

## **Match Report – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

### **Girls Under 12 Tournament**

**Woking Tornadoes - Came 3<sup>rd</sup>. v Reading Won 1-0, v Teddington Won 3-0, v Guildford Lost**

**0-1,**

**v Sunbury Drew 0-0**

Teddington attracted some of the top teams in the South of England to their U12 Girls' Tournament and although it was played in the cold and wet, there was a high quality of hockey on display. Woking faced a tough initial group that included last year's U12 national finalists Reading and hosts Teddington, but the Woking girls rose to the occasion. The Reading match was a tight contest but a sublime Woking move saw Floortje Hosman feed the ball through to Laila Richards who watched the advancing keeper before coolly slotting the ball into the goal for the opener. Reading fought back hard, putting Woking under considerable pressure but Maddie Marsden and Katie Moor defended well and on the couple of occasions that Reading managed to get a shot on goal, Harriet Sharp saved well to ensure an opening victory. By the second match Woking were well into their stride. Richards again opened the scoring when her tenacity saw the ball finally pushed past the keeper's pads at the third attempt and then a defence splitting pass from Nicole Chapman Hatchet picked out Richards and the young forward again found the target. An easy win was secured when Katie MacDonald intercepted a Teddington hit out from defence and then waltzed into the D to crack home a third.

Having topped their qualifying group, Woking went into a 3 way final play-off with Guildford and Sunbury. The first match against Guildford was a close game with few chances at both ends. Richards had a goal disallowed for an infringement in the D before Woking conceded their first, and only, goal of the day. Unfortunately the Woking girls could not find an equalizer but with Sunbury beating Guildford 2-0, the Woking girls knew that a two goal margin in their final match would secure the title. Unfortunately the Sunbury side were particularly big and strong and Woking found them difficult to break down. Excellent defending and keeping kept Woking in the match and the Woking midfield all battled hard, especially Hosman who played on despite a nasty hit to the shin. In the dying minutes Woking might have snatched victory but it wasn't to be and 0-0 secured the title for Sunbury. GB captain and double olympian Jason Laslett presented the Woking girls with medals for 3rd place.

