

# HOLCOMBE

VS

# OLD GEORGIANS

HOLCOMBE PARK

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28/09/2023

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# MATCHDAY PROGRAMME 2023/2024

**MEN'S**  
HOCKEY LEAGUE



# WELCOME

We extend a warm welcome to Old Georgians HC and their travelling support this evening for this re-arranged fixture brought forward from 7th October 2023. We also welcome our officials: umpires Campbell Reeman and Sean Edwards supported by our match official Matt White.

With both teams in Euro Hockey League (EHL) action from the 6th October (hence the re-arrangement) they will both be looking to build some form to take into that weekend and couldn't really have asked for better preparation than to play each other tonight, then on Saturday OGs travel to Wimbledon and Holcombe go to Surbiton.

Holcombe have made a positive start to the season versus Reading and then away at Southgate last Saturday who really went to town with entertainment before, during and after the match – both enjoyable and thought-provoking. Old Georgians started with a win away at the University of Nottingham before losing a close encounter to Surbiton last Saturday which, according to Rod Gilmour, is their first defeat since April 2022 – a mightily impressive statistic.

Let us hope for a cracking game tonight and it just leaves me to say good luck to both English men's teams in Barcelona.

Brian Field  
Men's Chair – Holcombe HC



# MATCH PREVIEW

By Lucas Ball

Holcombe are looking to maintain their 100% record when Premier Division champions Old Georgians head to Holcombe Park on Thursday night (8:30pm).

Barry Middleton's side have dispatched Reading and Southgate in their opening two fixtures and currently sit top of the table ahead of this re-arranged fixture, originally scheduled for October 7th - when both teams will be in Barcelona for the Euro Hockey League (EHL) KO16.

Great Britain internationals Phil Roper and Nick Bandurak will be hoping to continue their electric early season form having scored three goals apiece in just two games, while the likes of Ollie Payne, Sam Taylor and Brad Read will have to remain focused at the other end to attempt to ensure that Holcombe still have the joint-best defensive record in the Premier Division following this match.

Old Georgians, meanwhile, have a new coaching structure following the departure of Mike Hughes, with perennial winner Brett Garrard - formerly of Surbiton women - coming in to work alongside former Holcombe women coach Chris Bowen.

The Surrey side have won one and lost one of their opening two matches, beating the University of Nottingham 4-1 on the opening day before losing 3-2 at home to Surbiton.

Garrard's squad is littered with both current and former internationals including George Pinner, Sam Ward, Ashley Jackson, Lee Morton, Chris Griffiths, James Albery and Alan Forsyth to name a few, with Pinner, Jackson and Ward also set to come up against their former club.

Both sides face a quick turn-around to their next matches after Thursday night, with Holcombe away to Surbiton on Saturday (6pm) for another double-header and Old Georgians away to joint-table-toppers Wimbledon (6pm) in repeats of both of last season's Finals Weekend semi-finals.

Holcombe squad: Ollie Payne (GK), Tim Guise-Brown, Sam Taylor, Brad

Read, Louis Duprez, Barry Middleton, Rhodri Furlong, Greg Nolan, Mo Mea, Rob Field, Hayden Phillips, Phil Roper, Tom O’Keeffe, Alex Pendle, Tom Russell, Nick Bandurak

Old Georgians squad: George Pinner (GK), Henry Weir, Liam Sandford, Kyle Marshall, Tom Carson, James Carsonn, Ashley Jackson, Dan Shingles, Elliott Messem, Sam Ward, Josh Pavis, Lee Morton, Ed Carson, Chris Griffiths, James Alberly, Chris Proctor, James Cunningham, Alan Forsyth.

Entry is free at Holcombe Park on Thursday, as well as for Holcombe’s other first-team fixtures across our men’s and women’s outfits.

Live updates of the match will also be available through our social media channels:

Facebook: Holcombe Hockey Club

Instagram: holcombehc

X: @HolcombeHC

# ONE TO WATCH: SAM WARD

By Jaime Field

International hockey has been an asset of Holcombe for many years.

Perhaps most notably currently with Nick Bandurak, M1s’ captain, playing for England and Great Britain, representing them in the most recent international fixtures in the Pro League. Holcombe is also the home of the most-capped England player of all time, Barry Middleton, while David Ames is also on the coaching staff. The close ties with the England setup give Holcombe its charm.

As well as current Holcombe players, the England squad still houses former Holcs, such as Sam Ward, who currently plays for Thursday’s opponents Old Georgians.

He has made 84 appearances for his country and scored 62 goals since 2014 when he made his debut.

Ward spent two years with Holcombe from 2015-2017, during which he maintained an impressive goal tally and retained his place in the England side. After leaving the Kent-based club, he has since been at Beeston and now Old Georgians.

In 2019, Ward suffered a serious eye injury while on international duty where there was significant damage to his cheek and eye socket. He also lost some vision and for an extended period his return to hockey was unclear.

After his accident, Ward took to Instagram to say, “One incident can change your life instantly and the element of surprise and unexpectedness is what is hard to handle.”

Since his surgery, he has made a recovery and returned to hockey. He has learned to adapt to his impaired vision and has used his surgery to raise awareness through his clothing brand Blind Spot Apparel.

# MATCH REPORT: SOUTHGATE 2-5 HOLCOMBE

By Lucas Ball

Holcombe men made it two wins from two with another impressive victory over the weekend, winning 5-2 away to Southgate.



An electric first-half display from Barry Middleton's side saw them race into a 3-0 lead in front of a noisy crowd at Southgate Hockey Centre, with the visitors' attacking performance arguably deserving of more goals.

Despite that, it was Southgate who tested the opposition goalkeeper first with Ollie Payne forced into action early on, before a cutting Holcombe attack saw Tom Russell played through on goal, the Great Britain Elite Development Programme (EDP) player slotting superbly past Anton van Loggerenberg.



Full Great Britain internationals Phil Roper and Nick Bandurak soon began to cause Southgate problems too with Roper flashing a cut-back just past the post and Bandurak firing a powerful effort just off-target.



Roper soon saw a reverse effort saved well by van Loggerenberg too, before a quick counter-attack from Kwan Browne's side saw them win a penalty corner. The initial effort was cleared off the line before a goalmouth scramble ended in the hosts hitting the post from close range.



Tim Guise-Brown then saw a penalty corner effort saved as Holcombe looked for a second before it deservedly came through Roper. Vice-captain Rob Field superbly beat a number of defenders before playing the ball across goal for the aforementioned Roper, who coolly slotted home a relatively simple chance.



The third Holcombe goal came from an incredible team move, likely to be one of the best goals of the Premier Division season. A number of players were involved in a fast, free-flowing move full of flair and first-time passes, with the ball eventually coming to Sam Taylor in the circle

who slid home for a rare goal.

Holcombe saw another penalty corner routine kept out before Southgate created some opportunities of their own. First up, Payne made a great save from a penalty corner before a well-worked move saw a cross into the circle fall to Richmond Lum, who lifted the ball and volleyed an upright reverse into the top corner to give Payne no chance.



Middleton's men could have restored their three-goal advantage before the break were it not for a brilliant Browne intervention to deny captain Bandurak a shooting opportunity before Hayden Phillips' cross narrowly evaded the Great Britain forward, who was in space at the back post.



The third quarter was a quieter affair in terms of chances, though the visitors were able to add a fourth goal. Jake Owen and Roper linked-up

brilliantly in the build-up before laying it on a plate for Bandurak, who finished well from close range for his second goal of the season. In the final period, Roper saw a chance well-saved before the hosts had a goal disallowed for a foul in the build-up.



Soon after, Bandurak had his third of the campaign when Roper drove brilliantly down the left to fire a reverse cross in to the circle, the captain sliding in to deflect the ball past van Loggerenberg and make sure of the three points.



Alex Pendle also came close to scoring his first Holcombe goal late on. The last action of the match came via a Southgate penalty corner on the final whistle, from which Archie Foster scored.

Holcombe are one of just three teams who maintained their 100%

record and sit joint-top with Wimbledon, who have scored and conceded exactly the same number of goals as the Kent side.

Middleton's side face champions Old Georgians at Holcombe Park on Thursday night (8:30pm) and entry is free, before they head to Sugden Road to take on Surbiton next week as part of another double-header (6pm), with Holcombe women also in action against Surbiton 2s in the Vitality Division One South (3:30pm).

