



# GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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A weekend of second halves in which Mens 1s score 5, and Ladies 1s 3 to notch wins. Ladies stay top while Men go second.

**GHC Russian Rowathon. March 28<sup>th</sup>**. Your 1 hour/10k row for the Club and 3 Charities.

**Don't forget to keep collecting sponsor money – The Russian Rowathon is only one month away!**

**Set up your own justgiving page, this really is an extremely simple way to raise money so please take 5 minutes to set up your page and email, text or facebook the link to as many of your friends as possible. Once you have set up the page, you don't need to do anything and the money keeps coming in – it is that simple.**

**YOU HAVE NO EXCUSES! Go to [www.justgiving.com/guildfordhockeyclub](http://www.justgiving.com/guildfordhockeyclub) and click on 'make your page'. Check out some of the club's top fundraisers to see what to put on your page and how it works.**

Ps For those frightened of technology, a **sponsorship form** is attached

Fixtures for next two weeks.

Date	Team	Opposition	H/A	Venuer	Time
Mar 6th	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bath Buccaneers	A		12.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Old Georgians	H		15.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	London Wayfarers	A		15.30
	<b>Shadows</b>	Leatherhead	H		13.00
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Woking	A		10.00
	<b>Pilgrims</b>	Alton	A		13.45
	<b>Gondoliers</b>	Oxted	A		15.00
Mar 13th	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Canterbury	A		13.15
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	St Albans	H		15.00
	<b>Shadows</b>	Old Reigatians	A		10.30
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Purley Walcountians	H		14.30
	<b>Pilgrims</b>	Salisbury Striders	H		16.00
Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Gondoliers</b>	Reading	H		16.30
	1 <sup>st</sup>	Fareham	H		12.00



game watching England beat the Aussies nearly as emphatically. The post match verdict from Jenno? ‘That was quite ok.’

The question now is, how do we turn in a performance like that week in, week out – particularly away from home? A game against the league champions away next week will be a good opportunity to put this to the test.

## **Guildford 2s      1                      Bromley & B      3**

After the usual slating of Chris Rawlings in the changing rooms for being late (again) with the kit, we headed out onto the pitch for our warm up. For a change there was no one on the pitch before us so we had a good solid warm up, practicing short corners and looking like a professional team. There did seem to be a lack of enthusiasm, but Max with his up lifting team talk got everyone fired up.

The start of the game was very equal between the two teams, both desperate for a share of the 3 points up for grabs. With the regular substitutions and composure on the ball we managed to look like the team first to break the score line. With the forwards playing the ball round well and getting in behind their defence (who were very average, mainly due to the fact that most of their team were on the larger side). But after a brief moment of day dreaming on our behalf, we let the visitors play the ball around our defence and take the lead. But in true Guildford fashion we didn't let this affect us and after some nice transfers around the back line we attacked down the left, moved the ball up to Rawlings who managed to pick out Petty who slotted the ball home.

We carried on attacking and managed to create a number of chances which would have finished Bromley off if we managed to actually hit the target. But it wouldn't have been right if Petty had scored one of his trade mark open goal shots and manage not to shoot wide of the goal. But also getting in on the action was Sandy. After Petty was hacked down whilst running along the back line towards the goal, Sandy stepped up to the P-flick spot, nudging the ball straight at the goalie, at such a speed that the umpire had to check he hadn't farted and blown the ball of the spot.

After these let off's, Bromley turned the pressure up in the second half and took advantage of their extra man after young George was sent off twice. Guildford were caught a little thin at the back and after some not so well hidden stick blocks by the Bromley forward, which the umpire failed to pick up on, they managed to put the ball across the face of the goal and secure their second goal. Max managed to make some important saves but with Guildford now chasing the game with not long left, Bromley were awarded a very dubious short corner which was unfortunately deflected in by Burder on the post.

Guilford carried on fighting till the end but were unfortunately not able to claw back the damage that had been done. Most of us felt hard done by (particularly with a perfectly good goal by Gav being chalked off for what the umpire deemed to be a shot from outside the D) and that we deserved more from the game. All in all, a much better performance than last week.

But head up boys, Old Georgians next week, let's smash them all over the park and get back to the winning ways.

