

Match Report – Sunday 20th February

Girls Under 12 League

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Again many thanks to Jon Molloy for coming along to umpire today - it is great to have Jon at the matches as he is not only a top umpire but is also very good at talking the girls through the finer points of the rules - thanks Jon we really appreciate your contribution.

Also a special mention to Ally Black who has joined the Friday sessions as head coach. Ally plays for the ladies 1st XI and is already having a positive impact on the Friday sessions - her help will be invaluable as we try to ensure we finish the season with some silverware to show for our performances!!

Sunbury U12s won a strong Teddington tournament last Sunday with virtually the same team that we played against today - we were unlucky against Sunbury last week (we drew 0-0 against them) but we were ruthless today - a great performance from every single girl in the squad you deserved this result. Thanks too for the strong support we received yet again on the sidelines, I think the parents were also able to feel satisfied as they drove home today!

Such has been our goal scoring prowess this season we are amazingly the only side in the league that currently has a positive goal difference having now scored 34 times and conceded only 4! (Unfortunately the league table will only show us as having 27 goals due the maximum 5 goal winning margin rule - however on a positive note, this rule means that whilst Sunbury can still mathematically catch us on points they cannot now catch our goal difference - even if we lose our last match 5-0 and they win all of their remaining fixtures 5-0).....unfortunately we still have to win the Home Counties finals before we get into the medals though so still plenty of hard work to come.

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(MacDonald; Hosman; Rooman Downs 3)

Woking Tornadoes secured the league title with an emphatic victory over second placed Sunbury. The Woking youngsters put in a terrific team performance from the outset, controlling the game with some neat interlinking play and forcing an early short corner. Alice Boneham delivered a perfect push-out and Katie MacDonald drilled straight into the corner to settle the Woking nerves. The Woking team worked hard for each other, passing around a physically stronger Sunbury side and soon extended their lead. Megan Mackay made an excellent run down the right hand side before slipping the ball to Tabitha Bowden and when she found Jozefien Rooman-Downs in the D, the predatory

striker made no mistake as she placed the ball past the advancing keeper and into the corner of the goal.

Sunbury tried hard to get back into the match but the Woking defensive unit put in an assured display with Katie Moor, Maddie Marsden and Ellie Moore looking very secure whilst keeper Harriet Sharp dominated her D, making a couple of good saves. With MacDonald and Boneham controlling play in the centre of the pitch Woking continued to pass the ball around. Lucie Shortland made a strong run into the D forcing the Sunbury keeper to make 3 good saves on the line, although the last was only cleared as far as Rooman-Downes and she left the keeper with no chance as she bagged her second of the game.

Woking had saved their best to the end however with two fantastic team goals to add the icing to the cake. Nicole Chapman Hatchet made a scintillating run down the right hand side before finding Shortland who unselfishly played in Dutch star Floortje Hosman to knock in the fourth. It was Chapman Hatchet who started the move that led to the final goal too, this time picking out Hannah Birchall who had tormented Sunbury down the right hand side throughout the second half. Birchall hit a strong pass into the D which was perfectly placed for Rooman Downs who coolly completed her second league hat-trick of the season.

With the league won with a game to spare, Woking must now wait to find out the winners of the 3 other Home Counties leagues before they know who they will face in the Home Counties finals.

(Currently Guildford, Reading and Canterbury are best placed for the other 3 places)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Goal	Diff
Woking T	7	6	0	1	27	4	18	23	
Sunbury & Walton	5	3	0	2	10	11	9	-1	
Surbiton	5	2	0	3	4	12	6	-8	
Richmond	4	1	0	3	4	11	3	-7	
Epsom	5	1	0	4	3	10	3	-7	