Images: Simon Webb

[Highlights](#)

# MATCH REPORT: SOUTHGATE 1-2 HOLCOMBE

By Lucas Ball

Holcombe women kicked off their Vitality Division One South campaign with an impressive 2-1 victory away to newly-promoted Southgate, courtesy of goals from Emma Bandurak and Phoebe Steele.

Nick Bandurak's side, playing their first ever Division One match, took some time to settle into the game but looked largely in control for long spells in the second half, before a late Southgate goal sparked hopes of a comeback for the hosts.

Holcombe harbour ambitions of an immediate return to the Premier Division campaign this term and will be excited by a number of strong performances throughout the team, particularly from some of their six new signings, who will take time to settle.

The visitors had the first chance of the match when New Zealand international Deanna Ritchie latched onto a through ball, having her close-range effort saved by Southgate 'keeper Louisa Bray.

Andy Richardson's side, though, recovered well from the early scare and

dominated the play for much of the first half, restricting Bandurak's side to counter-attacking opportunities.

Southgate saw a succession of penalty corners defended superbly in the first quarter before 16-year-old goalkeeper Tilly Woodhead – making just her second competitive first-team appearance – made a brilliant save to deny the hosts at the end of the first period.

The hosts' dominance of the ball didn't fashion any clear-cut chances in the second quarter thanks to some resolute Holcombe defending, with the away side coming close to taking the lead through another quick counter-attack.

Bandurak played a brilliant long-ball to split the Southgate defence before Australian Jade van der Zwan crossed superbly to Ritchie, whose deflection dropped agonisingly wide of the far-post.

A few minutes later, Holcombe won their first penalty corner of the encounter, with a re-award given before Bandurak, who had played superbly up to that point, gave Holcombe the lead, finishing strongly past Bray on the stroke of half-time.

Quickly after half-time, the hosts found themselves with more work to do. An initial penalty corner led to another re-award, with Steele drag-flicking into the corner past Bray to double the advantage.

Holcombe had numerous other chances in the third quarter to add to their lead through Hannah Bond, Ritchie, Lottie Bingham and van der Zwan, though Southgate also could have reduced the arrears when former Holcombe player Charlotte Childs was denied by Woodhead.

Emma McIntyre's goal in the fourth quarter made for a slightly nervy start, with Woodhead again called into action to deny the home side an equaliser but it was Holcombe who finished the match more strongly.

Bandurak was denied from a penalty corner late on before Bingham saw a chance saved on her debut, with Holcombe able to see out the final few minutes to hang on for three points on the opening day.

Holcombe travel to Surbiton 2s, also winners over the weekend, next up

as part of another-double header, with the W1s' match pushing back at 3:30pm on 30th September at Sugden Road.

# MATCH REPORT: HOLCOMBE 4-0 READING

By Lucas Ball

Holcombe opened up their Premier Division campaign with a dominant 4-0 win over Reading at Holcombe Park on Saturday evening.

Barry Middleton's side, last season's runners-up, were in control for the vast majority of the 70 minutes and barring an impressive display from Reading's goalkeeper Chris Wyver, would have had more goals in front of a packed-out terrace.

Great Britain goalkeeper Ollie Payne was forced into an early save to deny the visitors but that was as close as Jason Lee's side came, with Payne a spectator for the vast majority of the clash.

Captain Nick Bandurak soon gave the hosts the lead, superbly taking down an aerial ball in the circle before firing powerfully past Wyver from close range before the Reading shot-stopper denied the former Cannock man two more goals in the opening ten minutes, one from open play and one from a penalty corner.

A quiet start to the second quarter followed before Bandurak again came close with an upright reverse effort that whistled just wide of the post, before Great Britain Elite Development Programme (EDP) players Tom Russell and Sam Taylor both came close to scoring, the latter seeing an audacious lob tipped over the crossbar.

Middleton too squandered a chance just before the half-time break, with Holcombe's quick ball movement and use of aerials proving too much for the Reading backline to contend with for much of the first half. The likes of Brad Read, Tim Guise-Brown and Taylor also stepped forward brilliantly from defence to create overloads and drive forward

themselves.

Midway through the third quarter, Holcombe finally added a second goal. Bandurak saw yet another effort saved, with the rebound falling to GB teammate Phil Roper who calmly slotted home a reverse effort into an empty goal.

Just four minutes later, it was almost three as Guise-Brown drag-flicked onto the post, with Bandurak also having a penalty corner effort saved.

With 50 minutes on the clock, Guise-Brown added a third to kill any Reading hopes of an unlikely comeback, his drag-flick taking a deflection on the way through to beat Wyver.

Roper's second came in the final period of play, a brilliant deflection from close range to beat Wyver, but that was far from the end of the chances as Middleton's men continued to dominate.

Jake Owen forced Wyver into action once more before debutant Alex Pendle brilliantly brought down another aerial ball, drove forward and fired a rapid effort agonisingly wide of the far post.

Bandurak could have had a clear run at goal late on with better control before Roper – on a hat-trick – broke through late on. Wyver forced the GB man wide and Roper's reverse flew over the bar.

Middleton's side's defence stood strong for any occasional challenges thrown their way to ensure a first clean sheet of the season, keeping their concentration despite mostly being required to transfer the ball and sometimes get involved in attacking play on Saturday.

Holcombe sit top of the table following their convincing opening day victory.

[Highlights](#)

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# TODAY'S TEAMS



FOUNDED 1995

Umpires: Campbell Reeman & Sean Edwards; MO: Matt White

2. Tim Guise-Brown

3. Louis Duprez

4. Sam Taylor

6. Greg Nolan

7. Phil Roper

8. Hayden Phillips

9. Rhodri Furlong

12. Alex Pendle

13. Tom Russell

14. Brad Read

16. Rob Field

18. Barry Middleton

19. Mo Mea

20. Ollie Payne (GK)

23. Nick Bandurak (C)

25. Tom O'Keeffe

Staff:

Coach: David Ames

Assistant Coach: Giles Osborne

Manager: Keith Martin

Ball Patrol: Louis Godden, Alex

South, Noah Dawson, Jack Chester,

Peter Brooks Van Zyl & Joe May

3. Henry Weir

4. Liam Sandford

6. Kyle Marshall

8. Tom Carson

9. James Carson

10. Ashley Jackson

11. Dan Shingles

12. Elliott Messem

13. Sam Ward

14. Josh Pavis

15. Lee Morton

16. Ed Carson

17. Chris Griffiths

18. James Albery (C)

19. Chris Proctor

21. James Cunningham

27. George Pinner (GK)

77. Alan Forsyth

Staff:

Coach: Brett Garrard

Coach: Chris Bowen

Manager: Jonny Stephens

Physio: Natalie Turner



## HOLCOMBE HC MEN'S 15' FIXTURES

September	November
16th - Reading (H, 6pm)	4th - Beeston (H, 6pm)
23rd - Southgate (A, 7pm)	11th - Cardiff & Met (H, 6pm)
28th - Old Georgians (H, 8:30pm)	18th - Hampstead & Westminster (A, 6pm)
30th - Surbiton (A, 6pm)	
October	
6th - Racing Club de France (EHL - Barcelona, 2:45pm)	
7th/8th - Real Club de Polo de Barcelona/CA Montrouge (EHL - Barcelona, 3pm/11am)	
14th - Oxted (H, 6pm)	
21st - East Grinstead (A, 4pm)	
22nd - Wimbledon (H, 3pm)	
28th - University of Nottingham (A, 6:30pm)	

**PREMIER DIVISION PHASE ONE AND EHL FIXTURES ANNOUNCED**

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MEN'S HOCKEY

Image - Eva Gilbert

## HOLCOMBE HC WOMEN'S 15' FIXTURES

September	December
23rd - Southgate (A, 4:30pm)	2nd - Southgate (H, 5pm)
30th - Surbiton 2s (A, 3:30pm)	
October	February
7th - Sevenoaks (H, 5pm)	3rd - Surbiton 2s (H)
14th - Slough (H, 2pm)	10th - Sevenoaks (A, 1:30pm)
21st - Harleston Magpies (A, 2:30pm)	17th - Slough (A, 12:30pm)
	24th - Harleston Magpies (H)
November	March
4th - Team Bath Buccaneers (H, 2pm)	2nd - Team Bath Buccaneers (A, 12:30pm)
11th - Canterbury (H, 2pm)	9th - Canterbury (A, 1:15pm)
18th - Barnes (A, 12pm)	16th - Barnes (H)
25th - Wimbledon 2s (A, 2:30pm)	23rd - Wimbledon 2s (H)

**VITALITY DIVISION ONE SOUTH FIXTURES ANNOUNCED**

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Vitality WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Image - Andy Smith



# ALEX PENDLE: MIDDLETON THE MAIN HOLCOMBE ATTRACTION

By Lucas Ball

New signing Alex Pendle is excited by the start Holcombe have made to the season and still believes there is more to come from the side as they bid for Premier Division glory.

