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Ladies 1s march on; another big win. Mens 1 frosted off.

Come along and join Sponsors, VPs and Friends of GHC at the Mens 1s home game vs Firebrands. 8th Feb at 12..

More fun in the Clubhouse – Race Night on Feb 21st. Get up a party.

Your Club needs you
March 29th Row 2 Rome.

The schedule is up in the clubhouse; please get your names up now.
This a big day, will benefit the club and the charities, will be great fun and there are prizes too.

+ 1 year gym membership & a Personal Training session at The Gym, Guildford (thegymgroup.com)

+ A meal for two (including a bottle of wine) at Zizzi, Guildford

+ A 40min sports massage (boxgenesis.com)

+ many more...

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

Men's fixtures for next two weeks

Feb 7th

2nd Indian Gymkhana H 1330

3rd Indian Gymkhana H 1430

Shadows UCL Academicals A 1430

4th UCL Academicals H 1300

Pilgrims Alton A 1345

Gondoliers Epsom H 1600

Feb 8th

1st Firebrands H 1200

Feb 14th

1st Cardiff & UWIC A 1330

2 nd	Spencer	A	1330
3 rd	Spencer	A	1530
Shadows	Uni of Surrey	H	1230
4 th	Spencer	A	1630
Pilgrims	Petersfield	H	1400
Gondoliers	Wokingham	H	1530

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks

Feb 7th

1 st	Aldershot & F	L	A	1145
2 nd	Richmond	L	H	1500
3 rd	Horley	L	A	1200
4 th	Merton	L	H	1630
5 th	Epsom	F	A	1500
Fireflies	Maori	F	A	1400

Feb 14th

1 st	Chichester	L	H	1200
2 nd	Cheam	L	A	1130
3 rd	Cranleigh	L	H	1030
4 th	Kenley	L	H	1500
5 th	Aldershot	F	H	1100
Fireflies				

Mens Reports

Guildford vs Bath Buccaneers FROSTED

Guildford 2s 0 Surbiton 4

Buoyed by their first win of season the week before, spirits were high, and for the first time in what seems an age there was light at the end of the London League tunnel.

After a nervy clean sheet, Mason was dropped back to the 1s, who can apparently keep clean sheets with any old riff raff in goal, bringing Max back into the sticks. Other notable absentees from the week before were Scully in the heart of defence, and on the sideline, the sheer presence of Ian 'Jenno' Jennings.

Wanting to make amends for sieving 12 two weeks earlier, Max got off to a brilliant start by getting in a fight with the Umpire who took offence at his short sleeve shirt. Something about getting sued by people injured by uncovered arm guards. If someone gets smashed in the face with an elbow cap, it's going to hurt regardless of whether it's covered up or not. Anyway, after wasting Deeley's entire warm up, the umpire eventually backed down and let the game go on.

Guildford started off a little tentatively, struggling to string together passages of play.

Defensively however, Guildford held together restricting Surbiton to a few wayward shots. However as the half wore on, Surbiton pressure mounted as did their number of short corners. Despite some good defending from the likes of Relphy and Lavis Jr. (putting in some excellent tackles), Surbiton somehow found a way through on a short corner. After the initial shot was saved, Surbiton's injector pounced to scramble home the rebound.

Guildford went in at half time one down, but by no means out of it. Although chances had been few and far between, the score line was close enough to keep it interesting. Unfortunately, with Batch spraying the ball around like a Gatling gun at the 16s, wayward passes were putting increasing pressure on the back line. Shortly after the break Surbiton were 3 up with a break away goal and a second well worked short corner that saw the infamous Karl Stagno walk through the runners and pass it to the injector running in at the post.

To Guildford's credit, they never gave up, pushing Surbiton to the point that the home team were reduced to 10 after some dubious umpiring (yes the same umpire who was causing problems at the start) caused some Surbiton players to get a little wound up. Unfortunately, the numerical advantage didn't result in a goal for Guildford, and back up to full strength, Surbiton scored a fourth when a cross from the baseline found an unmarked player at the top of the 'D' who promptly slotted it in the bottom right corner.

And that's how it ended. In fairness, Surbiton were a lot better organised than Hampstead & Westminster had been the week before (apparently), and the well drilled side proved hard for Guildford to break down. Next week sees the 2s take on Indian Gymkhana with much to prove and points to be gained.

