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Wins again for Mens and Ladies 1s.
Ladies go into the break in 1st place, the Mens in 4th.

Congratulations to Boys Under 14 in reaching the regional finals.

Sport Godalming awards for Ian Jennings for ‘ Outstanding Service to Sport in the Godalming area’, and Peter Gordon for ‘Long Service’.

December 12th: Xmas Party – £25 for bubbly start, three course meal and wine plus music and your fun. Numbers via Captains to Dave Hall.

Club Race Night – put in your diary for Feb 20th.

The In Touch magazine is now out. Your captain has copies; show it around both for club and sponsor benefit.

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

Men’s Fixtures for next two weeks

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

Date	Team	Opposition	H/A	Venue	Time
5 th Dec	2 nd	Canterbury	H		12.00
“	3 rd	St Albans	A		11.30
“	Shadows	Thames Valley	A		12.00

“	4 th	Cheam	H		12.30
“	Pilgrims	Salisbury	A		14.30
“	Gondoliers	Reading	A		
12th Dec					
	2 nd	Reading	H		12.00
	3 rd	Richmond	A		12.30
	Pilgrims	Oxted	A		

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks

Date	Team	Opposition	L or F	H/A	Venue	Time
5-Dec-09	1st	No game				
“	2nd	Oxted 1s	L	H	Broadwater Water	15.00
“	3rd	Mid Surrey 1s	L	A		13.00
“	4th	London Wayfarers	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
“	FF					
12 Dec	3 rd	Wimbledon	L	H	Broadwater Sand	11.00
	4 th	Kenley	L	H	Broadwater Water	10.30
	Fireflies	Iver Heath	F	H	Broadwater Sand	12>30

Men's Reports

Guildford 5 Havant 2 (Batchelor 2, Blockley 2, Pett)

An excellent win that lifts us up to 4th place.

Old Georgians 2nd XI 1 Guildford 2nd XI 4

It was a cold Saturday morning, and having made the short journey to Old Georgians School we found half the School cordoned off by the police, due to the discovery a priest's corpse and an unexploded grenade. But even with that in mind the day was set for some ultimate hockey. Even with out the twirls and spins of Gavin, out with Tonsillitis.

So after an ok warm up, Guildford started pretty well, putting pressure on in the right places. After a few well worked bits of hockey Guildford had had some chances on goal with some short corners not put away. Then with a great ball to new boy James who took it around the keeper and reversed it into the goal Guildford were 1-0 up. Guildford ended the 1st half 1-0 up which we were not that used to.

Guildford started the 2nd half strong again with some more great moves down the wings and some good penetration in the D. Then Guildford found themselves 2-0 up with a great ball across the D from Sandy to James who deflected it into goal. At the restart even though the guy asked weather he could take it him self he still managed to run from the half way line all the way into the D.

With some more great skill and good play from Guildford they got another short corner where sandman called for it to be given to him for pass back to Sean at top of the D. who ran wide and hit ball back post for Burder's deflection to be saved (wasn't a great deflection) to go out to Booty who felt bad for Burder so played a ball off the keepers pads back to Burder who just about scored for his 1st goal of the season. We all knew Booty could have scored just felt bad for Burder's shocking shooting.

Old Georgians didn't want to end the game with no goals and neither did the Chuckle Brothers. So when they got into the D and had a scuffed shot across the face of goal, batch and Paddy took it upon themselves to help the ball over the goal line and into the Guildford goal. 3- 1 to Guildford.

With Guildford flying high a ball was given to Sean who took it past two players then into the D to hit a near diving reverse stick goal into the far bottom corner. The game ending 4- 1, with Guildford playing some good hockey. To put our minds at ease there was a controlled explosion of the grenade after the end of the game.

MOM

Sean

DOD

Sean 'love you Alan'

Guildford 3s **3** **Wayfarers** **2**

Shadows **0** **Old Reigatihs** **0**

Purley Walcountians 3's **3** **Guildford 4's** **1**

After hearing about Purley beating the top of the league's Reigate last week 2:0, Guildford definitely had their work cut out, playing away from home and starting with a bare 11 without the likes of Jean, Moody and Dave B.

Unfortunately the game didn't start too well and Guildford soon let in a scrappy first goal which even Andy couldn't do anything about. Guildford did however hold it together and started to apply a bit of pressure which resulted in some good chances, one of which was nicely finished by Dave H to make it 1:1. This makes Dave's tally 4 in 3 games. Surprisingly the game carried on fairly evenly with some great saves from Andy and some more good chances for Dave and Will. Jim played a great game keeping the defence as solid as he could without Jean, Chris and Dave B with the help from Paul.