Barry Middleton's early pace-setters sit top of the table following two convincing wins to start the season, beating Reading 4-0 at Holcombe Park before heading to Southgate for their first home game since returning to the Premier Division and winning 5-2.

Holcombe also travel to Barcelona next week to take on Racing Club de France and then either CA Montrouge or hosts Real Club de Polo at the Euro Hockey League (EHL) KO16 following Thursday's game against



Old Georgians and Saturday's trip to Sugden Road to take on Surbiton (6pm) after Holcombe women face Surbiton 2s in the Vitality Division One South (3:30pm).

Pendle said: "It's been really good. We've got off to a good start in the league and pre-season went really well - it was a little bitty with some of the boys being away but we've really settled nicely into the league games and have got a big few weeks ahead of us now.

"It's been brilliant, it's always good to see lots of goals going in at the right end. We've done a lot of work on that in training, we've been working a lot on our circle work and it's good to see it paying off really well. Off the back of what the boys did last season, it's nice to come in and get amongst it with them and the goals flying in is always good fun.

"Baz and Ames have been nailing it into us, getting into the final part of the pitch and just playing with freedom. It seems to be paying off really well - in both league games and the couple of pre-season games we played, we linked up really well and looked really good going forward.

"It's frustrating that one hasn't gone in yet for me but it's really positive to be getting close already. Next couple of weeks, hopefully I'll stick a couple in to get the ball rolling."

"If the chances don't fall, you can't get annoyed - if you're getting close and into good areas, you know it's going to come at some point - there's only so many you can put just wide. Learning off some of these boys such as Bandy has been really, really good.

"We're looking really fit and playing really well on the ball. Off-the-ball, we're defending really well if we go man-to-man, we're getting pressure to the ball and it seems to work. Having that flip where we can also move into a zonal set-up is really nice and we know we can mix it up as and when we want to. In a man-to-man set-up, we're looking really strong.

"The coach was a massive part of the reason for me joining the club. I knew a few of the boys already and knew that the culture of the club was really good, really social, which I like. Having Baz as a coach and obviously Ames as well was a massive factor as to why I wanted to

come. It shows in the sessions we have, it's really fun, really enjoyable hockey but we're getting good results out of it as well."

Both of Holcombe's first teams were victorious over Southgate at the weekend in front of a noisy crowd at the Southgate Hockey Centre, with a number of clubs looking to take their matchday experience up a gear. Middleton's side travel to Surbiton for another double-header on Saturday and Pendle is looking forward to playing in a home double-header.

He added: "I think we really tried to rise to it. We knew it was a massive day for them, all the music blaring out at corners, at goals, before the game. It energised us more. We knew they were going to come flying out at us man-to-man so we hit back with a similar tactic and it really energised us and made us want to go at them.

"I'm really looking forward to that on Saturday, we'll get there early to watch the girls' game as well which is really good fun and then hopefully they stick around after. I think it'll be a really good crowd and like the Southgate game, hopefully we can really rise to the occasion again and really prepare well for the Euros after that.

"They were brilliant at the Reading game, let alone a double-header game so I'm really looking forward to that home support and hopefully get a win for them too."

Old Georgians were victorious over Holcombe in all four of their meetings last season, including the Premier Division final in April, though the champions have a new coaching structure in place and have opened this campaign with a win and a defeat.

"As reigning champions, I think they're really going to come at us after losing at the weekend. They're going to really want it, knowing we came close to them last year as well. We trained really well tonight [Tuesday], feel really energised from the weekend and I think the boys are feeling really good. I think we'll hit them with the energy again and then the on the ball stuff will come as it has done in the last couple of weeks, I don't think anything changes and we'll still look really good to hopefully go and grab a win from them."

Following two more Premier Division matches, Holcombe will travel to Barcelona on Thursday ahead of facing Racing Club in the EHL KO16 on Friday afternoon (3:45pm local time).

New signing Louis Duprez, now in his second spell at Holcombe, formerly played for the French outfit. Middleton's side have been touted as favourites for the match.

"Personally, I'm not too used to it but I think it's one where you don't change the preparation at all. In these games, you can be either favourites or underdogs but when you're out there, both teams in a different country, playing under tournament pressure, anything can happen. If we play as we have done and bring that energy, we know the quality will come on the ball so if we can hit them early, hopefully we can get into that second game quite nicely but if we don't put it in, then quickly we could be struggling.

"I would love it. Playing in Barcelona against, essentially, Barcelona would be fantastic. The crowd would be electric I reckon and it would probably be the highest-pressure game I'd have played in if we get there so I'll be looking to soak it all up, I'm really looking forward to it. If we play how we have been playing, then we can definitely give them a good run.

"It'll be great, I've heard there's a good amount heading out there and it'll be brilliant to hear them on the sidelines, keeping us going - a little bit of home support out there will be really nice for us.

"Potentially, we've kind of got the inside track there, haven't we? So hopefully he can give us some inside knowledge and a little edge maybe."

Image: Simon Webb

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# NEWS

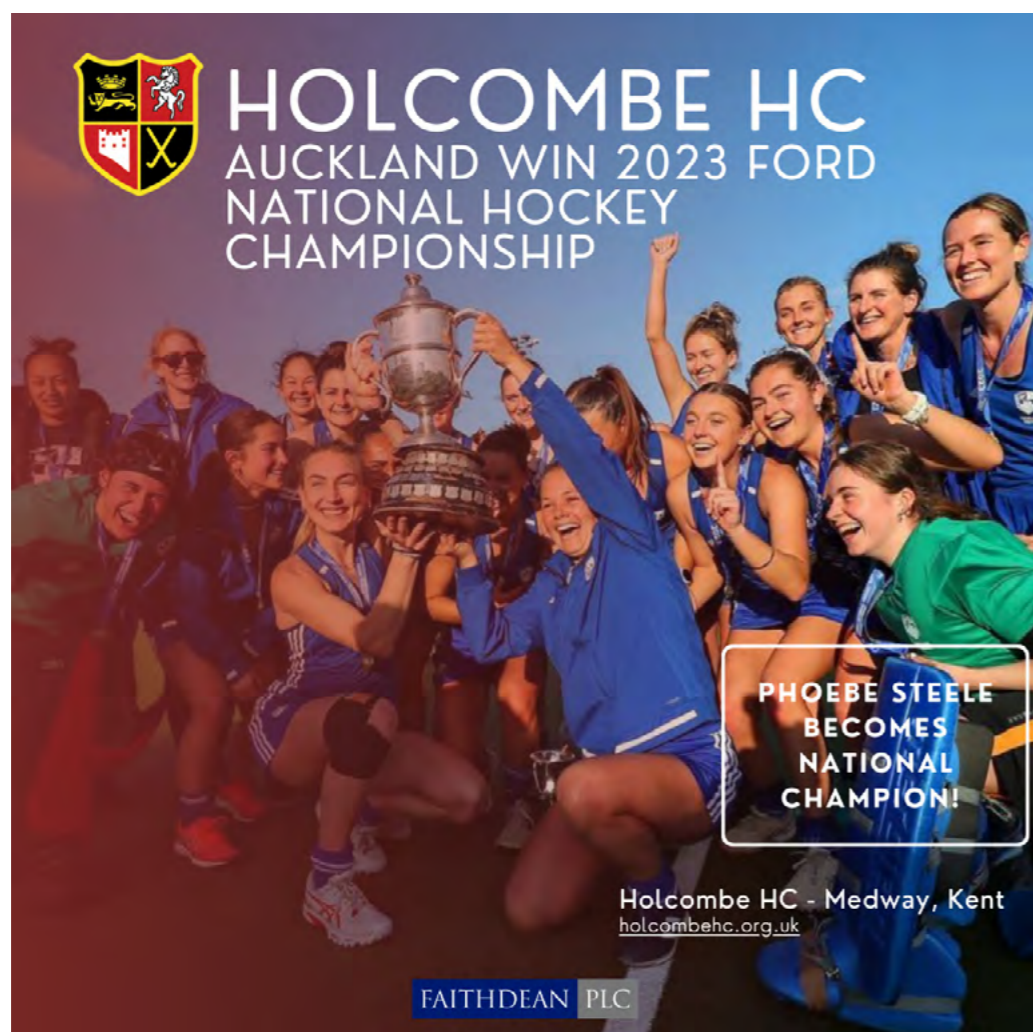
Phoebe Steele becomes national champion

By Lucas Ball

Congratulations to W1s' player Phoebe Steele who became a national champion with Auckland over the weekend, winning the K Cup as Auckland won the Ford National Hockey Championship for the first time since 2015.

