

Match Report - Sunday 1st November

Girls Under 15 Friendly

Purley Walcountians 1 Woking 2

With a few girls picking up late illnesses, Woking ended up taking a very inexperienced side to Purley for this U15 friendly. No fewer than 6 girls (all under 12) were getting their first experience on a full size pitch and even with 10 year old Harriet Sharp drafted late into the squad to help make up the numbers, Woking were still a player down for the match.

Nevertheless, the Woking girls put up a magnificent performance to edge victory in a closely fought contest. With Stephanie Hosman and captain Pheobe Bryant providing some experience in the Woking midfield, they were able to direct the play, picking out some good runs from Daphne Van Pul and Jolin Hiemstra.

The match was fairly evenly fought, with Aneesa Zaman and Emma Sharp working hard in defence to cut out the Purley attacks.

Emma Hakkers was pushed into a more forward position and made some good runs, combining well with Feline Snellen on the left, whilst Van Pul and Harriet Sharp began to strike up a good passing relationship down the right.

With Hosman, Bryant and Emma Sharp putting in lots of running, Woking went close with a few attempts before forcing a short corner which Bryant tucked neatly away to take the lead.

Purley fought back and were denied by some strong defending from Zaman and Hiemstra whilst Joy Thornton Brown was in top form in the Woking goal, making several good saves and clearing the lines with some excellent kicking.

Woking forced another short corner which Bryant duly dispatched again, only for it to be (correctly) disallowed for the shot being too high.

Purley were still very much in the game however, striking a post before forcing an equaliser late on that threatened to break Woking hearts. Despite their inexperience though, the Woking girls never dropped their heads and stepped up their efforts in search of another goal. Snellen, Van Pul and Harriet Sharp were all involved in some neat attacking play whilst Hakkers and Hosman provided a tireless engine room, setting up the reliable Bryant with a chance from the edge of the D that she coolly slotted home for the winner.

An even match and many thanks to Purley for being such excellent hosts and helping create such a good atmosphere in what turned into a great friendly that the girls on both sides thoroughly enjoyed.