Purely were next to score to make it 2:1. Guildford carried on pushing for another goal and unfortunately let in another goal in the last few minutes due to a break from a Guildford short corner.

Looking at past results, Guildford did well and maybe on another day could have pulled off a surprise win. We are still improving and hopefully this will show in the next half of the season, learning from some of our errors.

MOM – Andy – top class performance (as always)

DOD - Adey

Pilgrims 3 Alton 2 (Gilliver 2, Gray)

After the rather unpleasant games last season it is pleasing to report that this game went off without too many problems and the efforts of the players to keep everything under control was largely successful.

Alton travelled to Broadwater third in the league one place above The Pilgrims. The first 15 minutes saw Alton in control and the speed of the left wing and left midfield was obviously a cause for concern as we had little to combat that with. However Shelbourne and Proudlove were able to cover enough ground to keep things all square. After one speedy run which left Gray, Asdell and others trailing in his wake thankfully the youngster found himself out of breath and retired to the bench (!). The Pilgrims managed to get back into the game and again most of the good possession came from Rosoman down the right, Wylie holding the ball up well at centre forward and bringing into play Rees, Gilliver and Shelbourne. Shelbourne found Gray lurking on the right and having made ground into the circle Gray's cross was deflected into his own goal by an unlucky defender. 1-0 up became 1-1 at half time when Alton equalised with a shot from the middle of the circle, well I think that's what happened but I can't remember.

Half time team talk needed to put some pace in at right back and Rees was drafted in to help with Gilliver moving to left wing and Dunn to left midfield. Alton as expected had some good spells but following a breakaway down the left Gilliver dummied the keeper with a completely mishit shot and then managed to slide the loose ball home for a 2-1 lead. An Alton attack at pace down the middle opened up the Pilgrims defence and having drawn our Cat like keeper the ball was slipped left to the unmarked winger 5 yards from the open goal, big sigh as we are about to be pegged back to 2-2. Thankfully the shot lacked conviction and Taylor was able to trundle around the prostrate Cat and deftly clear the ball off the line. A swift attack through the midfield to Wylie, Dunn, Gilliver and back to Dunn on the top of the circle, sharp pass to Gilliver sweeping in on the far post and a really good hockey goal is scored. In less than a minute what looked like being 2-2 had turned into 3-1.

Frustration turned into a mad 5 minutes when 2 Alton players walked off the pitch complaining about an umpiring decision leaving their 9 mates to carry on without them. This galvanised Alton in action and the 9 outplayed the 11 quite easily as the game went into the final quarter.

A firmly struck shortie put the score back to 3-2 and anything looked possible. Play went from end to end and The Pilgrims wasted 2 shorties, whilst Jenkinson made good saves from Alton's shots. An Alton shortie was disallowed for being too high, only just though, and another cannoned back off the bar. Just like last year The Pilgrims conceded a shortie on the final whistle, shot saved but another awarded. This shot is deemed too high and the game is won. Up to third in the league and a visit to league leaders Salisbury next week, good luck chaps.

Thanks to the umpires, without whom we don't get a game!

A word of caution to all match report writers, the oppo read our reports!! Hopefully this report isn't as one eyed as last years in the view of our opponents.

Memorable moments. 22 players in total agreement telling the umpire he had made a mistake and the umpire ignoring everyone, disbelief all round. Great third goal, about 10 crisp accurate passes in a row.

Wally of the week. Anyone who walks off in a fit of pique leaving their mates to carry out without them!!



Ladies Reports

Guildford Ladies 1s 3 Tulse Hill & Dulwich, 0 (Kendall, Henderson x 2)

Guildford ladies 1s hosted Tulse hill & Dulwich for their last league game this half of the season.

Redfern's speed & skill on the ball in our attacking D drew multiple stick tackles from the TH&D defenders for which Gford were duly awarded a penalty. Kendall converted.

The 2nd half saw further attacking play from Redfern, Littlejohns & Hutchings set up Henderson to slot home. Henderson, having taken a small sabbatical from 1st team hockey has now returned to make her mark, slotting home the 3rd goal of the game from a tight angle. It's good to have you back Big Bad!

Guildford Ladies 2s 0 Wanderers 0

The Guildford gurlies arrived at the club in good spirits with the usual banter and mocking of each other during the warm up and team talk. Minutes before the we were due to go on the pitch Ash causes a panic as she counts 12 players meaning we had lost a player in the warm up! Turns out Ash can't count, back to school for you lovely!