Steele, Auckland captain, joined Holcombe for the second half of last season's Vitality Premier Division campaign and has since returned to the club, scoring against Southgate in our W1s' opening day Vitality Division One South win.

Auckland lost their opening match (2-1 to Quinovic Wellington) before four consecutive wins earned them a place in the final. Auckland beat Otago 4-0 to bounce back from that defeat, with Steele on the scoresheet.



They made it back-to-back victories with a 2-0 win against Canterbury Cats, extending their winning run against North Harbour two days later in a 2-1 win.

Auckland's pool campaign ended with another victory over Manawatu. Steele levelled the scores after Manawatu took an early lead.

Steele's side took on North Harbour once more in the final, winning 2-1 to seal the K Cup trophy.

Image: Auckland Hockey

M1s announce travelling squad for Euro Hockey League

By Lucas Ball

Holcombe have announced their travelling squad of 18 for the KO16 round of the Euro Hockey League in Barcelona from 6th-8th October.

**HOLCOMBE HC**  
M1S' EHL SQUAD

1. JOE NEIGHBOUR (GK)
2. TIM GUISE-BROWN
3. LOUIS DUPREZ
4. SAM TAYLOR
6. GREG NOLAN
7. PHIL ROPER
8. HAYDEN PHILLIPS
9. RHODRI FURLONG
10. JAKE OWEN
12. ALEX PENDLE
13. TOM RUSSELL
14. BRAD READ
16. ROB FIELD
18. BARRY MIDDLETON
19. MO MEA
20. OLLIE PAYNE (GK)
23. NICK BANDURAK (C)
25. TOM O'KEEFFE

**STAFF:**  
HEAD COACH: BARRY MIDDLETON  
ASSISTANTS: DAVID AMES, GILES OSBORNE  
MANAGER: KEITH MARTIN  
PHYSIO: SAM JESSUP  
MEDIA: LUCAS BALL

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EHL

Barry Middleton's side will return to Europe following their second-

placed finish in the Premier Division in 2022/23, losing to Old Georgians in the final.

Middleton has included new signings Alex Pendle, Brad Read and Louis Duprez in his squad, with Duprez potentially coming up against one of his former clubs with Holcombe drawn against Racing Club de France.

They will face the French side at 3:45pm local time on Friday, 6th October before taking on either hosts Real Club de Polo de Barcelona or CA Montrouge in the next stage or a classification match at 4pm on Saturday, 7th October or 12pm on Sunday, 8th October.

The squad also includes a wealth of international experience with Great Britain and England players Ollie Payne, Sam Taylor, Phil Roper and Nick Bandurak included alongside Middleton, Great Britain's most-capped player, Rhodri Furlong (Wales), Hayden Phillips and Read (both New Zealand), Rob Field (Scotland), Mo Mea (South Africa), Louis Duprez (France), Tom Russell and Pendle (both Great Britain Elite Development Programme).

Holcombe kicked off their Premier Division campaign with a 4-0 win over Reading at the weekend and head to Southgate on Saturday (7pm) before two other league matches against Old Georgians at home (8:30pm, 28th September) and Surbiton at Sugden Road (6pm, 30th September) ahead of the Barcelona trip.

Image: Theresa Field

Holcombe launch TikTok and YouTube channel

We are now on TikTok and YouTube. Follow us on TikTok @ holcombehc and subscribe to our YouTube channel Holcombe Hockey Club.

Prince's Trust fundraising

Harriers player Chris Shillabeer will be cycling from Buckingham Palace to Windsor Castle as part of the Palace to Palace event in support of The Prince's Trust in October!

The Prince's Trust has tailored programmes and provides long-term support give young people the practical skills and emotional resilience

to pick themselves back up and create their own positive futures.

You can donate via this [link](#).

Social Dates

Currently, the below dates are planned for socials until Christmas. Any updates will be announced via club social media channels.

14th October - Oktoberfest

4th November - Beer Pong Tournament

11th November - Decade Party (dress as a decade)

2nd December - club Christmas party

10th December - Ryan Ravenscroft returns and junior Christmas social





# SAVE THE DATES



**EHL SCREENING**  
7TH /8TH OCTOBER

## Oktoberfest!

14TH OCTOBER - DOUBLE HEADER

## BEER PONG TOURNAMENT

4TH NOVEMBER - DOUBLE HEADER

## DECADES PARTY

11TH NOVEMBER - DOUBLE HEADER

## Christmas Party\*

2ND DECEMBER

Socials unless stated otherwise are ticket free | \*Christmas Party tickets required.  
Team dressing efforts are encouraged and attendance gains your team of the year points!

# EHL SCREENING

7TH/8TH OCTOBER



**EHL**  
**EURO**  
**HOCKEY**  
**LEAGUE**



# Oktoberfest

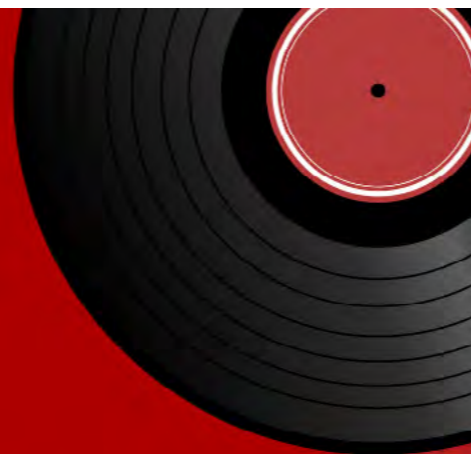


14TH OCTOBER

# BEER PONG TOURNAMENT



4TH NOVEMBER



# DECADES PARTY



**11TH NOVEMBER**



# ★ CHRISTMAS PARTY

**2ND DECEMBER**

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# FIRST TEAM

## FIXTURES & RESULTS

### Men's 1s

Date & time	Opponent	Venue	Result	Scorers
16/09, 6:00pm	Reading	Holcombe Park	4-0	Phil Roper (2), Nick Bandurak, Tim Guise-Brown
23/09, 7:00pm	Southgate	Southgate Hockey Centre	2-5	Nick Bandurak (2), Tom Russell, Sam Taylor, Phil Roper
28/09, 8:30pm	Old Georgians	Holcombe Park		
30/09, 6:00pm	Surbiton	Sugden Road		
06/10, 2:45pm	Racing Club de France (EHL)	Real Club de Polo de Barcelona		
07/10, 3:00pm or 08/10, 11:00am	Real Club de Polo de Barcelona/CA Montrouge (EHL)	Real Club de Polo de Barcelona		
14/10, 6:00pm	Oxted	Holcombe Park		
21/10, 4:00pm	East Grinstead	East Grinstead Sports Club		
22/10, 3:00pm	Wimbledon	Holcombe Park		
28/10, 6:30pm	University of Nottingham	Nottingham Hockey Centre		

Date & time    Opponent    Venue    Result    Scorers

04/11, 6:00pm    Beeston    Holcombe Park

### Women's 1s

Date & time	Opponent	Venue	Result	Scorers
23/09, 4:30pm	Southgate	Southgate Hockey Centre	1-2	Emma Bandurak, Phoebe Steele
30/09, 3:30pm	Surbiton 2s	Sugden Road		
07/10, 5:00pm	Sevenoaks	Holcombe Park		
14/10, 2:00pm	Slough	Holcombe Park		
21/10, 2:30pm	Harleston Magpies	Harleston Magpies HC		
04/11, 2:00pm	Team Bath Buccaneers	Holcombe Park		
11/11, 2:00pm	Canterbury	Holcombe Park		
18/11, 12:00pm	Barnes	Dukes Meadow		
25/11, 2:30pm	Wimbledon 2s	Raynes Park High School		
02/11, 5:00pm	Southgate	Holcombe Park		
03/02	Surbiton 2s	Holcombe Park		
10/02, 1:30pm	Sevenoaks	Holly Bush Lane		
17/02, 12:30pm	Slough	Upton Court Road		
24/02	Harleston Magpies	Holcombe Park		
02/03, 12:30pm	Team Bath Buccaneers	Bath University		