**MOM:** Richie

**DOD:** Sandy (after pulling out paper against Booty's scissors)

**Tea Watch:** Good quality bangers and light fluffy mash, superbly complemented by a rich flavoursome Gravy.

**News from the Twos:** Gav is going into business as a David Tennant lookalike, after some positive feedback on his similarities to the Doctor Who actor by Guildford's U14/U16 girls. Although if he wants to make any money out of it, he might have to get over his shyness, as attempts by the girls to get a few cheeky snaps on their camera phone did not go down well with the 2s brooding inside forward. But seriously, Gav has a job.



Wanderers right hand side led to a one on one against Rachel in goal and unfortunately the forward won the battle. There was a “hint” of nifty footwork during the build up play to the goal but it was a good finish and probably what Wanderers deserved.

This seemed to fire Guildford into life, Roz et al in midfield began to dominate, breaking down each Wanderers attack before it even started and if they did squeak past them, Slick, Charlie & Kirsty stepped in front of their players and wiped out any scoring chances. At the other end, Vicki R, Jess and Vicki O all had decent chances to score. The Wanderers goal keeper had other ideas though – I suspect she’d had three shredded wheat for breakfast as she single handedly kept Guildford out. Firstly with a mid-air dive to stop a Jess reverse stick sweep, then a full length last gasp dive to knock a perfectly placed Vicki O strike round the post.

The half time team talk was simple, be quicker to the ball and want the game more!

Tricky and Man-Chi started to enjoy more possession and Jess pulled all her magic stick skills out of the bag to repeatedly beat the opposition players but again we could not find the final killer pass or shot. The opposition started to gain in confidence that they were still in the lead and with their first and only real chance of the half they scored ~ this time with a rather large deflection from Kirsty on the post.

Still Guildford pressed searching for that elusive goal but it seemed we could get into their 25 without too many problems but no further. Jess resumed her task of beating the whole opposition with her stick skills and at one stage beating herself ending up in a super slow-mo dive to the floor. It just goes to show that occasionally webbles wobble and they do fall down.

With 10 mins to go in a match we could not afford to lose the old birds on the sideline concocted a plan so cunning you could put a tail on it and call it a weasel.

Firstly we got Ellie to strike at short corners. From the first effort the keeper made a good diving save, but Roz was there like a shot to pull the ball out from the keepers pads, do a full 180 (with pike) and push the ball into the backboards. A fitting reward for a cracking game.

Then had a little re-shuffle in the Guildford ranks, Cas moving the old dears in the side around the pitch to add some experience where needed. Jess popped into midfield, Slick at the back and Cas up front – worryingly this gave us an ancient backbone to the side and given the state of Bushy’s backbone it was a risk. Scarily the combined age between them was over 100 but they moved like an 18 year old in Vox on a Saturday night.

Jess fed Cas with her first real chance of the game within a minute of the re-shuffle. Cas managed to beat her defender but was upended by the keeper. The result was a short corner which led to a full goal mouth scramble. Vicki O pushed the ball over the line only for a Wanderers defender to pull it back and seemingly the umpire missed it. However, the goal was quite rightly awarded by the other umpire after a chat.

Two all with a minute to go was really all we needed but Bushy kept pushing for the win, including putting a rocket of a shot just past the post with 30 seconds to go but it was not to be.

A draw was probably the correct result, given the debatable nature of some of the goals and it means that if we win all of our remaining games we will get PROMOTED. No pressure then girls!

We didn’t do man of the match or d. of the day but over a few lemonade shandies on Saturday night a small group of us decided that Roz deserved the man of the match award ~ we hope the rest of you don’t mind ☺

**Guildford 4s            1            Reigate Priory 3s            3**

**Fireflies                1            Maori Vamps                0            (Fiona)**

Well.....we had 11 names on the team sheet. When it came to 5 minutes before the start we had 8 players! At least that was 2 more than when we last played the Vamps. They had a full team so Paul, their supporter, picked up a stick and came to help us out in defence.

We were put under quite a lot of pressure, but we played well enough to keep any marauding attacks at bay. Jo.F, Sally and Edge worked really hard in the midfield and Karin was trawled around the pitch at great speed by their centre forward! However, all their goal scoring opportunities were quaffed by Jo who had a fantastic game between the posts for us. Thank you Jo!

It looked as though it would finish 0 – 0, but Fiona, our new recruit, had been shopping and decided she needed to christen her new stick with a goal!

Great game Ladies! Thanks to Finn for umpiring.



