



GUILDFORD HOCKEY CLUB

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Weekend sees Ladies 1 still on top . Mens 1s manage only draw.

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

Don't forget to keep collecting sponsor money – The Russian Rowathon is only 10 days away!

Timetable for your row ,

8-9	9-10	10-11	11-1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-6	6-7	7-8
Shadows	Pilgr/Fireflies	Gondos	Colts	L1	L2	M3	M2	L3&4	M4	M1

Plus **Mens1s vs Plymouth Marjon at 2pm.**

Club and Awards Dinner is on April 10th. Awards for Individual team Players of the Year and Teams of the Year. Get up your team parties.

Fixtures for next two weeks.

Date	Team	Opposition	H/A	Venuer	Time
Mar 20 th	1 st	Old Georgians	A		14.00
	2 nd	Southgate	A		15.00
	3 rd	Teddington	H		14.30
	Shadows	Thames Valley	H		15.00
	4 th	Cheam	A		14.30
Mar 27 th	Pilgrims	Bournemouth	A		
	Gondoliers	Oxford Hawks			
	2 nd	Hampstead	H		12.00
	3 rd				
	Shadows	Addiscombe	H		12.30
Mar 28 th	4 th	Barnes	H		11.00
	Pilgrims	Winchester	H		14.00
	Gondoliers	Sevenoaks	A		13.30
	1 st	Plymouth Marjon	H		14.00

Ladies Fixtures for next two weeks

Date	Team	Opposition	L or F	H/A	Venue	Time
20-Mar-10	1st	Sunbury 1's	L	H	Broadwater Water	13.30
"	2nd	Wanderers 3's	L	A	Battersea Park	15.00
"	3rd	Addiscombe 1's	L	H	Broadwater Sand	13.00
"	4th	Mitcham 1's	L	A	Ricards Lodge Hill School	10.30
27-Mar-10	1st	Tulse Hill & Dulwich 1's	L	A	Dulwich College	12.00
"	2nd	Epsom 2's	F	A	Epsom College	10.00
"	3rd	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
"	4th	Byfleet 2's	F	H	Broadwater Water	15.00
"	FF	Byfleet 1's	F	H	Broadwater Water	13.30

Men's Reports

Guildford 0 Fareham 0

After the last 2 weeks good performances, the home side were keen to put in another and reclaim that second place spot in the Western Conference. However, neither team really turned up today resulting in a scrappy game that never really got going and that didn't flow. Both teams did defend well but both teams attacked poorly – hence the 0-0 scoreline. Fareham built some pretty good attacks from the back, coming through midfield but then were unable to break through Guildford's resolute defence, marshaled superbly by Danny Emery and Simon Mason. Guildford had some great fast break opportunities but the final pass evaded us throughout the game. Late in the second half a break 'out of traffic' (to use a phrase much coined on Zing during the World Cup) by Snowy summed up the game as he had probably four passes to choose from to put players in goal scoring opportunities, instead he elected to shank the ball of the end of the pitch miles away from anyone causing Jenno to pull out his seldom used Tarzan impression. The wheels even fell off our usually solid corner routine with three narrow misses. All in all, this was a disappointing performance and with OGs next week, improvement required.

It must be said that despite a terrible game of hockey on the pitch, the support from the home fans was as usual excellent so a big thank you to the maroon army.

Guildford 2s 2 Canterbury 1

Guildford 3s 4 St. Albans 4

Shadows 2 Old Reigatians 2

Guildford 4s 4 Purley Walcountians 1

Pilgrims 7 Salisbury Striders 2 (D'Mello 2, Wylie 2, Rosoman 2, Morris)

All to play for as the playoffs loom.

Guildford started strongly and within a few minutes a great passing move lead to Dom scoring his 1st. Guildford's early dominance seemed to produce a feeling of ease and Salisbury fought back so that a 2-2 half time score was fair. Morris successfully converting a shortie for our 2nd.

Half time refreshments and team talk hit the spot and it became a game of 2 halves, Wylie deflecting a fierce drive into the Salisbury goal for 3-2. Chances came more and more often as the game stretched and our ever green midfielders took over the show. Dom scored again indirectly from a short corner. We all believe Morris scored a 5th for us although he was not so sure he got 2 goals so this may yet be disputed – but 5-2 it was. HP found his way through their defence and scored number 6 to leave Wylie to complete an excellent victory. A great effort by all.

(The backup report) Not sure if anyone else is going to write a report so I'll give it a go even though I wasn't there. I went looking for a new bathroom suite which was very exciting. First half was a little boring as we sat and waited but then we got on to choosing the colours and you'll be pleased to hear that we have gone for white / white kit with the shower playing up front on the left, the basin on a rather stationary pedestal through the middle and a back to wall close coupled karzi cleaning up at the rear!Well played everyone, looks like we are rock solid in 4th position (barring any calamities like forfeiting the next game) so we will have to drag those weary joints in the playoffs! Hopefully it will be nice and warm.

Gondoliers 2 Reading 3 (Bigos, Gray)

A game enjoyed by all inc 3 Pilgrims (thanks). Reading went 1- 0 up with slick goal in 14th minute, and made it two on the stroke of halftime. The second half saw Gondos with no goalie but 11 focussed outfield players. 2 – 1 with John Bigos goal , then two rapid goals one for Reading , and one from Nigel Gray. It remained 2 – 3 to the end, particularly due to spectacular save by Jeremy Holt.

Ladies Reports

Guildford 4 Oxford University 2

After 15mins of quality hockey, hard pressurising & hat full of near chances Guildford slotted home their first goal against Oxford. The goal came from Zoe Wimshurst passing through to Sam Carr who played a one two off the goalkeeper and then put it in. Anyone thinking the flood gates were about to open were faced with a Guildford side who sat back & an Oxford side who picked up their game, equalising to make the score 1-1 going in to half time.

With renewed vigour Guildford started the scoring in the 2nd half. This time Sam Carr playing a one two with the post after a Charlie Kendall extended dribble only for Oxford to reply with another. Certainly an improved side to the one that fell 11 goals down in the first half of the season.

The defining two goals then where an individual effort from Alice Littlejohns & a one-touch surprise from Charlie Kendall off a Zoe Wimhursts pass.

Guildford 2s 0 Old Kingstonians 1

After two good wins over the last 2 matches and sitting 2nd in the league, 3 point clear with promotion in our sights, all the girls seemed up for the challenge ahead playing bottom of the league. Every match this season has been just as tough as the last and you just never know what can happen. It was our last home match of the season and after a quick team photo we took to the pitch and started strong firmly pressing Ok's into their D. After 25 minutes of constant attack a goal was definitely looming, however OK's broke out on a counter attack and won a short corner and scored, oh how a match can change in 30 seconds... Unfortunately just before half time OK's undercut a free hit into Stringer's hand rendering her too injured to play and consequently she now has a broken thumb in 4 places...ouch. We all hope it mends quickly. Then straight afterwards Clare took a ball into her bad knee and it became very clear that OK's 'game plan' was to play dirty.

The second half started and OK's came out strong and we easily kept them at bay. We gained a number of short corners but a goal still didn't come. We continued to fight back, linking up passes, changing pace, throwing everything we had at them, just hoping their defence would slip up and give us an opportunity but it just didn't come. They played dirty, pushing and shoving us around at every opportunity but we kept our heads cool and continued to play our game. The final whistle went and we didn't manage to get the points we wanted let alone what we deserved.

We have now dropped to 3rd in the table but only on goal difference, so promotion is all to fight for next



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