Date & time	Opponent	Venue	Result	Scorers
09/03, 1:15pm	Canterbury	Polo Farm		
16/03	Barnes	Holcombe Park		
23/03	Wimbledon 2s	Holcombe Park		



**HOLCOMBE HC**  
2023/24 TRAINING SCHEDULE

**Monday**  
6-7:30pm Elite Academy (Pitch One)  
6-7:30pm Open Academy (Pitch Two)  
7:30-9:30pm Women's 1s (Pitch One)  
7:30-9pm Women's 2s (Pitch One)  
7:30-9pm Football (Pitch Two)

**Tuesday**  
6-7pm U10 and U12 Juniors (Pitch Two)  
6-7:30pm Talent Academy (Pitch One)  
7:30-9:30pm Men's 1s (Pitch One)  
7:30-9:30pm Back To Hockey (Pitch Two)  
7:30-9:30pm Men's Club (Pitch Two)  
8-10pm Men's 2s (Pitch One)

**Wednesday**  
7-8:30pm Women's 2s (Pitch Two)  
7:30-9:30pm Women's 1s (Pitch One)  
8-9:30pm Women's Club (Pitch Two)

**Thursday**  
6-7:30pm Talent Academy (Pitch One)  
7-8:30pm Men's 3s (Pitch Two)  
7:30-9:30pm Men's 1s (Pitch One)  
8:30-10pm Men's 2s (Pitch Two)

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**HOLCOMBE HC**  
2023/24 JUNIOR TRAINING SCHEDULE

**Monday**  
6-7:30pm Elite Academy (Pitch One)  
6-7:30pm Open Academy (Pitch Two)

**Tuesday**  
6-7pm Under-10s and Under-12s (Pitch Two)  
6-7:30pm Talent Academy (Pitch One)

**Thursday**  
6-7:30pm Talent Academy (Pitch One)

**Sunday**  
9:30-10:30am Under-6s (Boys and Girls) and Under-8s (Boys and Girls)  
9:30-11am Under-10s (Boys and Girls) and Under-12s (Girls)  
11am-12:30pm Under-12s (Boys), Under-14s (Boys and Girls) and Under-16s (Boys and Girls)

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# NATIONAL LEAGUE

Men's Premier Division - 16th September, 2023

Home	Away
Wimbledon	5-2 Beeston
Cardiff & Met	1-4 Southgate
East Grinstead	2-3 Oxted
Holcombe	4-0 Reading
Surbiton	5-2 Hampstead & Westminster
University of Nottingham	1-4 Old Georgians

Men's Premier Division - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away
Oxted	0-4 Wimbledon
Beeston	5-3 East Grinstead
Hampstead & Westminster	5-0 University of Nottingham
Old Georgians	2-3 Surbiton
Reading	2-3 Cardiff & Met
Southgate	2-5 Holcombe

Men's Premier Division - 28th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Holcombe	vs. Old Georgians	Holcombe Park (8:30pm)

Men's Premier Division - 30th September, 2023

Wimbledon	vs. Old Georgians	Raynes Park High School (6:00pm)
Surbiton	vs. Holcombe	Sugden Road (6:00pm)
East Grinstead	vs. University of Nottingham	East Grinstead Sports Club (6:00pm)
Cardiff & Met	vs. Oxted	Welsh Institute of Sport (6:00pm)
Beeston	vs. Southgate	Nottingham Hockey Centre (6:00pm)



Reading vs. Hampstead & Westminster (6:30pm) Sonning Lane (6:30pm)

Men's Division One South - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away	
Old Loughtonians	1-2	Teddington
Old Cranleigh	6-2	Brighton & Hove
Canterbury	2-1	University of Exeter

Men's Division One South - 24th September, 2023

Richmond	2-2	Sevenoaks
Havant	3-3	Team Bath Buccaneers

Men's Division One South - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Richmond	vs. University of Exeter	Quintin Hogg Memorial Ground (2:00pm)
Brighton & Hove	vs. Old Loughtonians	Brighton & Hove HC (5:00pm)

Men's Division One South - 1st October, 2023

Team Bath Buccaneers	vs. Old Cranleigh	University of Bath (1:00pm)
Teddington	vs. Havant	Teddington School (1:30pm)
Sevenoaks	vs. Canterbury	Sevenoaks HC (2:00pm)

Men's Division One North - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away	
Durham University	3-0	Leeds
Brooklands Manchester University	2-1	Harborne

Men's Division One North - 24th September, 2023

Olton & West Warwickshire	0-1	Deeside Ramblers
Bowdon	5-3	University of Birmingham
Loughborough Students	4-0	Cambridge City



Men's Division One North - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Olton & West Warwickshire	vs. Durham University	Olton & WW Sports Club (1:30pm)

Men's Division One North - 1st October, 2023

Harborne	vs. Bowdon	King Edward's VI Boys' School (12:30pm)
Deeside Ramblers	vs. Cambridge City	Gardenhurst Estate Whitchurch Road (1:30pm)
University of Birmingham	vs. Brooklands Manchester University	University of Birmingham (2:30pm)
Leeds	vs. Loughborough Students	Weetwood (2:30pm)

Men's Conference West - 24th September, 2023

Home	Away	
Clifton Robinsons	3-0.	Ashmoor
Isca	4-2	University of Bristol
Plymouth Marjon	1-4	Oxford Hawks
Fareham	3-2	Cheltenham
Chichester	2-2	University of Exeter 2s

Men's Conference West - 1st October, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Isca	vs. Chichester	12:00pm



Ashmoor	vs. Plymouth Marjon	King Edward VI Community College (1:00pm)
Univeristy of Bristol	vs. Fareham	1:00pm
Cheltenham	vs. Clifton Robinsons	Cheltenham College Sports Complex (1:00pm)
Oxford Hawks	vs. University of Exeter 2s	Banbury Road North (2:00pm)

#### Men's Conference North - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away	
Wakefield	1-0	Ben Rhydding
Sheffield	5-2	Oxton

#### Men's Conference North - 24th September, 2023

Brooklands Manchester University 2s	1-5	Doncaster
Lindum	9-0	Belper
Timperley	8-0	Beeston 2s

#### Men's Conference North - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Sheffield	vs. Lindum	Abbeydale Sports Club (6:30pm)

#### Men's Conference North - 1st October, 2023

Belper	vs. Timperley	Belper Meadows Sports Club (1:30pm)
Ben Rhydding	vs. Brooklands Manchester University 2s	Ben Rhydding HC (2:00pm)
Doncaster	vs. Oxton	John S Marshall Arena (2:00pm)
Wakefield	vs. Beeston 2s	Wakefield HC (2:30pm)



#### Men's Conference East - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away	
London Wayfarers	2-1	Spencer
Old Georgians 2s	2-3	Surbiton 2s
Indian Gymkhana	4-4	Hampstead & Westminster 2s
Wimbledon 2s	0-1	Guildford

#### Men's Conference East - 24th September, 2023

Bromley & Beckenham	1-2	Ipswich
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#### Men's Conference East - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Ipswich	vs. Old Georgians 2s	Ipswich HC (12:00pm)
Spencer	vs. Surbiton 2s	Spencer HC (3:15pm)
Hampstead & Westminster 2s	vs. Wimbledon 2s	Paddington Recreational Ground (6:00pm)

#### Men's Conference East - 1st October, 2023

Guildford	vs. London Wayfarers	Langley Park School (2:00pm)
Indian Gymkhana	vs. Bromley & Beckenham	Indian Gymkhana (2:30pm)

#### Men's Conference Midlands - 24th September, 2023

Home	Away	
Harleston Magpies	3-4	Stourport
Bedford	3-3	University of Birmingham 2s
City of Peterborough	3-3	Banbury
St. Albans	2-1	Norwich City
University of Nottingham 2s	3-2	Barford Tigers



