



Camberley & Farnborough Hockey Club Adult's Section 2017/18 Season



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Ladies 2s – Promoted!

Capt. Claire Baldrey

The Camberley and Farnborough Ladies 2XI had what can only be described as an epic season, winning the league with an impressive 11 point lead over second place Surbiton. The goal difference was a whopping 57 thanks in no small part from an impressive defensive line-up including the comedic goal keeping of Rachel Gill - only conceding 14 goals across 18 matches. This was combined, of course, with a smashing performance upfront with 22 goals from this year's top ladies goal scorer for the club Leanne Hall, closely followed by Becky Ackerley with 15 goals and Jacqui Boot with 10. Laura Cramp and Lena Hulley also both got a noteworthy 6 goals each. In total 13 players out of a squad of 15 scored goals this season!

After a well-deserved victory in Division 9, the girls are promoted and will face the challenges of Surrey Hockey Association Ladies League Division 8 this year.

Captain Claire Baldrey says "the team did excellently last season and we hope we can keep the momentum of our success to create a repeat performance this year. There will be a few changes to the line up with some people leaving or being promoted to the 1XI, but I know we will have many great new players stepping up to the plate. I am sure we will put in another great season and I am hoping we will manage a double promotion!"

Ladies 3s – Promoted!

Capt. Sam Forsyth

The ladies 3s had a good season last year, we played 22 league games in Div 11, won 13, drew 3 and lost only 7. We scored 46, allowed 20 (+20 goal difference) and got 10 clean sheets all season, finishing the season with 4 clean sheet wins in a row!!!

Players of the season awards went to colt of the year Amy Price, Player of the Year Charlotte Searle and Most Improved was Glynis Denny.

We went from being 7th the previous season to finishing 4th this season, which due to the leagues being rearranged means we have been promoted to Div 10! The 2018/19 season holds new challenges for the 3s to keep growing and improving in our new division.

Men's 1s

Capt. Graham Lovell

The 1s had a very similar final position to that of all the other previous seasons in Surrey/Hants Regional Division 2, finishing 8th out of 12. We won 10, lost 9 and drew 3, finishing on 33 points with a goal difference of +4. Whilst this might not seem like an improvement on previous years, the team's performance was a significant step up. In previous seasons there have been several games where we have been outplayed by opposition teams and lost by several goals. In 2017/18 only the first game (a 5-0 defeat to London Edwardians - the eventual league winners) fell in this category. The 2017/18 season was also the most points and most wins we have secured in this league. 56 goals was the

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fewest we have conceded in this league. In addition we only lost three games at home all season, two of those to the two sides who were promoted. We also did not concede a single goal to Surbiton in either fixture - an impressive turnaround from being on the end of a 10-2 defeat at theirs the previous season.

What this meant was that, whilst we finished 8th again, we were 11 points clear of 9th place (and relegation) and were only two points off 4th - the closest we've ever been. Had we been able to get a win from either of the two games at the end of the season we would have secured 4th. Unfortunately, a mixture of poor availability and some tough opposition (2nd and 3rd place in the league) meant that we lost both fixtures by one goal.

2017/18 also saw Alex Christiansen's last game for the club as he moves out of the area. Alex has been a great player for Camberley & Farnborough over the years since joining as a colt. I would also like to thank him for his support as Vice Captain during my first year as Captain.

Ladies 1s

[Capt. Ali Gardner](#)

The ladies' ones had a fantastic first season in Surrey Division 3 finishing fourth overall. The 1s continued strong form and worked hard to do well after three promotions. Highlights of the season were getting through to the quarter final of the ladies national cup and beating top-of-the-league in the final match of the season.

Ladies 1s player of the season went to Sharon Hulley, most improved player and most improved player from Connie which was a particular highlight as Connie is someone who has come up from the colts, to the ladies 3s through the ladies 2s and into the ladies 1s.

Men's 2s

[Capt. Mark Russell](#)

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Men's 3s

[Capt. Nick Hammond](#)

The men's 3s had one of their more difficult seasons in the Hampshire open leagues. They battled home and away to grind out a finishing place JUST above the relegation zone. This was down in part to injuries and loss of key players from the previous season. However, this was combatted by some excellent youth players (who I fully expect to be 'playing up' this season, as they did towards the end of last season) and positive hockey.

Looking forward, this season has seen some of our 'older' players hang up their sticks, but hopefully the depth of the men's section will prevail once again.

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Men's 4s

[Capt. Kevin Williams](#)

Indeed the season did bloom, friendlies that were competitive or very competitive AND sporting. The squad quickly formed into a team and we scored good goals, lucky goals and skilful goals. The league started in October and we continued to score goals. We won many many games – arriving at the turn of the season with only one loss.

Then 2018 started – then it was a little bit colder. Still very competitive, we are winning games but a loss to the bottom club. One of those games where everything that was good did not result in a goal. All those dents in the posts do not count!

We finished the season with a competitive 'testimonial' game against Alton. Dave Talbot playing his last ever game of hockey, because of his illness, alongside his two adult sons. Alton donating their match fees to the charity of his choice! The team we lost to twice – Alton – deserving of their 100% record and promotion. The 4s working, earning and deserving of 2nd place. Last season we played 23 games. Scored 58 goals. Conceded 27 Goals. 7 Colts played for us and advanced through the club. A Good season, lots of development

Now it is September 2018 - - The optimism is in full bloom again

.....you fancy playing hockey in the 4s?

Owls

[Capt. Doug Sykes](#)

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