Being inspired by the 1st team ladies win and joined by our very own goal scoring wonder Tracey 'Average' Henderson the 2s took to the pitch. Early on in the first half Guildford soon realised we were up against a team that were going to play tough and dirty and a umpire that was never going to use her whistle (did she have one, jury is out)! A long corner to Guildford presented a ball straight through to Genie who clinically slotted it past the goalie into the net. Although the watching umpire the 2nd umpire stepped in and disallowed for being passed directly into the circle. Jo Lee came to the rescue on a couple of occasions when Wanderers broke through and got the better of our defence and Jo Lee bravely left her goal to clear the oncoming threat.

Half time arrived and a stern telling off by Keith spurred Guildford on to a better second half performance filled with a tighter defence and better construction of attacking play with shorter/quicker passing. Shortly into the second half a Wanderers player was showed a yellow card by the umpire with a whistle for repeatedly not retreating 5 yards. Guildford continued to have the majority of the possession in the oppositions half. Shortly after the Wanderers player returned from the sin bin, another Wanderers player off the ball swiped her stick across a Guildford player which was thankfully seen by the umpire and a second yellow card (could have been red) was issued for the Wanderers.

A few chances for the Guildford forwards were saved by the goalie and in the dying minutes of the game they gained a short corner. Last chance saloon as and everyone plied forward for the corner. Guildford attempted to slip right which is closed down then Emma picked the ball up and slipped it through towards left post where Genie bravely stretched and got a touch that deflected wide of the post.

The game finished 0-0, the first draw of the season for the 2s. A real positive we can take from the game is the second half performance which saw us much more determined and more focused playing with grit and determination, another is the facts that it was the only hour of the weekend when it didn't rain!

We are now half way through the season with the biggest clash next weekend against top of the league Oxsted- bring it on!

Guildford 3s-5 Addlescombe – 1

We got off to a strong start with good strings of passes and a high level of aggression. The first goal came from our only youngster on the team, Charlie; a quick reaction off a rebound and straight into the left corner.

The opposition's goalie had a high level of aggression, growling at our super sub Cas as she dragged the ball from under her and cracked it over the goalie making it 2 -0 for the first half.

A few minutes into the second half Tricky effortlessly went round a defender and pushed a shot straight passed the goalie into the left corner. Despite the biting wind we kept our aggression levels high. The final two goals came from two short corners, the first a perfect straight strike from Sam and the second from the left slip to Sam at the p spot for a push into the goal.

We lost a little concentration near the end of the game resulting in a short corner goal from the opposition.

Overall a great team effort despite losing Kelly early in the second half to a knee injury. Good Luck next week Ladies do Shakira proud.

Man of the Match: Sam for some brilliant play and some superb goals

Dizzy of the Day: Moi for waking up 15 minutes before our meet and my Shakira dance on pitch.

Guildford Ladies 4s 0 Mitcham 1s 3

Fireflies 4 Maori Vamps 6 (Helen, Sals, Mel, Kim)

If we had pulled out of this game at such late notice we would, quite rightly, have been asked to pay for the pitch and those players who'd said they were available and then dropped out would have been asked to cover the costs!

As it was, 6 of us went to Feltham to represent the Fireflies and had a very enjoyable game.

They lent us a striker who scored a goal for us and when Helen had to leave at half time, their umpire picked up a stick and asked if she could play for us as we were having such a great time! It was a very even game and could so easily have been a draw.

Well done to the 6 stalwarts!

Colts Report

U14 Boys make Regional finals

On Sunday, playing again under atrocious conditions, Guildford under-14 boys made it through to the Regional Finals of the Club Competition undefeated.

v Woking 4 - 4 draw Scorers: Nathaneal, Max, Harry, Ollie

An exceptional match between two well-balanced sides. Guildford started very slowly and found themselves 2-0 down in just a couple of minutes. Guildford defence then managed to organise themselves and their attack machine came to life putting enormous pressure on the Woking defence. Four goals without reply was the just reward for their play but there was a sting in the tail. As Guildford tired, Woking recovered and managed to squeeze in two goals just before the final whistle.

A superbly entertaining game from such young players.

v Reading 2 - 2 draw Scorers: Harry, James

This was a tough struggle, with both teams very tired and struggling in the torrential rain to control the ball and make any headway against the opposition. Some good saves from Marcus in goal, kept Guildford's hopes alive, whilst our normally highly efficient attack misfired time and again. Eventually a superb short corner strike from James earned Guildford the draw and their place in the Regional Finals.

Well done to all boys and let's hope for some better weather for the next round.