Men's Conference Midlands - 1st October, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
University of Birmingham 2s	vs. City of Peterborough	University of Birmingham (12:30pm)
Barford Tigers	vs. Banbury	Hamstead Hall Academy (1:00pm)
Bedford	vs. Stourport	Bedford Hockey Centre (1:30pm)
Norwich City	vs. Harleston Magpies	Taverham Recreational Facilities (2:00pm)
University of Nottingham 2s	vs. St. Albans	Nottingham Hockey Centre (2:30pm)

Vitality Women's Premier Division - 16th September, 2023

Home	Away
Isca & University of Exeter	0-2 Clifton Robinsons
Wimbledon	1-2 Beeston
University of Birmingham	1-1 Hampstead & Westminster
East Grinstead	1-2 Bowdon
University of Nottingham	3-3 Loughborough Students
Reading	3-2 Surbiton

Vitality Women's Premier Division - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away
Clifton Robinsons	2-2 Wimbledon
Bowdon	2-2 University of Birmingham
Loughborough Students	1-2 Reading
Surbiton	6-1 Isca & University of Exeter



Beeston	2-1	East Grinstead
Hampstead & Westminster	4-1	University of Nottingham

Vitality Women's Premier Division - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Bowdon	vs. Isca & University of Exeter	Bowdon Club (1:30pm)
University of Birmingham	vs. Surbiton	University of Birmingham (2:30pm)
Beeston	vs. Clifton Robinsons	Nottingham Hockey Centre (4:00pm)
East Grinstead	vs. University of Nottingham	East Grinstead Sports Club (4:00pm)
Wimbledon	vs. Loughborough Students	Raynes Park High School (4:00pm)
Reading	vs. Hampstead & Westminster	Sonning Lane (4:30pm)

Vitality Women's Division One South - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away
Surbiton 2s	6-1 Team Bath Buccaneers
Canterbury	2-1 Harleston Magpies
Wimbledon 2s	3-4 Barnes
Southgate	1-2 Holcombe
Sevenoaks	2-2 Slough

Vitality Women's Division One South - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Team Bath Buccaneers	vs. Barnes	University of Bath (12:30pm)
Slough	vs. Southgate	Slough HC (12:30pm)



Harleston Magpies	vs. Wimbledon 2s	Harleston Magpies HC (2:30pm)
Surbiton 2s	vs. Holcombe	Sugden Road (3:30pm)
Sevenoaks	vs. Canterbury	Sevenoaks HC (4:30pm)

Vitality Women's Division One North - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away	
Sutton Coldfield	0-1	Buckingham
Swansea	0-2	Durham University
Gloucester City	2-3	Leicester City
Wakefield	1-1	Ben Rhydding
Olton & West Warwickshire	2-1	Stourport

Vitality Women's Division One North - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Buckingham	vs. Stourport	Stowe School (12:00pm)
Ben Rhydding	vs. Gloucester City	Ben Rhydding HC (1:30pm)
Leicester City	vs. Sutton Coldfield	St. Margaret's Sports Centre (2:00pm)
Wakefield	vs. Swansea	Wakefield HC (2:00pm)
Olton & West Warwickshire	vs. Durham University	Olton & WW Sports Club (3:30pm)

Vitality Women's Conference West - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away	
Oxford Hawks	2-2	Clifton Robinsons 2s
Witney	3-2	Fareham
Reading 2s	2-3	Exeter
Basingstoke	0-5	Trojans



Cheltenham	0-1	Bristol Firebrands
Vitality Women's Conference West - 30th September, 2023		
Home	Away	Venue & Time
Oxford Hawks	vs. Bristol Firebrands	Banbury Road North (12:00pm)
Trojans	vs. Witney	Trojans HC (12:00pm)
Clifton Robinsons 2s	vs. Basingstoke	Clifton College (12:15pm)
Exeter	vs. Cheltenham	St. James School (1:00pm)
Fareham	vs. Reading 2s	Henry Cort Community School (1:30pm)

Vitality Women's Conference North - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away	
Pendle Forest	3-2	Didsbury Northern
Newcastle University	2-2	Bowdon 2s
Brooklands-Poynton	0-1	Fylde
Durham University 2s	1-1	Leeds
Timperley	4-2	Harrogate

Vitality Women's Conference North - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Bowdon	vs. Didsbury Northern	Bowdon Club (11:30am)
Newcastle University	vs. Pendle Forest	Newcastle University Sports Ground (1:15pm)
Harrogate	vs. Brooklands-Poynton	Harrogate HC (1:30pm)
Fylde	vs. Durham University 2s	Mill Farm Sports Village (2:00pm)
Leeds	vs. Timperley	Weetwood (4:00pm)



Validity Women's Conference East - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away
London Wayfarers	3-1 Spencer
Guildford	2-1 Hampstead & Westminster 2s
Horsham	0-2 Ipswich
Old Loughtonians	1-2 Teddington
East London	2-0 Old Georgians

Validity Women's Conference East - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
Spencer	vs. East London	Spencer HC (1:15pm)
Guildford	vs. London Wayfarers	Broadwater School Pitch One (3:00pm)
Hampstead & Westminster 2s	vs. Horsham	Paddington Recreational Ground (4:15pm)
Old Georgians	vs. Teddington	St. George's College (4:30pm)
Ipswich	vs. Old Loughtonians	Ipswich HC (5:30pm)

Validity Women's Conference Midlands - 23rd September, 2023

Home	Away
Cannock	1-4 Cambridge City
Repton	2-0 Belper
St. Albans	7-1 Oxford University
Bedford	2-3 University of Birmingham 2s
Doncaster	2-0 Beeston 2s

Validity Women's Conference Midlands - 30th September, 2023

Home	Away	Venue & Time
University of Birmingham 2s	vs. Repton	University of Birmingham (12:30pm)
St. Albans	vs. Doncaster	Oaklands (1:00pm)
Belper	vs. Beeston 2s	Belper Meadows Sports Club (2:00pm)



Cambridge City	vs. Bedford	Cambridge University Sports Ground (2:00pm)
Oxford University	vs. Cannock	Iffley Road Sports Centre (2:30pm)

# NATIONAL LEAGUE

## TABLES

### Men's Premier Division

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Holcombe	2	2	0	0	9	2	7	6
2	Wimbledon	2	2	0	0	9	2	7	6
3	Surbiton	2	2	0	0	8	4	4	6
4	Hampstead & Westminster	2	1	0	1	7	5	2	3
5	Old Georgians	2	1	0	1	6	4	2	3
6	Southgate	2	1	0	1	6	6	0	3
7	Beeston	2	1	0	1	7	8	-1	3
8	Cardiff & Met	2	1	0	1	4	6	-2	3
9	Oxted	2	1	0	1	3	6	-3	3
10	East Grinstead	2	0	0	2	5	8	-3	0
11	Reading	2	0	0	2	2	7	-5	0
12	University of Nottingham	2	0	0	2	1	9	-8	0

### Men's Division One South

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Old Cranleighan	1	1	0	0	6	2	4	3
2	Canterbury	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
3	Teddington	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	Havant	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
5	Team Bath Buccaneers	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
6	Richmond	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
7	Sevenoaks	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
8	Old Loughtonians	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
9	University of Exeter	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
10	Brighton & Hove	1	0	0	1	2	6	-4	0

#### Men's Division One North

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Loughborough Students	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	3
2	Durham University	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
3	Bowdon	1	1	0	0	5	3	2	3
4	Brooklands Manchester University	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
5	Deeside Ramblers	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
6	Harborne	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
7	Olton & West Warwickshire	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
8	University of Birmingham	1	0	0	1	3	5	-2	0
9	Leeds	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
10	Cambridge City	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0

#### Men's Conference West

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Oxford Hawks	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
2	Clifton Robinsons	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
3	Isca	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
4	Fareham	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
5	Chichester	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
6	University of Exeter 2s	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
7	Cheltenham	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
8	University of Bristol	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0
9	Plymouth Marjon	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
10	Ashmoor	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0

