

Woking Hockey Club: Men's 1st XI – [South Premier Division 2](#)

Woking avenge Cup Final loss

Woking 1st XI (3) 5 – 2 (2) **Purley Walcountians 1st XI**
Dolley (f) Pike (f, f, f) Hillsden (f) Sainsbury (pc)
Stock (f)

Six months ago, Purley thrashed Woking 5-1 in the final of the Surrey Cup; but the tables were turned at Goldsworth Park with a blistering performance by the boys in blue, who took an unassailable 3-0 lead in the first 20 minutes.

And the first of Woking's goals came from Player-coach Denzil Dolley, who picked his way through Purley's defence and fired home from a tight angle. Minutes later, Andy Pike jabbed the ball home for his first of the day and Woking's second. Then when Jonny Pullar played the ball of the game from half-back to find Pike unmarked on the far post, two became three in the blink of an eye.

As has often been the case this season, a mad five minutes towards the end of the half let Purley back into the game. When Woking failed to clear their lines, Purley's Bernie Hillsden pounced on the loose ball to fire it into the bottom corner. Then after a moment's indiscretion from Will Stock, a free hit outside the circle was upgraded to a penalty corner, which Harry Sainsbury duly converted.

Normal service was resumed after half time and Pike bagged his hattrick, coolly rounding the keeper to tap home into an unguarded goal. Will Stock then completed the scoring, running unopposed half the length of the pitch to flick the ball in from close range.

Woking were reduced to 10 when Piers Pitt was sent to the sin-bin, but so soon after this happened, Purley's skipper Graham Lester picked up the first of two yellow cards, and Woking enjoyed the extra space on the pitch this created.

Despite winning a string of short corners, Purley could make no further dent in the score line. At the other end, Man of the Match Harry Samuels and James Turner went close but couldn't find a telling finish.

Jamie Hutchin had an assured game at the back for Woking, and commented after the game, "We were so patient today, and that was the difference between the two sides. The passing was the best we've produced so far this season and meant we could dominate the midfield."



In amongst the goals: 'Pike on the Prowl'