

**Whirlwinds humble Horsham - 8 v 1**  
Chattock 4, Richards 2, Misteli 1, Buck 1

U12 Girls Woking Whirlwinds v Horsham, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011

For many teams a 4 week layoff from competitive fixtures would have fogged up the hockey brains but Whirlwinds just came out all fired up under their 'lead from the front' captain Catie.

After plenty of early possession and territory where the main problem seemed to be finding space and width, Phoebe broke free of her marker and sent a perfect pass to Laila on the top of the D for a one on one on the keeper for which not a Woking supporter would have bet against the outcome.

Perhaps due to a slight lack of concentration the advantage was short lived as Horsham, who consistently showed some good skill, strength and determination went for a run straight down the middle. After early missed tackles and despite some determined running back left it left India exposed to sweep into the corner of her goal. Her first and almost last opportunity to touch the ball!

Starting the second period the Whirlwinds really started to get back into their rhythm with new girls Alice and Suzie seeing plenty of possession on the left supported by a rock solid Hannah B and Jasmine ensuring the game was played in Horsham's half. In a period of intense activity by Paige, a great passing move linking Issy C, Laila, Alice, Issy and then Phoebe saw the goalie left exposed to a solid strike.

Not to be outdone by the lefties success, the right flank responded with Hannah M smashing a great cross into Laila whose thunderous shot was saved by a busy Horsham keeper, only for Issy to tidy up well on the back post, pass back to Laila who laid it off beautifully for Paige to solidly sweep one in from top D.

Now really getting into their stride, Hannah M was soon in the action again this time with a great one-two interchange with Phoebe, before passing it on to Laila, who unselfishly supplied Catie who slipped the ball perfectly to Issy C to sweep it past the keeper. So going into the second break Whirlwinds were 4-1 up and showing no signs of slackness.

Horsham on the other hand were getting weary, so Whirlwinds great passing and teamwork was showing up the gaps more and more. Early on Macy now freed from the dull work of the back division took a pass, after Catie had run into space from midfield, and drilled the ball goal-ward only for the keeper to bounce it back to Issy, hovering near the far post, who seamlessly swept it in.

Later on after many a failed short corner routine, option 3 "a Macy Special" was called, and the girls really showed what they can do. A faultless push out from Laila, stopped well by Hannah M, then stoutly fed back to Laila for a great sweep in behind keeper and defenders. Truly super stuff!

Macy was clearly enjoying her time upfront and found space with time to feed Hannah M on the right wing who had run ahead, who then shelled in a big cross to Catie, in turn who passed back to Macy, offloading to Laila who hit hard and true only for Issy to claim the hat-trick on the rebound. In the blink of an eye she had repeated the feat on the next move and ended the day on a truly fabulous double brace!

Success upfront comes from a solid defence and midfield platform to build on, so a good game for all. Solid tackling, smart passing and plenty of effort all round, well done girls!