#### Men's Conference North

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Lindum	1	1	0	0	9	0	9	3
2	Timperley	1	1	0	0	8	0	8	3
3	Doncaster	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
4	Sheffield	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
5	Wakefield	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
6	Ben Rhydding	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
7	Oxton	1	0	0	1	2	5	-3	0
8	Brooklands Manchester University 2s	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0
9	Beeston 2s	1	0	0	1	0	8	-8	0
10	Belper	1	0	0	1	0	9	-9	0

#### Men's Conference East

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Surbiton 2s	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
2	Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
3	London Wayfarers	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	Guildford	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
5	Hampstead & Westminster 2s	1	0	1	0	4	4	0	1
6	Indian Gymkhana	1	0	1	0	4	4	0	1
7	Old Georgians 2s	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
8	Bromley & Beckenham	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
9	Spencer	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
10	Wimbledon 2s	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0



## Men's Conference Midlands

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Stourport	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
2	University of Nottingham	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
3	St. Albans	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	Banbury	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
5	Bedford	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
6	City of Peterborough	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
7	University of Birmingham 2s	1	0	1	0	3	3	0	1
8	Harleston Magpies	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0
9	Barford Tigers	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
10	Norwich City	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0

## Vitality Women's Premier Division

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Reading	2	2	0	0	5	3	2	6
2	Beeston	2	2	0	0	4	2	2	6
3	Hampstead & Westminster	2	1	1	0	5	2	3	4
4	Clifton Robinsons	2	1	1	0	4	2	2	4
5	Bowdon	2	1	1	0	4	3	1	4
6	Surbiton	2	1	0	1	8	4	4	3
7	University of Birmingham	2	0	2	0	3	3	0	2
8	Loughborough Students	2	0	1	1	4	5	-1	1
9	Wimbledon	2	0	1	1	3	4	-1	1
10	University of Nottingham	2	0	1	1	4	7	-3	1
11	East Grinstead	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
12	Isca & University of Exeter	2	0	0	2	1	8	-7	0

## Vitality Women's Division One South

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Surbiton 2s	1	1	0	0	6	1	5	3
2	Barnes	1	1	0	0	4	3	1	3
3	Canterbury	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	Holcombe	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
5	Sevenoaks	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
6	Slough	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
7	Wimbledon 2s	1	0	0	1	3	4	-1	0
8	Harleston Magpies	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
9	Southgate	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
10	Team Bath Buccaneers	1	0	0	1	1	6	-5	0

## Vitality Women's Division One North

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Durham University	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
2	Leicester City	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
3	Olton & West Warwickshire	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
4	Buckingham	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
5	Ben Rhydding	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
6	Wakefield	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
7	Gloucester City	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
8	Stourport	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
9	Sutton Coldfield	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
10	Swansea	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0

## Vitality Women's Conference West

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1	Trojans	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	3
2	Exeter	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
3	Witney	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
4	Bristol Firebrands	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
5	Clifton Robinsons	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
6 Oxford Hawks	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
7 Fareham	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
8 Reading 2s	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
9 Cheltenham	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
10 Basingstoke	1	0	0	1	0	5	-5	0

#### Vitality Women's Conference North

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1 Timperley	1	1	0	0	4	2	2	3
2 Pendle Forest	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
3 Fylde	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
4 Bowdon 2s	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
5 Newcastle University	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
6 Durham University	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
7 Leeds	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
8 Didsbury Northern	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
9 Brooklands-Poynton	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
10 Harrogate	1	0	0	1	2	4	-2	0

#### Vitality Women's Conference East

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1 London Wayfarers	1	1	0	0	3	1	2	3
2 East London	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
3 Ipswich	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4 Guildford	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
5 Teddington	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
6 Old Loughtonians	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
7 Spencer	1	0	0	1	1	3	-2	0
8 Horsham	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
9 Old Georgians	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
10 Hampstead & Westminster 2s	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	-2

#### Vitality Women's Conference Midlands

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Pts
1 St. Albans	1	1	0	0	7	1	6	3
2 Cambridge City	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
3 Doncaster	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
4 Repton	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	3
5 University of Birmingham 2s	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	3
6 Bedford	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0
7 Beeston 2s	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
8 Belper	1	0	0	1	0	2	-2	0
9 Cannock	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
10 Oxford University	1	0	0	1	1	7	-6	0

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# HATTIE JONES HOPING FOR BIRTHDAY THREE POINTS

By Lucas Ball

Hattie Jones is hoping to kick off her birthday celebrations with three points on Saturday as Holcombe bid to make it two wins from two when they head to Sugden Road to face Surbiton 2s in the Vitality Division One South (3:30pm).

Nick Bandurak's side were victorious at Southgate on the opening day, winning 2-1 courtesy of goals from Emma Bandurak and Jones' fellow Kiwi Phoebe Steele before Holcombe men won 5-2 over their Premier Division counterparts.

Barry Middleton's outfit once again follow their clubmates on Saturday, with their Premier Division clash against Surbiton pushing back at 6pm.



The victory at Southgate was the perfect start for Holcombe as they aim for an immediate return to the Vitality Premier Division.

"It was a really good start. I suppose the main objective is to always get three points out of a game which we did so that was great. However, there's still lots of areas to improve on.

"The first half of the game was quite shaky and we struggled to find our flow but thankfully we managed to score a couple of penalty corners either side of half-time which made it better and got us the win in the end, three points is three points no matter how you get it.

"I think a lot of it was an unknown situation. Some of us had never played in that league before so you've got no idea what Southgate are going to be like, we've never played against them and they've just come up.

"Also, we didn't know how big an event it was going to be - the club made it into quite a big event which was nice but it was a bit of an unknown entity again. As a team, we hadn't played a proper league game together either so that was another unknown.



Image: Andy Smith

"I think that had a lot to do with nerves and nerves are always going to be there but the boys did really well in terms of settling us and getting us up for the game, which I think we were but there's areas that we can still definitely improve when we are under the pump a bit more.

“I think from a field goal perspective, there were definitely a number of good opportunities which we probably would execute on another day and didn't but we are creating them, that's the main thing and we're sitting at around 50% on our corner conversion rate and corners win you games a lot of the time if you can defend them, which we did.

“We conceded four but there were no goals and scored two of our own so that was the difference for us. Field goals will come with confidence and time - our forward line is very new so they're getting to know each other, where they want the ball.

“I think double-headers are fantastic and I think England Hockey are trying to make them as much of a thing this year as possible which is great.

“It just creates an atmosphere that is worthy of the game of hockey because there are times when there's a really good game of hockey being played but it might be three o'clock on a Sunday and there's not many people out watching so I think double-headers on a Saturday afternoon/evening are fantastic.

“For us, the boys - we've got three of them coaching us, but a lot of the team will come early for their meet time to watch us which is quite nice. It was a cool environment to play in and Southgate as a hockey club - as Banders says - are doing all the right things and have created a really cool atmosphere and environment up there and it's a really good set-up.

“I'm definitely excited and I think the way that they play in terms of being a very aggressive, attacking, high-pressing team will be quite similar because there's a lot of youth in their team traditionally, particularly in the forward line.

“We've done a lot of work this week on how to outlet in this sort of situations so hopefully we'll be better-prepared for that. It should be another good atmosphere and it's my birthday on Saturday so very much looking forward to that! It's also Tilly Tillings' birthdays so a double birthday for a double-header. It should be really good.

“It's definitely just another game. I don't think any of us under-estimate

them because it is such a large club and they have such strong depth in their top tier of the club.

“I think a lot of them also played for the first team on the opening weekend because of all the England girls being away. It doesn't really change anything but it's nice knowing going on that you're probably the favourites whereas traditionally when we've played the Surbiton first team, we're definitely the underdog.

“It's a different place to be but we're not under-estimating them at all and I think they finished in the top-three last year and we're wanting to win it so it's going to be a good game.”

The atmosphere at Southgate was loud, particularly compared to many English hockey matches - with Jones and her team recently generating a strong atmosphere at Holcombe's Premier Division opener against Reading as part of an 'Iconic Duos' social.

Image: Andy Smith



“Personally, I don't really notice it. For some people, it gets them jazzed but for me I don't really notice it unless I'm being yelled at and even then it takes me a bit of time to figure out that it is me. It all blurs into one because you're focused too much on yourself and the game rather than what's going on externally.

“It's a brilliant mix, I'm enjoying being part of the team so much and

there's such a range of personalities, ages and skills that people bring to the team so I think we have found a good balance and fundamentally we all play hockey because we enjoy it - no one wants to come down two, three days a week to not enjoy it so it's a really nice place to be and I think we are going to put together some really nice performances.

