



**GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB**  
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**Mens and Ladies 1s both win.**

**England Hockey Men's League: Conference West**

**Ist XI vs Whitchurch**

**Sunday 15th March**

**Sponsors/Vice-Presidents/'Friends of GHC' Day**

Bacon sandwiches / Tea&Coffee / Bar open from: 11.00

Match starts : 12.00

Half-time analysis (bar): 12.40

Match-end analysis (ditto): 1.30

Lunch & wine (free to Sponsors/ 'Friends of GHC'.

£12 for others): 1.45

Meet..... the 2008/9 team / old friends / club members !

(Post-lunch entertainment to include: the President's port, discussions and reminiscing in the bar area, Colts match, further sessions at the Bar to ensure no London Pride is wasted by being left in the barrel, and many stories of past victories and the prospect of those yet to come.)

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**March 29<sup>th</sup> Row 2 Rome.**

**3 ½ weeks to go for you to get your sponsorship for the energetic event. The schedule is up in the clubhouse; please get your names up now.**

**This is 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)**

**+ Luxury bedding from Dr Twiner**

**+ many more...**

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**Get your team parties up for**  
**The Club & Awards Dinner**  
**April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**See poster in Clubhouse**

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

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### Men's fixtures for next two weeks

#### March 7<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	Uni of Birmingham	A	1430
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Reading	A	1030
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richmond	A	1630
Shadows			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Croydon	H	1300
Pilgrims	Wimbledon	A	1630
Gondoliers	Oxford Hawks	H	1500

#### March 8<sup>th</sup>

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Indian Gymkhana	H	1530
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Indian Gymkhana	H	1530

#### March 14<sup>th</sup>

2 <sup>nd</sup>	No game		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	No game		
Shadows	EUHC	A	1530
4 <sup>th</sup>	Kenley	H	1630
Pilgrims	Walton & W	H	1430
Gondoliers	Oxted	A	1500

#### March 15<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	Whitchurch	H	1200
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### Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks

#### March 7<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	Horsham	L	A	1200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Raynes Park	L	A	1130
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tulse Hill & D	L	H	1330
4 <sup>th</sup>	Surbiton	L	A	1130
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barnes & H	L	A	1400

#### Fireflies

#### March 14<sup>th</sup>

1 <sup>st</sup>	Basingstoke	L	H	1330
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Old Cranleighans	L	H	1500
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Camberley & F	L	A	1130
4 <sup>th</sup>	Croydon	L	H	1300
5 <sup>th</sup>	Croydon	L	H	1600

#### Fireflies

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## Mens Reports

### EHL Conference West

#### Guildford 1

#### Stourport 0 (Haynes)

Following two weeks of double headers the team was looking forward to playing just one game in the weekend & hoping that they would all feel a whole lot fresher. The Guildford crowd obviously had had the same thoughts and turned out on mass to support in the sunny weather.

With a stand in management team, Tony amongst others had gone in such of better weather, we dealt with the problems caused by the delayed start. The atmosphere amongst the team felt good and we were ready to go when the umpire had arrived.

Unfortunately he at least turned up. The match got off to a scappy start, with the Guildford side seemingly unable to play hockey. We have always been told that it is okay to have a bad day on the ball as long as we perform well off the ball. I don't think Jenno ever imagined all of us playing badly on one day...Despite the poor performance we managed to go into half time a goal up. Having been provided a number of pointers, we then failed to improve much if at all.

The only consolation is that you can't always win pretty and we did manage to pick up another 3 points. Despite being unable to play hockey it was the strength of character and fitness that this side can boast that saw us through, this certainly would not have been there at the start of the season.

Finally, a big thank you to all of you who stood in in the absence of so many of the normal management team.

### London League Premier

#### Guildford 2s 2

#### Richmond 2

Everybody was in high hopes from the previous battle in which we destroyed our opponents.

The team was strong and after our pre-game jelly babies supplied by sandy we retreated to the changing room to do our armour. In the changing room we heard an intellectual strategic team talk from rich and an inspirational talk from our captain and then hit the pitch.

The battle commenced with a Sharpe whistle blow and the worriers of Guildford smashed through the lines of Richmond's defence instantly and with great force. It didn't take long for one of the many great players on the Guildford squad to create a mishap in the Richmond D to get a penalty flick.

After Shauny put away one of the worst flicks I've seen we were up 1-0

The squad started to lose it slightly and before we knew it we were 2-1 down at the end of the half.

The second half commenced and Guildford came out strong once more, creating things that are only seen in a fantasy film. The defence were playing well with max owning the Guildford D, smashing away anything that seemed a threat. The defenders were getting in front of the Richmond strikers and distributing the ball like a croupier working in happy hour at Vegas. The mid-field did well with Alan (who played with a broken rip), booty (who got drunk with birder the night before) and PAUL (I should have won man of the match) LAVIS all creating chances in which the strikers had trouble cashing in on. It wasn't until around ten to twenty minutes in the second half when the best looking striker of them all made the most glorious of goals and put the score at 2-2 in which it remained till the final whistle.

