



**GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB**  
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**Congratulations.**

**Ladies 1s finish champions and unbeaten.**  
**Mens 1s finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in EHL Conference West.**

**Thanks to all who organised and participated in the very successful  
Row 2 Rome.**

**The Club & Awards Dinner**

**7.30 on April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sparkling reception, classy 3 course dinner, wine, music.  
£30 and bring a raffle prize.**

**Club AGM will be on May 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.**

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

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### **Men's fixtures**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wimbledon (Div 2 Cup)	A	tba
Shadows	London Edwardians	A	1030
Pilgrims	Haslemere	A	1400

**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

4 <sup>th</sup>	UCL	H	1400
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### **Ladies Fixtures**

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**

1 <sup>st</sup>				
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wanderers	L	A	1100
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barnes/H/E	L	H	1200
4 <sup>th</sup>	Maori Vamps	F	H	1330
5 <sup>th</sup>	Fireflies	F	H	1230
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## Mens Reports

### EHL Conference West

#### **Guildford 2 - Old Georgians 2 (Kochar, Haynes)**

The last game of the season and we knew we couldn't win the title but being second would be a great achievement. We started off disastrously and OGs were 2 up in 15 minutes. We seem to play better when we go behind and this game was no exception. We started then to control the game and missed one or two good chances before the interval. A severe talking to by the coach at half time had the desired effect and Mani Kochar pulled a goal back with a penalty stroke. Our superior fitness began to tell and Jonny Haynes equalised after 55 minutes. The opposition were clearly under pressure and began to get rattled and started complaining to the umpires and giving some of our players verbal grief. We had a number of good goalscoring chances and should have won the game but as Bourneville lost we finished in second place which is a great credit to all the players and of course the coach. It was good to see a full clubhouse for the rowing marathon and the support of the club members throughout the whole season much appreciated.

### London League Premier

**Guildford 2s            0                    Canterbury            3**

**Guildford 3s            1                    Wimbledon            1**

Having achieved a top 4 position, Mens 3s will have to play the same opposition in the LL Div2 Cup.

**UCL Acs                1                    Shadows                4 (Ben Gray 2, Chris Gray, Leon Shrewsbury)**

With Dean still in Oz it was left to last year's skipper to carry on in charge. After last week's fine performance but still a loss we really needed to pick up points on the road in order to avoid a risk of relegation.

In a season where the Shadows have largely underachieved when we have been good we have been very good and when we've been bad we've been shocking! So the orders were to carry on last week's performance and work hard on and off the ball.

With Ben Gray and Leon paired up front and Marcus and Ady in midfield this had the look of the Shadows of previous seasons and it showed. We attacked with pace and purpose for the first 20 minutes and went 4-0 up and looked awesome. The UCL team at that point must have wondered why they'd bothered turning up.

Once we were 4-0 up we appeared to resort back to playing some at times poor hockey and eventually let UCL get a glimmer of hope with a well taken deflection goal, but truth be the game was won in the first 20mins. Strangely at the end of the game players were a bit down after our poor second half performance (which seems to be a theme of the season) but in the end a 4-1 win away from home at a mid-table team is an awesome result. Let's take heart from this and in next week's end of season game play our best of the season – we still need at least a point to be certainly safe from relegation.

Lastly some quick acknowledgements – Ben Gray and Leon for their tireless work up front and tackling back throughout the game – always a pleasure to see. And Charlie Brogdan for showing that he should have been in the Shadows all season with a mature, hard working and ultimately very good performance on the wings.

**Guildford 4s 1                    NPL                    3**

**Pilgrims                4                    City of Oxford.        0        (Morris 2, Rosoman, Howells)**

It felt a bit more like winter today as a blustery shower had us scurrying for shelter before the start of the game. Without Basey, off playing golf, and Winn, off in France, Lenel returned to the fold and after having to cancel last week we fielded 13 keen chaps under stand in skip Asdell's guidance.

Finally we persuaded the oppo to change into white shirts so we could at least tell who was going which way. Actually didn't seem to make much difference as a number of early passes from both sides went unerringly to the oppo. Morris was again running the midfield and with Rosoman rounding his man at will it looked as though the Pilgrims should find a way through easily, this wasn't to be the case as a number of chances went begging. Morris finally broke the deadlock with a trademark run and shot from the top of the circle, Rosoman hit the post and an overtime shortie went begging to leave us 1-0 up at half time.

Early in the second half a Rosoman flick over the goalie was deflected into the goal via a number of defenders. Jenkinson was getting bored in goal and such was the midfield dominance from Morris, Rees, Gilliver and Shelbourne that Oxford only managed 1 shot on target and no shorties in the match. Morris hammered home a shortie and a well constructed move saw Lenel set up Howells with a pass from inside the circle, such was the surprise that Howells nearly missed the ball altogether. Highlights of the day included Morris's reverse stick shot, which although he didn't emulate Gilliver and fall over, had exactly the same effect on the ball - ie none whatsoever. Added to Gray's abortive attempt in the Gondo's last week this gives a 100% failure rate. Practice required!! Editor note - Gilliver says he had a success on Saturday!!

Toplas did however manage to fall over taking a side line hit, and while on the ground played the ball to a team mate - is this the way to do it? Well at least the pass went to a mate rather than an oppo. Taylor was heard to remark "that I can only go on a run if my man goes with me". OK JT - whatever takes your fancy then!