"Hopefully, we can come out on top in all the games as well - I'm loving it.

"The social aspect and enjoyment aspects of hockey are massive. The better relationships you can have with people off-the-pitch, the more likely it is that that's going to carry through and show on the pitch.

"If you just turn up every Saturday, play a 70-minute game and drive home by yourself then there are definitely better things that you could be doing but if you can make a whole afternoon or a whole day of it with the social aspect.

"We can do themes or games, all those sort of things - it just makes the whole day more enjoyable. It's a really good environment."

After their trip to Surbiton, Holcombe will prepare for their first home match of the new campaign against Sevenoaks, though coaches Bandurak, Hayden Phillips and Brad Read will all be in Barcelona for their Euro Hockey League (EHL) KO16 campaign with Holcombe's men.

Read, a New Zealand international alongside Jones' partner Phillips, re-joined the club this summer, also becoming assistant coach to Bandurak.

"We are indeed [looking forward to getting back to playing at Holcombe Park]. We've got Sevenoaks at home in our third league game which I suppose is a little rivalry as well because they are just down the road. It'll be nice to be back at Holcombe Park, we know what the turf's like and atmosphere - with the crowd behind us it'll be really nice.

"We had it a little bit in pre-season so we know what it's like but the main thing is, it's not a surprise. The coaches have been honest from the start in that they've made themselves as available as possible and this is the one sticky weekend.

"It was inevitably going to happen at some stage but it's not unexpected for anyone and we've had it previously.

"We've got Brunty coming in who actually has a 100% win record with our team so it'll be alright.

"The communication's there throughout, the boys will give us the tactics and plans that they want and then Brunty brings the motivation and tinkers with things on the weekend when we need it so hopefully we'll be ok.

"There's no difficulties [with partner Hayden Phillips being part of the coaching staff]. I respect him and admire him enough as a hockey player that whatever he says I go with, I don't have any issues when he's telling me what to do - it's absolutely fine.

"I think Brad, Nick and Hayden balance each other really well personality-wise, skill-wise, game understanding. Everything that each of them bring as an individual balances well.

"They're all very different players but it will hopefully enable us to bring complete performances. It's a really nice dynamic between the coaches and between them and us as a whole group.

"Hayden's just my hockey coach on Mondays, Wednesdays and the weekend rather than the person I live with!

"Brad's great. Our defensive line has probably been the most stable line in terms of people moving through in the last few years so we like to think we've done a fairly good job in the last couple but it's nice now that we've got that defensive specialist who's come in who can tinker with the small things and give us really specific advice.

"Nick and Hayden both have defensive attributes but one-on-one defending, outlets, little set moves, that's not what they do in their game so it's not necessarily what they prioritise for us so it's nice to have Brad there as that point of contact for us and to give us that sort of advice."



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# CLUB RESULTS

## Home (16/09)

Heroes (Ray Zerafa 2, Andy Simpson, Jaspal Upple, Luke Zerafa)

5-3 Gravesham & Wellcome 4s (Friendly) (Umpires: Gary Lambkin & Herbie Parr)

W5s (Jess Foakes, Emma Payne) 2-0 Gillingham Anchorians 2s (Friendly) (Umpires: Tracey Shelley & Karen Major)

Hurricanes (Carl Meadows, Louis Godden, Chris Hatch) 3-1 Canterbury Friars (Friendly) (Umpires: Kieron Jones & Adrian Hull)

Hawks (Danny Hancock) 1-1 Canterbury 7s (Friendly) (Umpires: Liam Sutton & Jack Chester)

M3s (Adam Cook) 1-1 Canterbury Pilgrims (Friendly) (Umpires: Liam Sutton & Graham Sutton)

M1s (Phil Roper 2, Nick Bandurak, Tim Guise-Brown) 4-0 Reading (Premier Division)

## Home (23/09)

Heroes (Richard Zerafa, Andy Simpson, Luke Zerafa) 3-0 Maidstone 4s (SE Div. 8 Invicta) (Umpires: Jack Chester & Ian Shelley)

Harriers (Richard Hurst, Chris Doyle, Hayden Foakes) 3-2 Herne Bay 4s (SE Div. 6 Invicta) (Umpires:

## Away (16/09)

Canterbury 4s 2-0 M4s (Friendly) Gore Court 3-1 W3s (Claire Hales) (Friendly)

Brighton & Hove 2-10 M2s (Ian Harvey 3, Matt Porter 3, Louis Parker 2, Oliver Stewart 2) (Friendly)

Caterbury 5s 1-2 M5s (Anthony Holmes, Simon Lawrence) (Friendly)

## Away (23/09)

Cliftonville 1-2 M3s (Ben Martin, Owen Baker) (SE Div 1. East) Gillingham Anchorians 3s 5-0 (W/O) Hurricanes (SE Div. 7 Invicta)

K Sports 5-2 W4s (Emily Holmes 2) (SE Div. 3 Invicta)

Blackheath & Elthamians 4s 4-1 W5s (Liz Boatman) (SE Div. 5 Invicta)

Knole Park 1-3 M5s (Dave Hobbes, Ali Shelley, Jamie Pepper) (SE Div. 2 Invicta)

Blackheath & Elthamians Outlaws 4-1 Hawks (Danny Hancock) (SE Div. 5 Invicta)

Southgate 1-2 W1s (Emma Bandurak, Phoebe Steele) (Vitality Division One South)

Southgate 2-5 M1s (Nick Bandurak 2, Tom Russell, Phil Roper, Sam

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Fred Walker & Ali Shelley)  
 W2s (Jennie Hoyte 2, Katriona Cummings) 3-0 Ashford (SE Div. 1 East)  
 M6s 0-1 Marden Russets 4s (SE Div. 4 Invicta) (Umpires: Gary Lambkin & Rich Spackman)  
 W3s (Flo Wood, Niamh Stringer, Claire Hales) 3-1 Sittingbourne (SE Div. 1. Invicta) (Umpires: Tracey Shelley & Ray Zerafa)  
 M4s (Isaac Johnson) 1-1 Marden Russets 2s (SE Div. 2 Invicta) (Umpires: Ray Baker & Graham Sutton)  
 M2s 0-3 Oxted 2s (SE Premier Division)  
**Home (24/09)**  
 U14 Boys 7-1 Maidstone (SE Tier 3 Pool A)  
 U16 Girls 5-5 East Grinstead (SE Tier 2 Pool A)  
 U16 Boys 5-2 Old Williamsonians (SE Tier 2 Pool A)

Taylor) (Premier Division)  
**Away (24/09)**  
 Folkestone 6-3 U14 Girls (SE Tier 3 Pool A)  
 Canterbury 2-0 U18 Boys ((London & SE Tier 1 Pool A)



# CLUB FIXTURES

**Home (28/09)**  
 8:30pm (Pitch One) - M1s vs. Old Georgians (Premier Division)  
**Home (30/09)**  
 10:30am (Pitch One) - W5s vs. Tunbridge Wells 5s (SE Div. 5. Invicta)  
 12:00pm (Pitch One) - W2s vs. Folkestone 2s (SE Div. 1 East)  
 12:30pm (Pitch Two) - Hurricanes vs. Marden Russets 7s (SE Div. 7 Invicta)  
 1:30pm (Pitch One) - Hawks vs. Canterbury Squires (SE Div. 5 Invicta)  
 2:00pm (Pitch Two) - W4s vs. Bromley & Beckenham 3s (SE Div. 3 Invicta)  
 3:00pm (Pitch One) - M3s vs. South Saxons (SE Div. 1 East)  
 4:30pm (Pitch One) - M5s vs. M4s (SE Div. 2. Invicta)  
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**Away (30/09)**  
 10:00am - Marden Russets 6s vs. Harriers (SE Div. 6 Invicta)  
 12:00pm - Cliftonville 2s vs. M6s (SE Div. 4 Invicta)  
 12:00pm - Bromley & Beckenham vs. W3s (SE Div. 1. Invicta)  
 3:30pm - Surbiton 2s vs. W1s (Vitality Division One South)  
 3:30pm - Folkestone 7s vs. Heroes (SE Div. 8 Invicta)  
 4:15pm - Woking vs. M2s (SE Premier Division)  
 6:00pm - Surbiton vs. M1s (Premier Division)



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