

PREMIER DIVISION
FINALS
SURBITON 2024



ENGLAND
HOCKEY



OFFICIAL PROGRAMME

SATURDAY 13th APRIL 2024

SUNDAY 14th APRIL 2024

SURBITON HOCKEY CLUB





WELCOME TO SURBITON HOCKEY CLUB

ENGLAND
HOCKEY

FROM NICK PINK
Chief Executive, England Hockey

We're delighted to welcome everyone again to Surbiton for the Premier Division Finals weekend.

We have eight teams representing five clubs across the men's and women's divisions whom will be battling it out to become champions and for European qualification.

Congratulations to all the teams for making it this far in what has been another extremely competitive and high level season of hockey.

Well done also to the clubs who have just represented England in Europe; Old Georgians mens' bronze and East Grinstead women's 5th place in the EuroHockey League Final 8, as well as Surbiton's women winning the EuroHockey Club Trophy.

Of course, none of these events could happen without the support of the officials, volunteers, hockey makers and of course you the clubs and supporters.

I hope you have a great time, the weather is kind and you enjoy Surbiton's hospitality.

FROM ANDY POWDRELL
President of Surbiton Hockey Club

A warm welcome to the end of season Premier Division finals. Surbiton Hockey Club is, once again, delighted to be hosting this year's finals.

We welcome alongside our women's first XI, teams from East Grinstead, Wimbledon, Hampstead & Westminster. With men's teams from Old Georgians, Wimbledon, Hampstead & Westminster and again Surbiton. We look forward to extending our hospitality to the clubs, their supporters and all our visitors this weekend.

With both the England Hockey League titles and European qualification on the line, there is still a lot to play for, in what I'm sure will be an exciting culmination to the season.

I would like to thank everyone who has made this event possible, the volunteers on the day, caterers, bar staff, especially the umpires and officials, and many more involved in the organisation. I look forward to a great weekend of hockey, and wish all the teams the best, obviously with a slight bias towards Surbiton.



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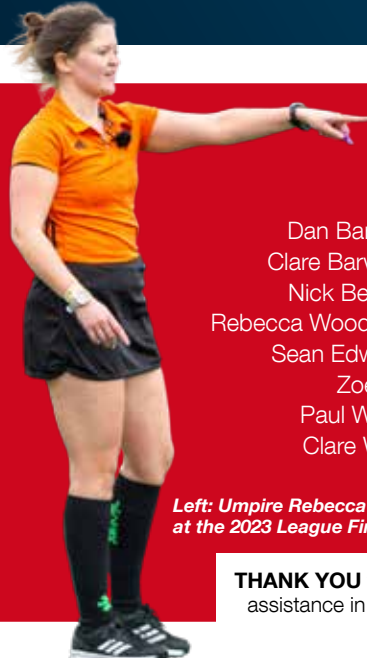
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WEEKEND MATCH SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 13 APRIL