Dick of the Day was perhaps the most tightly contested event of the day, seeing an epic battle between Big Face and Booty. The scores were tied at 5-5 with just Booty's vote to come. But backing himself in a game of Rock Paper Scissors, Booty opted not to give his vote to Big Face, and it all came down to the tiebreaker. Whether it was arrogance, luck, or the ability to predict the future, Booty proved victorious, as his scissors cut the crap out of Big Face's paper.

MOM: Max Deeley

DOD: Paul Lavis

Guildford 3s 1 Hampstead & W 1

Shadows 1 O Midwhitgiftians 1

Shadows 3 Barnes 4

Not a very impressive start from the Shadows; Barnes broke through within the first 10 minutes and Morris, as a last resort and last man, looked to place a clean tackle however his flailing stick gave them a shortie. Sadly they managed to get a cracking strike off from the top which went through Ben P on the far post for 0-1.

We soon equalised, an attack up the right from Sam fed Craig wide on the far edge of the D and his strike found the backboards – great goal.

Barnes however came back with an unstoppable strike from top right; this resulted from us giving away another free-hit...

They then got their 3rd after Ben P lost the ball around the halfway line and with 2 attackers vs Woody the ball was squared for a simple finish...

We showed signs of some great hockey but we just couldn't piece it together, with Sam and Leon running off and on the ball we really should have made more of it. 1-3 HT.

A shocking start to the second half. As the pitch started to get crunchy underfoot their 4th came from a slick move that started wide and cut in round the back of our defence for the ball to be pulled back for someone to knock it in: 1-4... Cue the comeback!

Realising that we had a mountain to climb we started working harder and managed to get men forward for a ball to be spanked goal-wards from outside the D. The ball was then scooped back and curled into the far corner, with his back to goal, by Leon...

Barnes pushed us back once again and, after a shortie, got off a nice reverse hit which beat Woody, the goal however was disallowed as it was well above the backboard.

With about 5 or 6mins to go we earned a free hit outside their D. Ishy played a quick one to an unmarked Weeman (Leon) who squared it to the p-spot for Ady to beat the defender to it and send it high into the middle of the goal - his first game for Shadows this season after returning from a lengthy injury.

Whilst there were more chances from both sides in the final minutes, alas the recovery was not quite complete and we lost 3-4 for the second time this season!

Guildford 4s 3 Surrey Old Boys 1

Pilgrims 5 Bournemouth 2 (Wylie 2, Rosoman, Lenel, Rees)

Firstly our thanks to Peter Gordon for helping out with the umpiring as Bournemouth didn't have one and of course to our regular incumbent Jeremy, well done - appreciated.

Keen to continue our good run of results we had 14 available this week, always difficult to manage that number and well done to all who rotated. We got off to a good start and managed to create lots of opportunities, unfortunately we didn't convert them and what with their goalie saving well on more than one occasion we also managed to hit the post numerous times, Lenel can talk you through his screaming reverse stick drive which crashed into the post from 1 metre out, at least he kept the ball in play and gave someone else a chance, we missed it.

A shortie went wrong but was returned into the circle for Wylie to add to his tally from a metre out, 1-0 up. Bournemouth then equalised with a rare shortie before we snuck back in the lead with a mazy run from Rees, half-way line all the way to the circle and then a powerfully topped looping shot eluded the keeper.

Half time and Morris tells us we are too slow and ponderous, we all listen intently and then proceeded to continue the second half exactly where we left off, at the same pace. Lots more Guildford pressure and raking passes from Morris to Roso on the top of their D, again oppo goalie makes fine saves. From a Guildford shortie the rebound off the keeper was fired high into the net by Rosoman and we were comfortable even though Bournemouth scored their second shortie before Lenel popped up for to put the match beyond doubt.

Good to see Dom D'Mello returning from a badminton injury, hope it's OK on Monday morning and Gray from a month of socialising!! Talk about rusty!!!!

Next week exciting clash at Alton, all troops needed!

Gondoliers 2 Amersham & C 0

General Gordon was umpiring the Pilgrims, Commodore Pearse was looking for place to put up his banner "Stop Punting in the Wey at Godalming " and Richard Austin Healy Gordon is thinking of changing his name as his charge cruised along the A3 in third gear, having carelessly lost fourth.

The team assembled again the cries were, where is Captain Roberts, there are no practice balls or match ball. House Master Connor had some Millfield Balls. Who will be skipper for the day, up stood Geoff Tonks and what a marvellous job he did.