Sorry about the vague match report I'm very drunk now.

Well done to everyone who played and I hope to see you all at training Tuesdays.

m.o.m Mark

d.o.d Chris

**Guildford 3s      3                  Richmond      1**

**Shadows          4                  Croydon        0**

**Guildford 4s      3                  Sunbury        2**

Pilgrims      No game

**Gondoliers      2                  Havant         3**

Chris Gould gets off plane from China at 2, hurtles down the A3 to join the other 8 Gondoliers (bolstered by two Havant guests) to play a fine game against a Havant team with a little too much stamina. Messrs Savage, Tonks and Windsor Lewis (especially) played their socks off in the middle of the park. The first goal came from a Carney cross helped in from an acute angle by Savage. 1-0 up at half time was good. 1 – 1, then 2 -1 up, then a shortie 2 – 2. Finally despite Richard Gordon pulling off some great saves an unstoppable turn and shot gave Havant victory in the final minutes.

## Ladies Reports

### **Guildford 4 (Kate, Theika, Kerry, Jade) – London Wayfarers 0**

I know many of you would have been wondering whether a new superhero had visited Guildford on Saturday afternoon. After all shouts of "Is it a bird? Is it a plane?" could be heard on the pitch and from the crowd .... But please don't worry; it was just our own "pocket rocket" Alice doing a forward pike with tuck from 5m inside the pitch and landing 1m off the pitch. The opposition agreed a score of 5.9 should be awarded, as she lost marks for giggling during the dive and the fact that half of them missed it as no-one was near her at the time. To be fair though, the opposition almost missed the entire match due to a cancelled train or two.

Once the game did get underway, our 50minute warm up in comparison to Wayfarers sprint from the station and onto the pitch wasn't that obvious as the adrenaline kicked in for them and they played some cohesive, if not too incisive, hockey. Our midfield and defence battled hard cancelling out any opportunities for an attempt at goal with some excellent low tackles. At the other end our forwards worked tirelessly to close down their opposite numbers and in turn did create a number of chances. It seemed a matter of time before we would score, once again Kate showed the forwards the way to goal with a clever flick past the Wayfarers keeper from our second short corner.

Wayfarers tried to strike straight back with a short of their own and a break from open play but Tappy kept them out. The more they pressed, the more space was created behind and our forwards took full advantage. Theika scored from our third short corner, this time Kate passing the ball to the back post for Theks to finish from close range. And then Kerry showed some impressive ball handling skills controlling then finishing a waist high ball.

The second half was more of the same – Wayfarers tried to press but couldn't find their way past an excellent Guildford defence. The tackles were all well timed, the opposition could not break away from their markers and if they did get past the defence, Tappy cleared up behind. The space in behind them meant Jade could throw some more shapes, 94 ball bodies and set up a number of chances on goal. Just to show off her talents she ran almost 50m with the ball to round a couple of players, then the keeper and finish with a pile driver into the goal for our fourth and that is how things finished.

This was a performance much more in line with our pre-Christmas level of play with every player having a positive contribution in the match and this in turn created a much happier Good Cop who looked distinctly as though he would cry at the end!

Man of the Match – Kate & Jade – for being “fabulous darling”  
D.of the Day – Alice – for her award winning diving.

**Guildford 2s      0      Old Georgians      1**

**Guildford 3s      3      Epsom: 0**

Afraid I can't comment on the warm up (!) and the best that can be said about the first half was that it was nice weather! Jane summed it up well describing it as quite 'pedestrian' but after a gentle reminder from Cas at half time that we were indeed playing hockey, we were back to our old ways in second half. Stronger passing and an excellent run led to Charlie scoring a cracking first goal. Man-chi made some great runs and calls down the wing and Ciara may have found her calling at left back with some crunching tackles! Aggression and longer passes culminated in 2 more goals from Charlie and Jules and final score 3-0, good game one and all.

MoM: Emily

DotD: Emily (Horrendously late, equally hungover and attempted to start on the wrong side of the pitch...)

<b>Guildford 4s</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Wanderers</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Guildford 5s</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Mitcham</b>	<b>1</b>

## **Colts Report**

### **Guildford U14 Development Team v Woking**

**Result:** Lost 2-0

Woking turned up with a team with some boys looking considerably larger in size than us. Unintimidated we started well with an early goal by Frazer Groom, which was unfortunately judged to be from a shot outside the D so was not counted. The match continued to be even with chances at either end and was 0-0 at half –time. Unfortunately in the second half we spent most of the game defending, and despite some fantastic saves by Freddie Money, Woking eventually scored a goal, and a second soon afterwards. It was encouraging to see we continued to play some good hockey, support each other and everyone played their part. We kept our discipline in defence with some good tackles and marking. Our hit outs from 16s were much better. Ollie and Jack Baker worked hard and with skill in midfield. There was a good mix of short quick push passes and longer hits upfield. This was a good result considering we lost 8-0 last time we played. Well done to all!