11.00

WOMEN'S SEMI-FINAL



13.15

WOMEN'S SEMI-FINAL



**East Grinstead v
Hampstead & Westminster**

**Surbiton v
Wimbledon**

15.30

MEN'S SEMI-FINAL



17.45

MEN'S SEMI-FINAL



**Surbiton v
Hampstead & Westminster**

**Old Georgians v
Wimbledon**

SUNDAY 14 APRIL

10.00

WOMEN'S 3/4 PLAY-OFF



14.30

WOMEN'S FINAL

12.15

MEN'S 3/4 PLAY-OFF



17.00

MEN'S FINAL

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WIMBLEDON

3

ISSY FIELD
EAST GRINSTEAD

3

MIRIAM PRITCHARD
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER

3

WOMEN'S
HOCKEY LEAGUE



MEN'S
HOCKEY LEAGUE



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SURBITON

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SOPHIE BRAY EAST GRINSTEAD

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TESS HOWARD EAST GRINSTEAD

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MIA MOORE READING

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE ENGLAND HOCKEY

MEN'S HOCKEY LEAGUE ENGLAND HOCKEY

SAM WARD OLD GEORGIANS

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HENRY CROFT BEESTON

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STRUAN WALKER SURBITON

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ALAN FORSYTH OLD GEORGIANS

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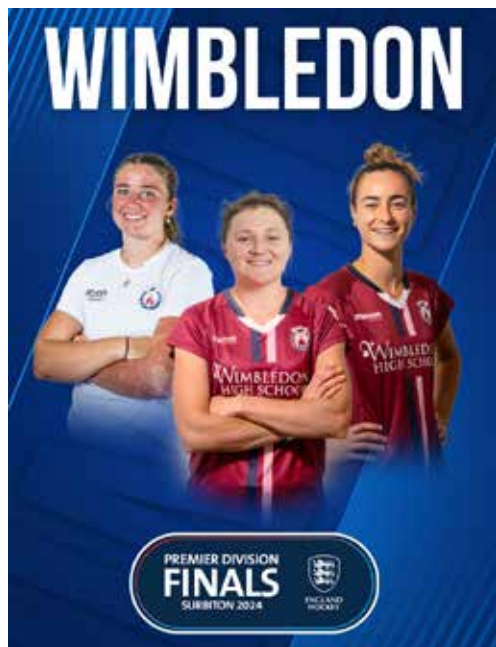
LUKE TAYLOR SURBITON

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THE FINAL FOUR

AND HOW THEY GOT HERE...



WOMEN'S EHL STANDINGS

LEAGUE FINALS POOL A										
	P	W	WD	LD	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	
1	Surbiton	3	3	0	0	0	14	4	10	9
2	Hampstead & Westminster	3	2	0	0	1	15	8	7	6
3	University of Nottingham	3	1	0	0	2	8	17	-9	3
4	Clifton Robinsons	3	0	0	0	3	4	12	-8	0

LEAGUE FINALS POOL B										
	P	W	WD	LD	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	
1	East Grinstead	3	2	1	0	0	5	3	2	8
2	Wimbledon	3	2	0	0	1	5	3	2	6
3	Reading	3	1	0	0	2	6	4	2	3
4	Bowdon	3	0	0	1	3	1	7	-6	1

TOP 6									
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	
1	Surbiton	16	13	0	3	55	18	37	39
2	East Grinstead	16	11	1	4	53	25	28	34
3	Reading	16	11	1	4	45	24	21	34
4	Hampstead & Westminster	16	8	3	5	32	25	7	27
5	University of Nottingham	16	5	4	7	30	51	-21	19
6	Bowdon	16	3	6	7	21	38	-17	15

LOWER 6									
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	
1	Wimbledon	16	7	6	3	24	20	4	27
2	Clifton Robinsons	16	6	4	6	26	34	-8	22
3	University of Birmingham	16	4	7	5	25	27	-2	19
4	Loughborough Students	16	5	3	8	25	35	-10	18
5	Beeston	16	4	1	11	17	27	-10	13
6	Isca & University of Exeter	16	1	0	15	14	43	-29	3

STAGE 1									
	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS	
1	Surbiton	11	10	0	1	40	9	31	30
2	Reading	11	8	1	2	26	15	11	25
3	East Grinstead	11	6	1	4	31	21	10	19
4	Hampstead & Westminster	11	5	3	3	23	14	9	18
5	University of Nottingham	11	4	4	3	24	28	-4	16
6	Bowdon	11	3	6	2	17	19	-2	15
7	University of Birmingham	11	3	5	3	17	18	-1	14
8	Wimbledon	11	3	5	3	14	16	-2	14
9	Clifton Robinsons	11	3	4	4	17	26	-9	13
10	Loughborough Students	11	2	2	7	11	23	-12	8
11	Beeston	11	2	1	8	10	18	-8	7
12	Isca & University of Exeter	11	1	0	10	6	29	-23	3

SEMI-FINAL ONE



EAST
GRINTSTEAD



HAMPSTEAD &
WESTMINSTER

SEMI-FINAL TWO



SURBITON



WIMBLEDON

1	Isabel FIELD (GK)
4	Sally SIME
5	Alexandra MALZER
6	Amy THOMPSON
7	Guadalupe FERNANDEZ LACORT (C)
9	Courtney HANSFORD
10	Laura ROPER
12	Lily WALKER
13	Ellie RAYER
14	Tess HOWARD
15	Olivia BREED
16	Anna FAULSTICH
17	Chloe BROWN
18	Mollie MASON
19	Sophie BRAY
20	Summer KNIGHT-THOMPSON
21	Charlotte WATKINS
22	Pippa LOCK
23	Biba MILLS
25	Anna MOORE
27	Katie CARDWELL (GK)
31	Grace BALSDON

