

Match Report – Sunday 6th February

Girls Under 12 League

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Special thanks to Jon Molloy for umpiring our match against Surbiton today – sorry that we didn't deliver a win for you!

It was an evenly fought contest and despite this reverse I am sure we will bounce back stronger in our next match. There were definite signs of improvement from last week's game even though we won that 5-1 and lost today.

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(Rooman-Downs)

Surbiton came from behind to inflict a first league defeat of the season on the Woking Tornadoes in a cracking game of U12 hockey. The Woking girls were quick out of the blocks playing a neat passing game. Alice Boneham dictated the play in the centre of the pitch with Floortje Hosman and Nicole Chapman Hatchet catching the eye on the flanks with some typically unselfish play.

Surbiton, still smarting from the 4-1 defeat in the reverse fixture, also played neat interlinking hockey and Maddie Marsden and Ellie Moore had to be at their best to snuff out several attacks under pressure. It was Woking that drew first blood however with Katie MacDonald surging forward before drilling her pass into the D where Jozefien Rooman-Downs neatly deflected the ball into the goal for the opener. With their lead established, Woking enjoyed a period in the ascendancy with Megan Mackay making several good runs down the right that were unlucky not to yield further goals.

It was a closely fought contest with few clear cut chances from either side and Surbiton found themselves back on level terms as Woking failed to clear their backlines. Although Harriet Sharp saved well from their first attempt, poor marking enabled the rebound to be pulled back across the goal for an equaliser.

The match ebbed and flowed and Woking were unlucky not to regain the lead. Hannah Birchall made a strong run from the half way line through to the Surbiton D only to be denied by a last ditch tackle, whilst Katie More put in a terrier like performance to keep Woking on the front foot. MacDonald hit a screeching shot from Boneham's short corner forcing the keeper into an excellent save, but Surbiton secured their revenge with a well taken reverse sweep into the goal on the break for a late winner.

The Tornadoes remain top of the table but now face a crunch match in two weeks time against second placed Sunbury and Walton if they are to progress to the Home Counties finals.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woking Tornadoes	6	5	0	1	22	4	15
Sunbury & Walton	4	3	0	1	10	6	9
Surbiton	5	2	0	3	4	12	6
Richmond	4	1	0	3	4	11	3
Epsom	5	1	0	4	3	10	3