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Good weekend for the 1s.

Ladies put 11 past Oxford University to go top.

Men earn valuable victory at Fareham. They play Old Georgians at home on Sat at 12.

We are sorry to report that Jack Carley, ex President of the club and great supporter of the Mens 1st XI has died. His funeral is expected to be on Monday.

Please note. Roadworks on railway bridge on B3000. Leave time to negotiate diversions.

December 12th: Xmas Party – put in your diary and get up your table.

Fixtures Live: have you explored it? Go to your team page and see all the information available.

Fixtures for the month ahead.

For away venues and times, check through fixtures page on website.

Men's Fixtures for Month ahead

Date	Team	Opposition	H/A	Venue	Time
21st Nov	1st	Old Georgians	H		12.00
"	2nd	Bromley & B	A		12.00
"	3rd	Bromley & B	H		14.00
"	Shadows	Leatherhead	A		10.30
"	4th	Woking	H		15.00
"	Pilgrims	Haslemere	A		14.00
"	Gondoliers	Haslemere	H		13.30

28th Nov	2nd	Old Georgians	A		13.30
"	3rd	London W	H		12.00
"	Shadows	Old Reigatians	H		16.30
"	4th	Purley W	A		13.00
"	Pilgrims	Alton	H		12.30
"	Gondoliers	Oxted	H		14.00
29th Nov	1st	Havant	A		14.00

Ladies Fixtures for Month ahead

Date	Team	Opposition	L or F	H/A	Venue	Time
21-Nov-09	1st	Sunbury 1's	L	A	Hampton Community College	13.00
"	2nd	Old Kingstonian 1's	L	A	Kingston Grammar School	14.15
"	3rd	Cranleigh 1's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	12.30
"	4th	Spencer 5's	L	A	Battersea Park	15.30
"	FF	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
28-Nov-09	1st	Tulse Hill & Dulwich 1's	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
"	2nd	Wanderers 3's	L	H	Broadwater Water	15.00
"	3rd	Addiscombe 1's	L	A	Ashburton School, Croydon	11.30
"	4th	Mitcham 1's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	15.30
"	FF	Maori Vamps	F	A	Feltham	13.00

Men's Reports

Guildford 1s 3 Fareham 1

Guildford were playing away from home to Fareham and were in need of a win as they had lost the previous four with the score lines not showing a true reflection of the teams performance. Guildford had a slight pre-match scare when goalkeeper Simon Mason was injured in the warm up but even after this pre-match hick-up Mace went on to make some brilliant saves despite letting in a goal in the latter stages of the first half.

Will Blockley got Guildford off to a flying start by slotting home a drag flick in the bottom left corner which the Fareham keeper had no real chance of saving. Throughout the first half Guildford continued to pressure the Fareham defense down both flanks with individual brilliance by Guy Fordham and Duncan Marsh. It was to be Marsh who won Guildford a penalty in the first half. Blockley stepped up and converted to send Guildford in at half time with a 2-1 lead.

Guildford started the 2nd half less convincing than the first with lapses in concentration which allowed Fareham to test Mason with a couple of attempts on goal. However, with some resilient defending and some good passages of play Guildford were able to regain composure and seal the game with Duncan Marsh beating the keeper at the near post to finish the game 3-1 in Guildford's favour.

Guildford 2s 2 Richmond 2s 2

Guildford 3s 1 Richmond 2

Goal - Rhino

Match report - Disaster!

Richmond 4s 2 Guildford 4s 0

The weather can only be described as WET! The water based pitch at Richmond had a centre metre of water on it meaning that progress on it was rather slow. Richmond had obviously been practicing their water hockey and opened up the early lead. Guildford's heads didn't go down and with Adey leading the charge in his new role in midfield we were all over them. Unfortunately Guildford's numerous attempts to penetrate Richmond's D were fruitless. At the moment we seem to lack the killer passes and a finisher (maybe it's time to bring back Parkin in to the attack)! The battle thundered on and Guildford's defence remained resilient until the last 5 minutes of the game when Richmond were awarded a P flick for a foot on the line. The game ended 2-0 to Richmond but the boys will tell you this doesn't reveal the true story of events. It's a game we could easily have been on top of on a different day.

Pilgrims 2 . Portsmouth & Southsea 0 (Lenel, D'Mello)

Second week of a mid table clash and a good win for the second week in a row. Unfortunately for the oppo they only had 10 men as they failed to find an umpire, it was wet and cold with nasty hail storms making sticks difficult to hold and many passes didn't find their intended target, am I being kind to suggest that some even had an intended target?

Lots of possession for the first half with Portsmouth only making the odd foray towards Dr Pain in goal, a few chances went begging and to be honest they did defend very well and nullified all we could throw at their central backs. Thankfully we realised how to get the ball down the right and from a good move Lenel swept the opener home. Lenel and his charity driven moustache are going to be quite frightening by the end of the month so please can you get on his web site and sponsor him!! Just call him The Pirate. Shortcorners came to nothing and D'Mello had a one on one with the keeper who produced a good save.