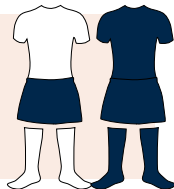
1	Miriam PRITCHARD (GK)
2	Issy DAVISON
5	Olivia HAMILTON
6	Anna O'FLANAGAN
7	Amy ELLIOTT
8	Phoebe WILLARS
10	Katherine BAKER (C)
11	Sarah ROBERTSON
12	Lily OWSLEY
13	Siofra MURDOCH
14	Sofia MARTIN
16	Philippa LEWIS
17	Madi RATCLIFFE
18	Hannah DAVEY
19	Emily ROWLANDS
20	Melanie WILKINSON
21	Rachel GREENWOOD
22	Joie LEIGH
24	Holly HUNT
28	Victoria DREWS
29	Esme BURGE
30	Lauren HUNT
31	Iona CAMPBELL

1	Jemma WOODS (GK)
2	Giselle ANSLEY
4	Lottie ROSS
7	Sarah EVANS
9	Meg DOWTHWAITE
10	Hannah MARTIN
11	Holly PAYNE
12	Sophie HAMILTON
13	Eloise STENNER
14	Steph ELLIOTT (C)
15	Martha TAYLOR
17	Leah WILKINSON
18	Izzy PETTER
19	Katie CURTIS
20	Amy COSTELLO
23	Alice SHARP
25	Lilie LAMACRAFT
27	Elani SHERWOOD
29	Josefina HIPPE
30	Amber WALTON (GK)
31	Isabelle YONGE
32	Sarah JOHNSTON
33	Delphine AYITEY-HAMMOND (GK)
35	Laura MYERS (GK)

1	Nicki COCHRANE (GK)
2	Maia HENDRICKX
4	Ella ROBINSON
5	Jennifer EADIE
6	Anna TOMAN (C)
7	Harriet NAISMITH
8	Olivia CHILTON
10	Becky MANTON
11	Suzu PETTY
12	Lucy HOLDER
14	Megan CROWSON
15	Beth BINGHAM
17	Lydia MacDONELL
18	Charlotte LEE
21	Fiona CRACKLES
22	Anna REYNOLDS
24	Amelie REES
25	Nicole BOWEN
26	Emily GILBERT
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30	Paige GILLOTT

THE
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TEAM

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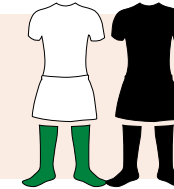
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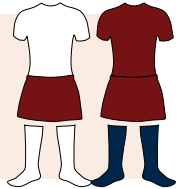
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GLORY FOR GRINSTEAD?

WOMEN'S FINALS PREVIEW

East Grinstead come into this weekend as reigning Champions following their heartstopping victory in last year's exciting finale.

They knocked Surbiton off their perch last season in a final that saw Grinstead race to a 2-0 lead within 18 minutes. Surbiton reduced the deficit just before half time and regained parity four minutes into the third quarter before Sally Sime struck the decisive blow for East Grinstead in the 61st minute. Until that point, Surbiton had held the league title since 2014 and had received eight consecutive titles!

With such an impressive run to their name, and given that they have lost the fewest number of games in comparison to their counterparts here this weekend, Surbiton probably come into finals weekend as favourites to be crowned champions.

Wimbledon's women arrive as firm underdogs having spent the second half of the season in the lower six, but won two out of three games in Pool B to earn the right to fight for the title this weekend, and

Here, we take a look at what's in store over the course of the next two days.

SEMI-FINAL

Aggregate score over the season so far is shown in the headline

**EAST GRINSTEAD 10
HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER 2**

22 Oct 2023

Hampstead & Westminster 1

Anna O'Flanagan 67 (PC)

East Grinstead 5

Grace Balsdon 35, 53 (PC,PC) Anna Moore 38 (PC), Sophie Bray 49 (F), Tess Howard 58 (F)

2 Mar 2024

East Grinstead 5

Pippa Lock 11 (PC), Grace Balsdon 15 (PC), Sophie Bray 36 (F), Liv Breed 62 (F), Pippa Lock 63 (F)

Hampstead & Westminster 1

Madi Ratcliffe 31 (PC)

Based on previous results this season in this encounter, East Grinstead look to be firm favourites to win the first semi-final having cruised to two 5-1 victories so far this season.

