

Match Report – Sunday 14th November

Girls Under 12 League

Richmond 0 Woking Tornadoes 3

Pouring rain wasn't enough to dampen Woking spirits as the Tornadoes cemented their place at the top of the league with an impressive 3-0 victory over a good Richmond side.

Woking took control of the match from the outset with Nicole Chapman Hatchett releasing Abi Lord with a well judged pass almost from the pushback which set up the first of a wave of Woking attacks. Floortje Hosman again showed fantastic close skills to dribble through a maze of Richmond players on several occasions, whilst Katie Moor delivered another cool composed performance in midfield that kept Woking pushing forward.

Unfortunately the early pressure didn't yield the goal it deserved until Megan Mackay was introduced to the attack. The youngster drilled in a pass to the far post from just outside the D and Jozephene Rooman-Downes continued her impressive start to the season by sweeping the ball into the goal.

Richmond were struggling to get out of their own half with Ellie Moore making some well timed interventions and Katie MacDonald showing her versatility with a number of impressive runs to turn defence into attack. For all their pressure however Woking ended the half without managing to extend their lead.

The second half started with a rumble of thunder and Woking duly stepped up a gear with an improved passing game. Alice Boneham once again proved to be the engine room of the Woking side, picking up on any loose balls and covering every inch of the pitch. With Maddie Marsden leading a series of forays into the Richmond D the second goal was always going to come, and when Lord delivered a rocket of a pass to Rooman-Downes, she duly tucked away her fourth goal of the season to extend the lead.

Mackay was then unlucky after bursting through the Richmond defence to leave herself one on one with the keeper only to see her first attempt well saved and then her follow up effort from the rebound go just wide of the post.

Richmond finally mustered their first shot on goal late in the second half but Harriet Sharp was alert to the danger and made an excellent save. Hannah Birchall was again the rock of the Woking defence and her distribution from the back was excellent throughout the match. Lucie Shortland showed her usual strength with some surging runs down the pitch that Richmond struggled to deal with and when

the sustained Woking pressure led to a short corner, Lord duly buried a thunderbolt of a shot into the corner of the goal for Woking's third.

This was a good all round performance in awful conditions, but with the team playing better and better with each outing, the squad returned home drenched, but with smiles on their faces!

Two games - two wins - we have not scored the number of goals our possession and domination has deserved but I'm sure that will come and that we will continue to improve. Walton & Weybridge next week and although we have a few girls missing, we have some strong girls coming into the squad for the match and I'm sure we can perform well again.

Special thanks to Emma Sharp who stepped in to umpire when Richmond found themselves with only one umpire (and none of their 3 coaches willing to step in).

Table	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woking	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Richmond	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Epsom	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Surbiton	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Walton & Weybridge							

(Walton & Weybridge v Epsom - result outstanding)