

## **Match Report – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Boys Under 12 Wessex League**

#### **Woking 5 Southampton 0**

Another chilly Sunday afternoon at Goldsworth Park seemed to bring out the best of the boys as they surged to a comfortable 5-0 win against Southampton. The game started with Woking pressing the ball heavily down the right side with clever play from Jordan dribbling past players effortlessly, In fact Southampton didn't make it out of their half at all in the first 10 minutes. The inevitable happened and Woking got their first goal. Some beautiful passes strung together with a great finish from Jamie. Southampton took their push back but lost the ball almost immediately and Woking were back on the prowl. Ollie had to be substituted in the first third after receiving a ball into the side of his knee and on came Tom who quickly added to the total with a cool finish. The first third finished 2-0 to Woking. The whole team started to push up the field as they could feel a cricket score coming along and some of the boys were feeling a little bit frustrated at the back, this could only end in one way. Southampton caught Woking on the break several times within minutes and were only denied by some great tackles by Pete and some brilliant saves by David but still Woking finished the half in relative safety.

After a quick team talk in the break the boys were straight back into the game leaving Southampton with nowhere to go and nothing to do but defend their D. Rory and Daniel had been pushed up into the midfield to provide extra fire power and soon after goals were on the cards again, this time from Ollie who provided a great finish from some more excellent team passing. This third was a lot like the first, Woking pressing the opposition and causing them to make mistakes. Will and Aaron worked tirelessly in the midfield to stop any threats coming through. Woking broke into the D again and there was a very controversial decision from the umpire Garth Pollock to disallow Ollie's second goal. His shot hit the cross bar and bounced off the ground and span out of the goal, does this sound familiar to anyone? However without goal line technology or a third umpire the decision stood and play continued. Woking passed the ball down the wings beautifully for their fourth, finished nicely by Daniel into the bottom corner. The third ended with Southampton pressuring again but any attempts were cleaned up nicely by the back four.

The final third began and a revised formation of 3-4-3 was played, mainly due to the attacking mindset of the game. Once again Woking started strongly keeping Southampton pinned into their half. Southampton could only find the long ball but did manage to break through a couple of times but failed to finish any of their chances. The final goal of the day came from Tom again, grabbing his second, after a great cross from Rory. Overall the boys played very well as a team and played extremely well going forward to attack.

Thanks to Jackie for organising the team and the two umpires June and Garth. Particularly Garth on short notice ( 10 minutes before the match!)

Writer's Man of the Match: Pete – Consistently good distribution and fantastic tackling.