However, in Madi Ratcliffe, who scored

in the 2nd March encounter, Hampstead & Westminster have the league's top goalscorer this season so cannot be underestimated, and when the pressure is on, will East Grinstead be able to keep up the form that has seen them go unbeaten in the last 13 matches?



SAT 13 APRIL
11.00

SEMI-FINAL

Aggregate score over the season so far is shown in the headline

**SURBITON 2
WIMBLEDON 0**

22 Oct 2023

Surbiton 2

Martha Taylor 29 (F), Leah Wilkinson 43 (PS)

Wimbledon 0



Surbiton's
Leah Wilkinson



SAT 13 APRIL
13.15

With Wimbledon having finished in the lower six by just one agonising point in the first half of the season – therefore playing the second half of the season vying for the right to play with the big guns again – there has only been one head-to-head in this fixture so far in this campaign, and it was

Surbiton who grabbed all three points with a goal apiece for Martha Taylor and Leah Wilkinson.

Wimbledon have worked so hard to be here this weekend though that they won't be willing to roll over... and as underdogs, have nothing to lose.



East Grinstead are gunning for glory this weekend
Photo: Graeme Wilcockson

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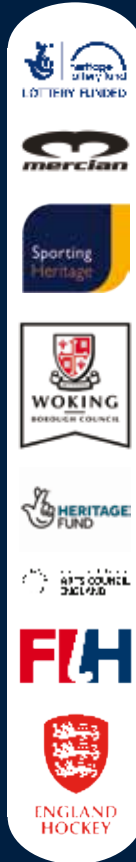
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SUNDAY SHOWDOWNS

These are all of the possible showdown's on Sunday... but which will be the final, and which will be the third/fourth place play-off?

Aggregate score over the season so far is shown in the headline

East Grinstead 2 Surbiton 4

21 October 2023

East Grinstead 1

Laura Unsworth 43 (PC)

Surbiton 4

Hannah Martin 4,39 (F,F), Martha Taylor 24 (PC), Leah Wilkinson 53 (PC)

17 February 2024

East Grinstead 1

Tess Howard 33 (F)

Surbiton 0

This fixture has already taken centre stage once this season as the two sides met in the final of the indoor Super 6s at the Derby Arena in January.

Although Surbiton look to be on top in the outdoor game judging by the aggregate score above, it was East Grinstead who emerged as victors in the Super 6s final, hitting Surbiton for six as they won 6-1. Whilst Surbiton opened the scoring after just five minutes, East Grinstead were back on level terms within seconds through Lauren Workman.

Amy Thompson and Biba Mills went onto bag a brace apiece with captain Chloe Brown also getting in on the action to give them a comprehensive victory on the indoor stage... so this will be a tasty encounter if it comes into fruition as Surbiton will surely be seeking revenge



These two teams have already faced off in one final so far this season

England Hockey League Finals Weekend

Wimbledon 4 East Grinstead 4

7 October 2023

Wimbledon 3

Becky Manton 8,55 (PC,PC), Harriet Naismith 49 (PC)

East Grinstead 2

Tess Howard 23,26 (F,F)

17 February 2024 (EHL Premier Division League Finals Pool B)

East Grinstead 2

Liv Breed 19 (F), Sophie Bray 61 (PC)

Wimbledon 1

Olivia Chilton 66 (PC)

Wimbledon had their fair share of woes during the first half of the season with plenty of injuries and availability issues to deal with. They missed out on a top six spot for the second half of the season, but due to the structure of the league, have fought for the right for redemption.

As a result of Wimbledon competing in the lower 6 during the second half of the season, these two teams have only met once this year so far. When they went head to head in October, it was Wimbledon who walked away with the points. Although they were the ones to open the scoring through Becky Manton, Wimbledon went behind to a quick-fire brace from the league's joint second highest goalscorer, Tess Howard. However, the comeback was on when Harriet Naismith netted from a penalty corner and Manton made it smiles all round when she fired home the winner in the 55th minute.

Once Wimbledon had secured their place in the play-offs after topping the table in the lower six by five clear points, the two sides were to meet again in Pool B. This time, it was East Grinstead who grabbed the points through Liv Breed and Sophie Bray. A consolation goal from Olivia Chilton was not enough to take anything from the game and so East Grinstead could have the psychological edge if these two teams meet on Sunday.

