

Match Report – Sunday 12th December

Girls Under 12 League

Epsom 0 Woking Tornadoes 4

Woking's table topping U12 girls beat second placed Epsom in their last game before Christmas thanks to a Katie Moor hat-trick and a great goal from Nicole Chapman-Hatchet to cap an amazing team performance.

With a sickness bug sweeping through the squad, four late withdrawals left Woking with only nine players arriving for this clash and with the girls struggling to find their formation, Harriet Sharp had to be alert to save an early Epsom attempt at goal. This wake-up call for Woking stirred them into action and as they pushed forward their numerical disadvantage certainly didn't show with Katie McDonald and Alice Boneham both going close to opening the scoring.

Epsom fancied their chances against the depleted Woking side and it required strong defending from Hannah Birchall and Maddie Marsden to keep them at bay but as the match progressed, Woking became more and more dominant with both Katie MacDonald and Chapman-Hatchet seeing efforts go narrowly wide and the Epsom keeper having to make excellent saves from three MacDonald short corners.

Alice Boneham and Ellie Moore covered every inch of the pitch as Epsom struggled to keep possession. Chapman-Hatchet made a scintillating dribble past three Epsom defenders to leave herself one on one with the keeper but the Epsom stopper made another great save to deny the Woking midfielder.

Minutes later however Katie More made an identical mazy dribble, and this time as the keeper advanced she kept her cool to slot the ball underneath for the opener. The goal threatened to open the floodgates with Epsom unable to find a response to Chapman-Hatchett's electric pace down the right and only the form of the Epsom keeper kept them in the game. Woking's pressure eventually paid off after another Chapman-Hatchett run where, with the keeper committed, the Woking playmaker selflessly pulled the ball back across goal for Moor to notch up her second.

It was Woking that appeared to have the numerical advantage with the whole team playing out of their skins and the third goal was pure class as Boneham delivered a little dink over an outstretched Epsom stick to the on-rushing Chapman-Hatchett who once again ran into the D before setting up More with a simple tap-in for her hat-trick.

The score line deserved to be greater, with the hard-working MacDonald shooting narrowly wide and then Floortje Hosman hitting the post after an exquisite piece of skilful stick work. With legs tiring Epsom did mount a late counter attack finding themselves 4 on 1 with the Woking defence stretched but somehow Marsden recovered the situation with a composed piece of defending to win the ball and clear the danger. With the last move of the match, Chapman Hatchett finally bagged a goal for herself, ending another great run with a shot that looped over the keeper and into the goal to send Woking's vociferous spectator's into raptures.