

**Match Report – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**  
**Boys Under 16 Mercian League Quarter Final**  
**Woking 2 Oxted 1**

As you are aware the boys played Oxted in the Mercian 1/4 finals today. On one of the warmest week-ends we have had in a long time, both teams played some good hockey and while Woking had most of the possession, moving the ball around well, Oxted were able to keep Woking from converting possession into goals. Both teams looked threatening on attack but each defence did well to keep the score line equal at half time (0-0), however, the heat of day and the lack of Oxted substitutes meant that Oxted were looking the more weary as they were forced to keep chasing the ball around.

In the second half, this started to show and Woking won their second short corner in the 8th minute. Alexi Yakas scored from a well worked routine, placing pressure on Oxted. A second shot on goal from another Woking short corner was disallowed for being too high and it was left to Alexi to score his second goal in the 20th minute to give Woking a cushion. Oxted came back strongly and pulled one back in the 25th minute. They then desperately looked for the second to equalise and force penalty flicks, but Woking were able to maintain their advantage in the last few minutes with Sam Goss making some crucial saves in this period. While Oxted won a short corner as the full time whistle went, their shot went wide and Woking were able to celebrate a well won match.

Thanks to Girish for umpiring, Mark for coaching, Lesley for her popular flapjacks and everyone else who helped with the match tea, clubhouse tidy up and putting away the goals.

We now look forward to playing Oxford Hawks at Woking in the regional semi-final.