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Wimbledon 2 Hampstead & Westminster 1

21 October 2023

Wimbledon 2

Lucy Holder 42 (F), Beth Bingham 59 (PS)

Hampstead & Westminster 1

Anna O'Flanagan 27 (F)

Wimbledon were winners against Hampstead & Westminster when the two sides met in October, despite Irish international Anna O'Flanagan (pictured below for Ireland) taking the lead for her side in the 27th minute.

Wimbledon's Lucy Holder levelled the scores on the 42nd minute before Wales captain Beth Bingham, who works as a Participation Development Partner for the Lawn Tennis Association, made it game, set and match for the Wombles when she fired home from the penalty spot with 11 minutes left on the clock.

Despite competing in different ends of the league for the second half of the season with Hampstead & Westminster in the Top 6 and Wimbledon in the Lower 6, both teams finished the season with 27 points, so this could be a very close encounter if these two sides meet on Sunday.

Surbiton 5 Hampstead & Westminster 1

7 October 2023

Surbiton 3

Sophie Hamilton 19 (F), Hannah Martin 29,42 (F,PC)

Hampstead & Westminster 1

Madi Ratcliffe 53 (F)

10th February 2024

Hampstead & Westminster 0

Surbiton 2

Meg Dowthwaite 11 (F), Leah Wilkinson 35 (F)

Surbiton have enjoyed victory twice over Hampstead & Westminster so far this season and enjoy a 5-1 aggregate advantage, which of course, will mean nothing if the two teams face up on Sunday.

Hampstead & Westminster have only managed to net once against Surbiton, which is possibly no surprise as, of the teams here, Surbiton's 'keeper Sabbie Heesh (pictured left) holds the record for the most clean sheets with five to her name across the season.

They'll be hoping to add another if the two sides meet on Sunday.

Hampstead & Westminster's Irish International and opening goalscorer in this season's Wimbledon v H&W league encounter, Anna O'Flanagan, is pictured here on international duty breaking away from Wimbledon's captain Anna Tomlin in the EuroHockey Championships in 2021. Will they meet again this weekend?





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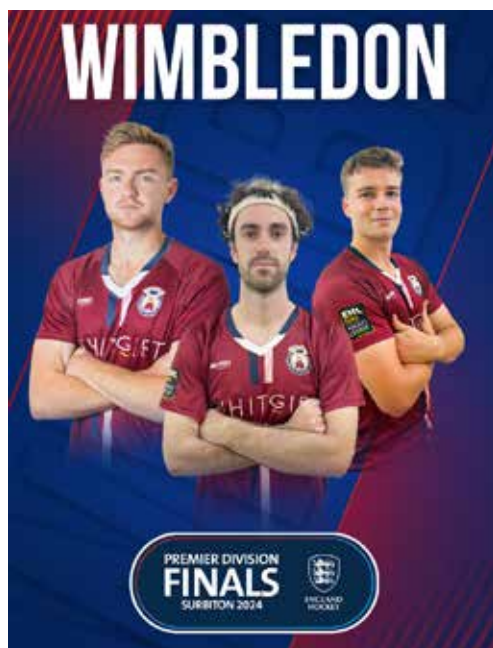
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THE FINAL FOUR

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MEN'S EHL STANDINGS

MEN'S FINALS POOL A		P	W	WD	LD	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Old Georgians	3	3	0	0	0	11	7	4	9
2	Hampstead & Westminster	3	2	0	0	1	6	4	2	6
3	Holcombe	3	1	0	0	2	7	7	0	3
4	Beeston	3	0	0	0	3	8	14	-6	0

MEN'S FINALS POOL B		P	W	WD	LD	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Surbiton	3	1	2	0	0	11	4	7	7
2	Wimbledon	3	2	0	1	0	9	4	5	7
3	Southgate	3	0	1	1	1	8	12	-4	3
4	Oxted	3	0	0	1	2	4	12	-8	1

TOP 6		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Old Georgians M1	16	15	0	1	91	29	62	45
2	Surbiton M1	16	13	0	3	73	22	51	39
3	Wimbledon M1	16	12	0	4	51	24	27	36
4	Holcombe M1	16	11	0	5	62	20	42	33
5	Hampstead & Westminster M1	16	8	0	8	39	40	-1	24
6	Southgate M1	16	5	1	10	47	53	-6	16

