

## U18 Boys

Wessex league – Sunday 02/10/2011

Woking6 – 2 Petersfield

After a torrid week of chasing umpires, keepers and at the last minute, field players, Sunday was upon us once again and a baking hot Sunday afternoon it was, no amount of water would be enough but at least we were playing in our cool reflective white shirts, so as not to clash with Petersfield's blue, however Petersfield blue turned out to be closer to our white, so hot dark blue shirts back on again!

We finally managed to get a straight 11 together after Tony did battle with the number 91 (Thanks Tony for making the effort) and Scot Porter had got us out of a big hole by stepping up to play in goal.

We practiced a few short corners before the match which I will of course claim enabled Ed Brierley to put the first goal away from one such short. The boys played like a team from the word go, moving the ball around nicely with accurate passing. The next goal came from a long ball put through to John Humphries who had made multiple well positioned runs, this time he was top D he controlled it well and turned to face a high speed on coming keeper but popped it past him with a certain calm. So two-nil at half time and the lion's share of the possession, a performance where all had played their part, solid defending, good midfield control and great running, especially considering the heat. Paddy McGrath was to get the next goal, similar to John's except this time the ball was in the air when received and struck. Petersfield then got one on the break, this we will need to watch in future matches. However it wasn't long before James Martin had picked one out of the air and hammered it in to the net. Paddy then got his second, stealing it off a defender, running it back in to the D around another defender then turning and striking it reverse stick. Matt got the sixth and final Woking goal which happened so quickly I hardly saw it go in. Petersfield did get another to make it 6-2 but it was for sure a Woking dominated game with good hockey played by the whole team not just the goal scorers.

Max was impressed by centre forward - Jonny, some great leading runs and good positioning, Tom on the right who he thought worked very hard, as he did James on the left wing, he was also impressed with the teams tackling and thought they were very good at regaining possession of the ball in the opposition's territory, just need to keep the defence pushing up when they have the opportunity to do so. He also thought young Scot did well in goal too! In general he felt they all applied themselves very well and did what was asked of them.

Thanks Max and well done everyone !