

## U18 Boys

### Mercian league – Sunday 18/9/2011

#### Woking 5 – 2 Reading

On a fine afternoon for hockey, Woking U18 opened up the season with a strong display and a deserved 5-2 victory over Reading. The first half started brightly enough with early chances for Tim Downs and Giles Rozier-Pamplin before, on 6 minutes, Woking forced the first of 11 short corners they gained during the match. A flick from Chris Way was smartly converted by Tim Downs for the first goal. Reading hit back and forced a good save from Patrick Haddad before a good passing movement put Johnny Pike in to score the second after 10 minutes. Two minutes later some very smart play from Giles Rozier-Pamplin allowed Tim Downs to beat the keeper for his second and Woking's third. Up to this point the game had been largely one-sided but Reading awoke from their slumbers and put together a couple of decent moves that culminated in Langford scoring after 18 minutes. Reading continued to test Woking's defence and Patrick Haddad was forced to make a double save before he was eventually beaten by Milroy's smartly take short-range finish in the 22nd minute. Woking regrouped and continued to make chances with Giles Rozier-Pamplin and Fraser Hope both going close to adding to the score before half time. The only blemish on a strong performance was the yellow card shown to Ollie Sugg following an interpretation of the rules by the umpire that left players and spectators mystified and Ollie muttering darkly to himself. Woking started the second half in much the same way as they finished with three short corners in succession. From the third, a superb piece of individual skill from Giles Rozier-Pamplin set up the fourth goal from Chris Way. Reading hit back and Ronak Patel saved brilliantly on the line to deny them their best chance. Woking continued to dominate and won a succession of short corners and created a number of good chances. Joe Lewin, Chris Way and Giles Rozier-Pamplin continued to test the defence and found Ashby in superb form in the Reading goal. Eventually, a skilful reverse hit by Johnny Pike found the net and rewarded Woking's efforts in the 55th minute. Reading still managed to breakaway a few times but were unable to take advantage of the one on one situations they created. Overall this was a very encouraging display with the team finishing very strongly and some good all-round displays.