LOWER 6		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Oxted M1	16	7	2	7	40	47	-7	23
2	Beeston M1	16	7	1	8	48	68	-20	22
3	East Grinstead M1	16	7	0	9	29	60	-31	21
4	Cardiff & Met	16	3	2	11	33	64	-31	11
5	University of Nottingham M1	16	2	2	12	25	68	-43	8
6	Reading	16	2	0	14	21	64	-43	6

STAGE 1		P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Old Georgians M1	11	10	0	1	66	15	51	30
2	Surbiton M1	11	10	0	1	61	14	47	30
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SEMI-FINAL ONE



SURBITON



HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER



OLD GEORGIANS



WIMBLEDON

1	James MAZARELO (GK)
2	Dewi ROBLIN (GK)
3	Luke TAYLOR
4	Rob FARRINGTON
7	Jonny GALL
8	Tim NURSE (C)
10	Nick PARK
11	Sam CORNEY
12	Ben PARK
13	Struan WALKER
14	Louis GITTENS
17	Stuart RUSHMERE
18	Brendan CREED
19	David GOODFIELD (C)
21	Adam BUCKLE
22	Alex WILLIAMS
23	Ollie STONE
25	Ben HANSON
27	Conor WILLIAMSON
28	Gareth FURLONG
29	Jack HOBKIRK
30	Will HASPEL
31	Teddy WARNER
32	David BARTRAM

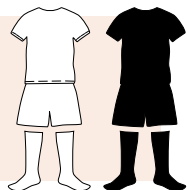
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2	Steve KELLY
5	James OATES
6	Marc EDWARDS
7	Tim CROSS
8	Tom CROWSON
11	Dale HUTCHINSON
12	Sam FRENCH (C)
13	Matthew GUISE-BROWN
14	Hywel JONES
15	Jolyon MORGAN
16	Joe SHARP
17	Toby VAUGHAN
18	Josh KELLY
19	Sebastian BUDDLE
21	Lekan OGUNLANA (GK)
22	Sam APOOLA
23	Nick STEFFENS
24	James SUTCLIFFE
25	Kei KAEPPELER
29	Joe HILLYER
32	Marco RILEY
44	Freddy PETTIFER
48	Lucas SMART

1	Alex ASIF (GK)
3	Henry WEIR
4	Liam SANFORD
5	Thabang MODISE
6	Kyle MARSHALL
7	Thomas DORAN
8	Tom CARSON
9	James CARSON
10	Ashley JACKSON
11	Dan SHINGLES (C)
12	Elliott MESSEM
14	Josh PAVIS
15	Lee MORTON
16	Edward CARSON
17	Chris GRIFFITHS
19	Chris PROCTOR
20	Sam HIHA
21	James CUNNINGHAM
22	Matthew BROWN
27	George PINNER (GK)
29	Alec CLAYTON-JONES
54	Sam BODOANO
74	Adam FRANKS
77	Alan FORSYTH

1	Mark HAYCROFT (GK)
3	Jack WALLER (C)
5	Jack TURNER
6	Ian SLOAN
7	Duncan SCOTT
8	Evan KIMBER
9	Rhys BRADSHAW
10	Rory PATTERSON
12	Ronan TAGGART
13	Eddie WAY
15	Sam HOOPER
17	Ben FOX
18	Euan GILMOUR
19	Benjamin FRANCIS
20	Charlie STUBBINGS
21	Jonathan LANKFER
23	David CONDON
26	Connor GREENTREE
27	Archie WINTER
30	Ore OGUNLANA (GK)
32	Callum MACKENZIE
34	Kaden DRAYSEY

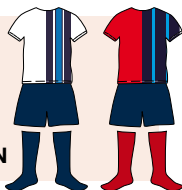
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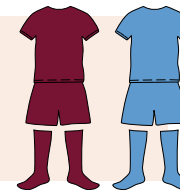
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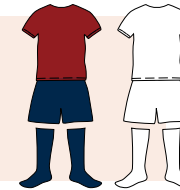
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THE SECOND GEORGIAN ERA?

MEN'S FINALS PREVIEW

Old Georgians are back to defend the title they won last year and this season, have the chance for an indoor and outdoor double.

