

Match Report – Sunday 6th February

Boys Under 14 Development League

Wokingham 1 Woking 1

A good contest with 1-1 being a fair result. Woking came back to level the match from a short corner with Ollie Rathbone tapping in the goal. I'd like to say the pre match drill was responsible - though Ollie had been practising for a role on the top of the D!

Most of the action was concentrated in the midfield with breakouts into the 23 metre box on either side being limited. This was mainly as a result of players on both sides being tackled dribbling with the ball, not enough in the way of team passing options given and, when taken, inaccurate passing with too little pace. There were a couple of Maidenhead breakaways towards the end that needed either saves or a sprint and kick away from Scott Porter who had a solid game in goal.

But there was much to commend the Woking performance. No one gave up, players adjusted to the uneven pitch and quickly learned to keep the ball down, were relatively unfazed by the substitutions each period as the team kept its shape, and used both sides of the pitch to advance play. Overall a good team performance from a team which hasn't played much together. But certainly one capable of improvement with a little more practice - see you all on Friday for training.

Hamish Owen was my man of the match - even though the cunning plan to try him at centre half left him out of much of the 3rd 20 mins session.