

## Match Report - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February

### Boys Under 18 Wessex League

#### Woking 9 Yateley 2

A thoroughly entertaining match yesterday against Yateley ended up with a 9-2 victory. Both sides played in a very friendly spirit, with goals and chances every minute in amongst some really good hockey, with us moving the ball around all over the pitch at great speed.

It could have been substantially more than that, as Mike did his best to keep the score down, with some incredible misses from close range including one neat deflection when the ball was going in and he touched nicely wide (no vote was really necessary for Dick of the Day). There were also several spectacular goal line clearances by Yateley off Stefan drag flicks which kept Ollie G's dad busy retrieving the ball from the other side of the fence.

Yateley opened the scoring after 5 minutes when Justus let one through his legs, and Pagey equalised 5 minutes later before Woking had 2 goals disallowed inside a minute. Ollie made it 2, and then nice work from Mike who popped up on the left wing, fed Reece whose cross was neatly deflected in by Ollie for his second. LJ made it 4-1 just before half time and Man of the Match Ollie completed his hat trick in the 1<sup>st</sup> minute of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Yateley scored and then LJ scored the goal of the match, beating 4 players on a run and then finishing with a reverse stick shot from the top of the D, which even had their coach applauding in admiration. LJ scored and then Stefan managed one from a mishit which just happened to trundle into the corner, and LJ scored his 4<sup>th</sup> and our 9<sup>th</sup> when he was given masses of time to line up his shot.

We even had time to test out our new short corner routine, the one with all 10 outfield players involved in the move round the circle, which did enable Yateley to break with a 4 on 1 against Justus which he managed to keep out with defenders rushing back.

Thanks to Girish for umpiring and Andy Pike for coaching.