Their league campaign so far has seen just one defeat, and that was at the hands of Surbiton in the second game of the season. With the indoor title already under their belt, OGs look like the team to beat here this weekend and will be keen to make their mark on the Wimbledon game as the two sides go head-to-head for the second season in a row in these semi-finals.

But before that action takes place, Surbiton and Hampstead & Westminster face off in the first semi-final with H&W losing by a three-goal margin to Surbiton on both of their encounters this season.

Here, we review all of the possible action over the course of the next two days.

SEMI-FINAL

Aggregate score over the season so far is shown in the headline

SURBITON 8 HAMPSTEAD & WESTMINSTER 2

16 September 2023

Surbiton 5

Tim Nurse 13 (PC), Struan Walker 28,52 (F,PC),
Luke Taylor 62 (PC), Gareth Furlong 66 (PC)

Hampstead & Westminster 2

Matthew Guise-Brown 17 (PC), Sam Apoola 45 (PC)

9th March 2024

Hampstead & Westminster 0

Surbiton 3

Luke Taylor 20,65 (PS,PC), James Gall 41 (F)

Surbiton were semi-finalists last season but were knocked out 2-1 by Holcombe, so will be hoping to go one better in 2024 and judging by the fact that they are the only team this season to beat Old Georgians, they stand a chance of taking the title!

They certainly look to have a handle on Hampstead & Westminster with two dominant performances this season and will of course be buoyed by a home crowd.



Hampstead & Westminster has accrued just 24 points all season and is the only team here to have finished with a negative goal difference, so they will have to be at their absolute best to stand any kind of chance against Surbiton.

Hampstead's top goalscorer is South African international Matthew Guise-Brown with 16 goals so far. Can he add to his tally as they look to stop Surbiton?

SEMI-FINAL

Aggregate score over the season so far is shown in the headline

OLD GEORGIANS 9 WIMBLEDON 2

22 October 2023

Wimbledon 0

Old Georgians 2

Chris Proctor 27 (F), James Carson 48 (PC)

9 March 2024

Old Georgians 7

Matthew Brown 44,48 (PC,PC), Elliot Messer 56 (F),
Alan Forsyth 56 (F), James Carson 60,70 (F,F), Edward Carson 70 (F)

Wimbledon 2

Ian Sloan 2 (PS), Jonathan Lankfer 49 (F)

It's a case of déjà vu with a re-run of last season's first semi-final. Neither team could break the deadlock on that occasion and the 0-0 match had to be decided on a shoot-out, which OGs edged 4-3. It's also a repeat of this season's indoor Super 6s final that was won 6-4 by Old Georgians.

It was 2-0 to OGs when the two sides met in October in the league, but the return encounter will be one the Wombles will want to forget. They got off to a dream start with

Ian Sloan converting a penalty stroke after just two minutes, but the dream quickly turned to a nightmare as Old Georgians reached seventh heaven with a brace apiece for Matthew Brown and James Carson and individual goals for Elliot Messer, Alan Forsyth and Edward Carson. And that's without the league's top goalscorer in Sam Ward getting on the scoresheet!

Wimbledon will have to be at their best if they want to progress to the final.



Sam Ward and James Carson of Old Georgians in an attack in last season's semi-final.
Photo: Graeme Wilcockson



SUNDAY SHOWDOWNS

These are all of the possible showdown's on Sunday... but which will be the final, and which will be the third/fourth place play-off?

Aggregate score over the season so far is shown in the headline

Surbiton 5 Old Georgians 6

23 September 2023

Old Georgians 2

James Albery 47 (PC), James Cunningham 60 (F)

Surbiton 3

Luke Taylor 9 (PC), Gareth Furlong 21 (PC), Struan Walker 38 (F)

17 February 2024

Surbiton 2

Luke Taylor 29,50 (PS,PS)

Old Georgians 4

James Carson 19,35 (F,35), Chris Griffiths 45 (F), Tom Carson 59 (F)

As we mentioned in our semi-final preview, Surbiton is the only team to have taken points from Old Georgians during this campaign and that came just two games into the season, back in September when they found themselves 3-0 up. OGs hit back as you would expect them to and goals from James Albery and James Cunningham reduced the deficit to just one goal, but with 10 minutes left on the clock, they had nothing else to add.

