st	Spencer	L	A	1500
2 nd	Wimbledon	L	H	1330
3 rd	Wanderers	L	A	1500
4 th	Cheam	L	H	1630
5 th	Epsom	F	A	1330

Fireflies

Jan 24th

1 st	Havant	L	H	1100
2 nd	Merton	L	A	1230
3 rd	Walton & W	L	H	930
4 th	Reigate Priory	L	A	
5 th	Old Kingstonians	L	A	
Fireflies	Burnham Vets	F	A	1400

Mens Reports

Pilgrims 2 Winchester 0

Reading Vets 6 Gondoliers 1.

It was upon a cold and frosty morning, certainly south of the A3 that Skipper Roberts was rallying the squad. Could he get a team together? Desperate phone calls and e-mails, they are playing the 12.00 o'clock game. But Reading did not say that they had cancelled the 4.30 game!

So thanks to the ten plus umpire that made the trip north of the A3 from minus 2 and 3 to plus ½ to minus 1. Some were injured, some were carrying an extra four or five pounds and it was not for the higher subs. Reading gave us a player and a goalkeeper to start the game.

Corporal Gordon in his MG was hampered by the traffic; the writer can confirm that you have to add an hour to your journey time when trying to cross from south to north London. The recommendation is that he should be fined if he uses that excuse again.

Reading who are at the top of the league and a strong side dominated the first fifteen minutes and kept us hemmed in our half. Numerous short corners and near misses and they were getting frustrated. The Gondoliers defence led by General Gordon held firm, but the pressure was too much and lost tackle in midfield and a flowing movement saw Reading take the lead.

The Gondoliers kept trying and began to make some breakaways when the Reading moves broke down. It was from one of our forays into the Reading half that a sixteen yard hit was intercepted and the inside left broke free from his marker, dummied the fullback and hit a crisp shot past the Keeper, This mystey player was Chris Gould. One all at halftime not bad.

Second half much more of the same; a lot of pressure from Reading and breakaways from the Gondoliers, we had some chances. Then the half we were defending started to freeze over, attacking this end was easier than defending it, and suffering from our injuries and lack of fitness the last quarter saw Reading put in the chances they had been missing in the first half.

General consensus was it had been fun. We won in the bar outstaying the opposition, Mr Bryers would be proud. Sorry to hear that Commodore Pearse is frozen in on the Wey and cannot get his boat out, hope for better luck next week.

Ladies Reports

Colts Report