

ASHFORD MENS 1st TEAM
SEASON REVIEW - SUMMER 2010

SURREY LEAGUE F	WINNERS
SURREY LEAGUE GRADE B KNOCKOUT CUP	WINNERS
AEGON NATIONAL LEAGUE 3B	3 RD

COMPETITION STATS

	P	W	W/O	D	L	P
SURREY LEAGUE F	5	3	1	1	0	9
KNOCKOUT CUP	5	4	1	0	0	N/A
AEGON LEAGUE	5	2	1	0	2	6
TOTAL	15	9	3	1	2	

PLAYER STATS

	Rob	Roy	Alex	Mike	Andy C	Nigel	Rob R	Richard	Patrick	Lee
Rubbers played	14	14	16	18	2	2	14	8	2	6
Won	10	11	10	13	2	1	9	6	1	2
Lost	4	3	6	5	0	1	5	2	1	4
Win:Loss ratio	71.4%	78.6%	62.5%	72.2%	100.0%	50.0%	64.3%	75.0%	50.0%	33.3%

The 1st team squad delivered some strong “win:loss” ratio’s. Rob Ringshaw and Richard Varley both performed impressively in their first summer season in the Mens 1st team which bodes well for future campaigns. A big thank you goes to Patrick Sullivan and Lee Axten Rice who stepped up from the 2nd team to help us out a couple of times. And well done to Michael Sutherland who played in the most matches and won the most rubbers.

MATCH SUMMARIES

Date: 18 April

Opponents: Woking

Competition: AEGON League

Venue: Ashford

Result: WON 5-1

Team: Mutchell, Marshall, Ringshaw and Sutherland

Comments: A strong performance against a team that had beaten us in previous seasons in this competition. 3 Singles victories and 2 doubles victories got our AEGON league campaign off to a great start.

Date: 15 May
Opponents: Thames Ditton
Competition: Knockout Cup
Venue: Thames Ditton
Result: WON 2-2 (Games countback 44-42)
Team: Marshall, Ringshaw, Keedy and Sullivan
Comments: After a 2-2 tie in rubbers you needed a calculator to work out the winner in this one with full squad utilisation the order of the day given the AEGON league game the next day. The occasional break of serve and hold from 0-40 would prove vital in order to advance on a game countback in a competition where our league status made us amongst the favourites.

Date: 16 May
Opponents: Wilton
Competition: AEGON League
Venue: Ashford
Result: WON 6-0
Team: Marshall, Sutherland, Ringshaw, Varley
Comments: This victory has us dreaming of finally breaking out of league 3B where we have finished mid table for as long as I can remember.....

Date: 23 May
Opponents: Epsom
Competition: AEGON League
Venue: Epsom
Result: LOST 1-5
Team: Mutchell, Jackson, Sutherland, Axten-Rice
Comments: Reality strikes as we are well beaten at Epsom. With only one team getting promoted our chances have been severely dented by this result but we can have no complaints.

Date: 6 June
Opponents: David Lloyd Epsom
Competition: Knockout Cup
Venue: Ashford
Result: WON 4-0
Team: Marshall Sutherland, Cordery, Varley
Comments: We advance in the Knockout Cup with another win to keep our hopes of a Surrey league and Cup double alive.

Date: 4 July
Opponents: Cranleigh
Competition: Surrey League
Venue: Cranleigh
Result: WON 3-1
Team: Mutchell, Jackson, Marshall, Ringshaw
Comments: Alex returns from university to spearhead our Surrey League campaign and we start well with a closely fought victory at a blustery Cranleigh.

Date: 11 July
Opponents: Wilton
Competition: Surrey League
Venue: Ashford
Result: WON 3-1
Team: Marshall, Jackson, Sutherland, Ringshaw
Comments: We didn't know it at the time but this hard fought victory over Wilton would be our opponent's only defeat of the league season, needing us to perform consistently well in order to finish above them in the table.

Date: 18 July
Opponents: Byfleet
Competition: AEGON League
Venue: Byfleet
Result: LOST 1-5
Team: Mutchell, Marshall, Jackson, Ringshaw
Comments: A strong team was beaten again in the AEGON league in what was a play off for the runners up spot. Defeat condemned us to 3rd place for another season.

Date: 25 July
Opponents: South Croyden
Competition: Knockout Cup
Venue: Croyden
Result: WON 3-1
Team: Sutherland, Jackson, Varley, Axten-Rice
Comments: It was the 4th straight weekend of 1st team action and we progressed in the Knockout Cup thanks to victory at Croyden. Given the traffic we are considering an overnight stay should we play them next year.....

Date: 31 July
Opponents: Westside
Competition: Surrey League
Venue: Westside
Result: WON 3-1
Team: Mutchell, Sutherland, Jackson, Axten-Rice
Comments: It was our only Saturday game of the season and our 3rd straight Surrey league win put us in touching distance of the title.

Date: 8 August

Opponents: Brightwell

Competition: Surrey League

Venue: Ashford

Result: DRAW 2-2

Team: Mutchell, Sutherland, Jackson, Varley

Comments: With Wilton having won all of their matches apart from defeat to us, there was a pivotal moment in our Surrey league campaign in this match when trailing 1-2 in rubbers Sutherland and Varley saved 3 match points in the 4th rubber in a comeback win to force a draw. With Wimbledon giving us a walkover on the weekend of 12 September this result gave us the Surrey League division F title and promotion two leagues to division D for summer 2011.

Date: 5 September

Opponents: Coombe Wood

Competition: Knockout Cup final

Venue: Ashford

Result: WON 4-0

Team: Mutchell, Sutherland, Jackson, Ringshaw

Comments: We received a walkover in the semi-final due to Putney being ineligible and beat a Coombe Wood side that had been re-instated in the competition after defeat in an earlier round to finish the summer season as winners of both the Surrey League division F and grade B knockout cup.

Thank you to all who participated in a successful summer season.

Rob Mutchell

Mens 1st team captain