However, when they met again in February, OGs found the back of the net four times and despite a brace from Luke Taylor, Surbiton ended on the wrong end of a 4-2 scoreline.

It's been a close race between these two sides all season with OGs in first and Surbiton in second, but OGs have scored a huge 18 goals more than Surbiton, their nearest rivals. If this is the final, we can expect an exciting showdown if these teams go toe-to-toe in the season finale.

Wimbledon 5 Surbiton 4

14 October 2023

Surbiton 1

James Gall 24 (F)

Wimbledon 0

2 March 2024

Wimbledon 4

Rory Patter 27 (PC), Ian Sloan 50 (PS), Sam Hooper 56 (F), Connor Greentree 65 (F)

Surbiton 2

Ben Park 54 (F), Louis Gittens 62 (F)

6 April 2024 (EHL Premier Division League Finals Pool B)

Surbiton 1

Stuart Rushmere 23 (F)

Wimbledon 1

Euan Gilmour 49 (F)

These two teams have already met three times this season and there's not much to separate the sides with a win each under their belt in the league and a one-all draw in the play-offs.

In two of their games, they have more or less cancelled each other out but should the sides meet for a fourth time on Sunday, Wimbledon will take hope from the fact that their home match saw them put four past their London rivals with just two in reply.

Scottish international Struan Walker, who earned his first GB cap in December, is Surbiton's top scorer this season with 22 goals under his belt whereas Wimbledon's top scorer, Sam Hooper, has just 13.

This could be a cagey affair if these two teams meet up on Sunday.

Wimbledon 7 Hampstead & Westminster 3

21 October 2023

Wimbledon 2

Sam Hooper 29 (PC), Jonathan Lankfer 38 (PC)

Hampstead & Westminster 3

Dale Hutchinson 41 (F), Rupert Shipperley 44,45 (F,PC)

10 February 2024

Hampstead & Westminster 0

Wimbledon 5

Euan Gilmour 8 (PC), Rhys Bradshaw 12 (F), Duncan Scott 20 (F), Sam Hooper 35 (PC), Ben Francis 45 (F)

It's a win each for these two sides in the league, although Wimbledon have managed to net four more goals than their counterparts over the two ties.

Hampstead & Westminster edged the first encounter 3-2, a win that was made all the more impressive as they had to come from two goals behind to get it. Sam Hooper and Jonathan Lankfer put Wimbledon 2-0 up before Dale Hutchinson halved the deficit. This was followed just two minutes later by two quick-fire goals from former Surbiton player Rupert Shipperley (pictured on the ball below) – his only goals of the season so far – to put his side 3-2 up, and there the score remained.

Wimbledon wreaked revenge in the return encounter though putting five past Hampstead & Westminster without reply with five individual goalscorers getting their names on the scoresheet.

If this is a Sunday showdown, it's certainly advantage Wimbledon in terms of the aggregate scoreline. How will Hampstead & Westminster handle that?

Old Georgians 11 Hampstead & Westminster 5

28 October 2023

Old Georgians 4

Sam Ward 9,13,64 (F,F,F), Alan Forsyth 67 (F)

Hampstead & Westminster 1

Sam Apoola 4 (F)

24th February 2024

Hampstead & Westminster 3

Matthew Guise-Brown 46,69,70 (PC,PC,PC)

Old Georgians 5

Tom Carson 31 (PC), Alan Forsyth 54,68 (F,F), Matthew Brown 55 (PC), Elliott Messer 59 (F)

23rd March 2024 (EHL Premier Division League Finals Pool A)

Old Georgians 2

Alan Forsyth 50,54 (F,F)

Hampstead & Westminster 1

Josh Kelly 46 (PC)

There have been three matches between these two sides already this season and Hampstead & Westminster have come off worst in each of them – although the deficit gets smaller with every encounter!

Whilst OGs have scored an average of over five goals per game this season, Hampstead & Westminster have scored just five times in total over the course of their three matches against the league giants, so on paper, if this is a game we see on Sunday, it looks like there'll be only one winner.

But what we love about sport is that there's always a shock around the corner.

OGs EuroHockey League bronze medal at Easter was a brilliant achievement but will the additional demands of that tournament have an impact on their hopes this weekend?



Rupert Shipperley, pictured in his Surbiton playing days, scored his only two goals of the season for H&W against Wimbledon

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