Match Report – Sunday 7th February

Boys Under 16 Wessex Cup

Woking 4 Trojans 5

This time I think I will start with the thanks

First to Whitt and Chris who umpired a fast and at times ferocious match

To Jamie Hutchin for Coaching the boys in the warm up and throughout the match.

To Sam Ellis for coaching and warming up our keeper

And finally to all the mums and dads who cheered from the side.

Well I suppose it couldn't last forever, Woking U16 boys were finally beaten yesterday in a nail biting match against Trojans in the Wessex cup.

We started well and immediately put the pressure on Trojans, holding them well within their own half and it wasn't long before our newest team member, Sam Camsey, had scored his first goal for Woking. However while we were playing a hard but not our most refined game of hockey, Trojans found their composure and scored on the break. A Trojan injury gave the coaches a chance to calm the team down as both umpires had indicated the boys were perhaps a little too feisty. The game now looked more even, with constant end to end play, Tim Downes breathtaking wheels got us our second but Trojans again equalised before half time.

At the interval, Jamie told the team we needed to pass the ball more and work around the wings using the width and also that we needed to tighten up and not play so flat at the back. The second half was so tense and exciting that to be honest I lost track of who scored when and how. I do know that our second half goals were scored by Ed Brierley and Tim Downes, at 4 - 3 down we pushed more players forwards and equalised with 5 minutes left to play. While our keeper's mother was trying to control her nerves at the thought of going to flicks, Trojans unfortunately scored on the break taking advantage of our reduced defence. As hard as Woking fought for the last 2 minutes they could not find that 5th goal and we were to exit the Wessex cup for another year.

The boys should not be too down heartened by the defeat, they fought hard and played a pretty good game of hockey, only to have lost two out of 19 matches is still a very good record.

What can we learn? Jamie was disappointed with the focus in the warm up, we need to use the warm up not only to get warm but also to get focused on the game and ready to play as soon as the whistle blows. We also need to try and keep our heads and play the passing game that we know we are capable of. That said still a tremendously exciting game to watch, well done guys !