

Match Report - Sunday 18th October

Boys Under 16

Woking 6 Camberley 0 (Wessex Cup) Woking 14 Maidenhead 1 (Mercian League)

Woking under 16 boys demonstrated their strength in depth today by winning both their matches convincingly !!

The first match was a Wessex cup game against Camberley, we had played Camberley a few weeks back and drawn 2 - 2 this time the boys were determined to get a win and stay in the Wessex cup thus securing at least one more match for Woking. We had selected a balanced squad that we believed should be strong enough but had held back a lot of players for the afternoon game that we expected to be harder. Jamie Hutchin (captain of the men's twos) had kindly volunteered to coach the match and started with a great pre match talk encouraging the boys to be supportive of each other and not to say anything negative, he motivated the boys who went out with a great team spirit. They defended well and moved the ball around nicely demonstrating some great hockey, Giles Rozier-Pamplin made some beautiful skilful runs through the middle supported by the other midfield players and eventually a goal came to new recruit Matt Powell on his debut for Woking. The defence remained strong and kept the score to 1 - 0 at half time, later in the second half we decided to bring on the boys who had volunteered to sub for the game and this was to quickly secure the game for Woking, with Alexi Yakas scoring 2 and Chris Way scoring one this also lifted the existing players with James Marten, Giles RP also scoring to give a final score of 6 - 0. Camberley did however make several dangerous breaks but the defence stayed strong and dealt with them, Alex Orme in goal stepped up and cleared anything that got through the defence. Dominic Hessey played a great game at centre back and is definitely worth of a mention.

The second match was against Maidenhead in the Mercian League. We are hoping to do well in the Mercian league this season and certainly have the players to achieve this. We didn't really know what to expect from Maidenhead as we didn't play them at U16 last season but we did know they beat us at U14. However it turned out we were a much stronger team and the match was a little one sided. It's quite hard to write a report on a 14 - 1 win except to say the boys demonstrated some great hockey and in particular some great finishing. Goal Scorers were Ollie Sugg x6, Chris Way x6, Will Farrer and Joe Lewin (I hope I got you all)? The defenders also deserve a mention Ronak, Joe and Harry Burlinson in their standard places all played well plus two great performances by Matt Le Brocq and Patrick McGrath who both agreed to play out of position for half a match each. Thanks also to Patrick Haddad who "played up" from the under 14s and although didn't see much action in goal today was there when needed to keep the ball out of our net.

The day showed some great team play and demonstrated what strong squad we have at Woking with two separate squads winning both matches.