As long as those who did do the rowing have recovered in time for Saturday, it's all down to Haslemere for the last game of a successful season. See you then.

## **Gondoliers      5                      Winchester Vets      2**

Spring was in the air, the sun was shining, although some were expecting rain, we had eleven Gondoliers eventually as JB strolled across the park to join us. It was particularly good to welcome David Stokes back after a long absence and he was quickly showing his strong and dependable approach to hockey.

Mr Carney set the scene, short sharp passing hockey as we have done recently was required and this is what we did putting early pressure on the Winchester defence resulting in a short corner which was saved on the line. It was also good to have Tiger Tim back to join the short corner machine to make it work after last week's issues. Winchester got into their stride and had a number of chances themselves until a quick move up to JB whose stick skills had him into the circle where the rocket called Windsor-Lewis joined him to walk the ball into the net for his first Gondoliers goal, well done. A similar quick passing move involving JB who was joined by Tonks in the circle who scored his second goal on the season, well done. JB was up for this game, as he told everyone and even the opposition umpire remarked on his run back from the half way line to tackle the opposition at the top of our circle and clear our lines. The Gondoliers continued to control the game resulting in short corner, Savage to Carney to Gould- goal, 3-0 at half time and all was well with the world. David Stokes commented I thought I was playing for the Gondoliers, not this elite hockey team.

The second half carried on in the same vein, with good flowing passing hockey, the Winchester goalie was under siege doing his best until his clearance went to Gould who put cracked it past him at the near post with interest 4-0. Then the problems started it was too easy for the Gondoliers, the game plan was lost, long hopeful passes, losing possession in midfield, forty five degree passes straight to the opposition, the bad old days had returned and predictably this let Winchester in 4-1 from a breakaway after lost possession, 4-2 from a short corner after failing to clear a Winchester attack. Visions of the Epsom Game losing 5-4 appeared. Carney and JB rallied the troops, back to the short sharp passing between ourselves chaps. We did and control came back. Soon another shortie was awarded and Tiger Tim, Carney, Gould trio worked again 5-2. We continued to play well! and enjoyed the game.

Comments from the Sub-editor - A roving defender was heard to say after the game "brilliant weather and champagne hockey -what a way to finish the season!" and fortunately for him he remembered his shoes this week Two ancient warriors ( past their sale by date) managed to fall over – in the case of Russell without any ones assistance Most of the team were surprised with the high level of passing hockey / the word triangles was heard once more and how all the team had a part to play An indiscretion and triple score resulted in Gould producing

two jugs. The unkind among us were heard to remark how poor the oppo goalkeeper must have been to allow such easy goals from Gould (or he had been bribed to let them through) John Bigos(for once) had an exceptionally good game -his voice and strength had returned and he managed to save a shot a goal despite being nominally centre forward Winchester hospitality was excellent =good curry +cheap local beer (coutesy of IBM)

We thank Andy for umpiring, even though it was in his pink shirt.

*Sunday – The Row to Rome – Some Gondoliers were up for it. Lead by General Gordon and buddy he was joined by Ian Russell, Dave Stokes, Nick Hadley and son, Geoff Tonks, Tim Savage, members of the Nick Pearse family and Chris Gould, his wife and daughter. It was fun and I believe that the event and the day went well. Doing our bit for - The Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, CHASE and Cardiac Risk in the Young three worthwhile charities that do need our help and the Hockey Club.*

## Ladies Reports

**Guildford 5 Wimbledon 0**

We had the bare 11 this week, missing Sals (whisked off by her fiance for a birthday treat), Alice (whizzing down some slopes in the Alps) and Nic (wedding up north – definitely the least exotic excuse) so everyone was pretty excited by the prospects of a full 70mins if not a little nervous of playing with out the pocket rocket & Co

We shouldn't have worried too much... Theika slotted in at the back a treat, helping the big transfer & giving some great chat. Sam breezed through the full game as if she's been doing some fitness or something (?!). Jade stepped up to fill pocket rocket duties & after running ALOT she pocketed the 1st goal: A smash from the right of the D.

I was told there was a greedy goal mouth scramble between our forwards as the ball rebounded off the inside of the post but the umpire, the wimbledon team & the rest of the guildford team missed this scrap since the goal had already been awarded and were duly heading back to the half way line... Such scavengers...!

One of the best move of the game came from Em, Sam & Average linking up down the left. LaUtilising LD at CF on the BBG line & drawing a short corner. A classic training ground move which Jenno would have been proud of.

Hutch at right back was her solid-self, tackling hard & feeding the new Pocket Rocket with ball. She sent some of her signature difficult to handle bouncing bombs through to the soon-to-be Mrs Jennings too. What a talent.

stb Mrs Jennings clearly enjoyed the position and drew plenty of short corners one of which was converted beautifully due to PR's perceptive call for a '360degree backhand double switch over'. Nice one.

The last goal came from another great move from Average, to LD, to KM on the far post. 5-0, job done & it was fun.

Only other thing to say is Thanks to JB for the positive half time & sideline chat, and a big cheers to everyone who joined in the supporters band wagon. We love you.

<b>Guildford 2s</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Tulse Hill &amp; D</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Guildford 3s</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Guildford 5s</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>Walton &amp; W</b>	<b>0</b>

## Colts Report