From the start the Gondoliers dominated the game with good passing hockey, lots of effort from the whole team, until the opposition's circle, lead by JB we missed a hatful of chances, yes the opposition goalkeeper made a lot of good saves, but to make capital of all the good stuff we need the goals. The opposition can and usually do score from breakaways. But today Richard stood firm in goal, very verbose and one memorable kick to the side line.

Our first goal was a firm clearance from Hadley that got to Luscious Legs Russell on the right wing, he worked his way along the bye line, crossed and quiet man Alec forced the ball home.

Second half continued with the Gondoliers pressing hard, the short corner machine was not working however and whoever we put into it, and the opposition having the occasional break. It was from one these that General Gordon having finished umpiring the Pilgrims now playing for Amersham (what a good chap he is) met a lifted free hit and sent it whistling pass Richard into the top, yes the top left hand corner of the net. Unfortunately it was disallowed for the lifted hit into the circle. But jolly good none the less.

We kept pressing on and from one of the many melees in the oppositions circle Gould purposefully lifted the ball over the heap of players into the net for the second goal. We could relax a bit now the points were in the bag.

Now where was the Gondoliers Jug, Sorry Mr Bryers standards are slipping? Who was it awarded to at Woking? Own up. It was not available to award this week. So a jug of beer (5 pints) is needed from the last recipient.

Final point – All Gondoliers - We need to deal with the Row to Rome requirement chaps on Sunday 29th March, the charity fundraising day, please volunteer. We have a morning slot so you can do your bit and then enjoy the rest of your Sunday knowing you have done something good. The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, CHASE and Cardiac Risk in the Young are three worthwhile charities that do need our help. Get your name down on the schedule. Luscious Legs is doing his bit, so can you.

Ladies Reports

Guildford	7	Brighton & Hove	0
Guildford 2s	0	Woking	1
Guildford 3s	2	Spencer	1 (Charlie, Morris)

The game started after a short but great team talk by Cas and we were all raring to go. Within the first 10 minutes of the game we were attacking strongly and were constantly in the oppositions half, when Charlie scored a fantastic shot from across the 'D' we were in the lead by one goal and the opposition came back at us hard however we maintained the lead and held our position until Sarah popped in another goal and we were 2 nil up when half time came around. During the second half the opposition came at us hard and fast and we were unlucky not to score in that time however they scored one from the left side slip and levelled the game to 2-1 the rest of the half was played well by both teams to leave the final score at 2-1.

MOTD – Rachel for some great saves in goal

DOTD – Morris for not writing the match report 2 weeks ago.

Guildford 4s 4 London Edwrdians 1

It was time to face our rivals from last season and we were determined to win, especially as we were unlucky to draw with them last time. It was a bit of a rushed start as the game before started late so we'd barely had a chance to knock the ball about (and in my case, get changed!) before the whistle blew. It was a nightmare start- all of a sudden there were four of them in our d and before we knew it we were 1-0 down after barely five minutes! However, Helen and Harriet's pre-match optimism seemed to have had an effect on us and we quickly equalized, with Fin swatting at one mid-air (just goes to show that the "tennis hockey" pays off, Maggs!). We started to play some great hockey down the right, with Aisling and Vix working well together on that side. Louisa and Harriet ("it's a beach") also seemed to be in tune and it wasn't long before Louisa put us ahead with a cracking shot from the top of the d. Soon after, Helen added a third with a brilliant reverse stick finish that any centre forward would be proud of. We ended the second half with a run of defensive short corners (was it me or did their umpire have a slightly bizarre interpretation of the rules?!) but the combination of the two Ellies and Kath Morris running out was too

good for them to make them count.

Our aim at half-time was to keep playing a good passing game and to try to use Vanessa more on the left. Aisling, standing in for Louisa at centre-mid, was instrumental in achieving this and Vanessa and Kath Morris were too quick for the opposition to handle. With a two-goal margin, we started to relax and Harriet and Ellie Roberts went on some long runs from the defence. With 15 minutes to go, the opposition seemed to be all over us but a quick break led to Helen scoring her second goal of the match, making it 4-1. In the last ten minutes, the ball didn't seem to leave our d but a combination of some fantastic saves from Ruth and some solid work from our defenders kept them at bay.

Well done to all who played, I thought EVERYONE had a fantastic game and it was good to get back to our winning ways 😊

Guildford 5s 5 Old Freemen's 4

Colts Report