Lots of industry from the Pilgrims but the final incisive pass was missing. Portsmouth then produced a quick break and looked like they were bound to score to equalise when Jenkinson changed persona from The Tortoise to The Cat and pounced to his left for a great save, the rebound was cleared once, twice and then a shortie was awarded which was again well snuffed out by the defence. That save really kept us in the game and when Asdell tackled their winger and realised Shelbourne a quick move found D'Mello in the circle, a quick turn and a shot in the corner made it 2-0. The Pilgrims continued to have the majority of possession and apart from a little flurry at the end weren't under too much pressure.

Good effort all round and all we need now is a bit more composure in the final the quarter and we will score the goals the possession warrants.

Memorable moments:- definitely the metamorphism of The Tortoise into a Cat, great save, and The Pirate moustache.

No Wally of the Week - could it also be that "moustache"? Answers by e-mail please, closing date next weekend!!

Please sponsor Mark and his Movember growth!!!!

Gondoliers 1 Epsom Vagabonds 3

Well Epsom carried out our pre-match plan and our half time talk very well. They passed the ball in short passes and quickly to their own. They then took a higher percentage of their chances and won 3-1.

Meanwhile the Gondoliers had trouble in the first ten minutes passing the ball to our own players. We were playing in the white shirts chaps, but nearly every Gondolier seemed to pass to the maroon shirts of Epsom. Then we settled in and we did have own chances but failed to convert. It was a frustrating game and was probably not going to be our day. The fifty – fifty balls seemed to go to Epsom, the

deflections seemed to fall into an Epsom players path rather than a Gondoliers. They were sharper to the ball and did not give the ball away as easily as we did. They were top of the league at the start of the game and deserved to remain on top at the end.

Epsom had four short corners and converted 2; we had at least six and converted none.

They scored the three goals but to our credit we kept on trying and were rewarded with Carney's free hit outside the 23M to Bigos in the circle and he slotted home. A simple game when played simply. A copy of the goal the same two scored at Wokingham.

Thank you to Jeremy Holt for umpiring which did become very difficult towards the end of the game as some of the floodlights failed.

Ladies Reports

Guildford Ladies 1s 11 Oxford University 0
(Wimshurst, Mills, Littlejohns x 6, Kendall, Burgess & Hutchings)

It's a good sign when the most excitement your GK gets all game is her goal blowing away. Plus your sweeper has this to say, "The defence were amazing - only 1 short and no goals"

So it was goals galore this week for the Ladies 1s versus an Oxford University side who were sporting one of our own players from last season, Lucy Durrans. We were hoping to put on a good performance in order to entice her back to the Guild. Only time will tell now.

Wimshurst opened the scoring with a well executed short corner. Mills dived for the 2nd causing herself some 'pitch burn' in the stomach area. LittleJs bagged, borrowed & stole the 3rd, 4th & 5th before being interrupted by half time. Coach Baxter's team talk was all about screws again. It did the trick: LittleJs helped the 6th over the line. She was heard to have muttered the words: "I've got to stop stealing people's goals!!" but thankfully added some extra power to a Wimshurst shot for the 7th of the game. Kendall put in the 8th after Redfern did all the hard work. Burgess 9th. LittleJs 10th & Hutchings 11th.

The best celebration of the game came from Hutch when she realised that no-one had deflected her shot & it was hers to claim.

"A convincing all round display, taking us top of the table again" – Kirsten, GK.

"kerry's dives were amazing - raw stomach shows good commitment!
plus how much better our short corner ratio is now?! 5 of the goals i think - made thursday night's training in the horizontal rain worth it, almost!" – Sam Carr

Next Home Game is on 28th November Vs Tulse Hill & Dulwich. Come down & watch.

Guildford Ladies 2s 3 Tulse Hill & Dulwich 2s 0

Guildford Ladies 3's 1 Spencer Ladies 4's 1

What we hoped was going to be a positive result turned out to be harder than we thought and without Cas there we had to be fully prepared. We started off quickly in the first half, scoring the first (and only) goal within the first 10 minutes as a result of a fast push in and rebound off the left post by Vicky O. After, the opposition came back strong and we ended up defending for the rest of the half. Spencer scored their goal towards the end of the first half, and it seemed that the whole team was stuck in slow motion. During the team talk we discussed our weaknesses and were ready to go out and rack up the goal count.

During the second half, we spent over 70% of the time on the attack in their D. we miraculously kept up this energy and aggression throughout and were desperate to win. Unfortunately after many messy scraps in the D, and unlucky shots, we were not successful, and came away with a draw, which I'm sure the opposition was pleased with.

It seems such a shame not to win after such a last minute push, especially as we knew we were the

better team. Better luck next time girls!

Colts Report