

## Woking U8 Wolves – Mini Tournament at Aldershot & Farnham 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011

The W.H.C - U8's Wolves were back on winning ways after a challenging 4 match fixture list on a very foggy morning in deep dark Farnham!

Result: **Played 4 - Won: 2 - Drew: 2 Goals For: 4** (FOUR/VIER) **Goals Against: 0** - (NIL)  
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After an intensive 15 minute drilling on positional play and a good warm up around the pitch, our first match was a tight fought goal-less battle against Youthful Yateley (they were, after all, Under 8).

The entire team resisted the usual scrum formation of players around the ball and therefore giving more space to pass and dribble. We spent a lot of time in their half but couldn't convert and held our formation up and down the pitch very well.

The next match against the Red Devils of Aldershot and Farnham also ended goal-less but again The Wolves held there positions well and very nearly scrambled one in. Although they tested our defensive line on several occasions, they also struggled to break through, thanks to the Rock Solid defence of **Charlotte Bailey** who was 'mean' to all the opposition as she ensured 'clean sheets' throughout.

By this time we were very keen for a Goal and a good win. Our third match against Fleet did not disappoint with most of the game-play happening in their half. Finally the breakthrough came with a remarkable shot by **Joseph Gould** from almost the sideline. A good 1-0 victory.

Our Grand Finale was against the Green Hoops of Hartley Witney who got an excellent lesson in positional play and therefore creating space for passing and running On and Off the ball. This game was our finest triumph where it all came together. It started with an excellent Midfield passing combination from the 'ever aware' **Thomas Wilson** to **Joseph Gould** who controlled the ball well and scored. After the restart there was more to come from the fluidity of the Midfield. A foul on the half way line meant that **Maarten Louwe** stepped up to take the restart and he made 'That Killer Pass' all hockey players dream of, for Joseph to tap in for his 3rd goal of the tournament. Finally **Lily Johnson** repaid the faith vested in her with an excellent shot from a trade-mark **Barnaby Wright** "run down the wing and whack a cross in" (something his dad told him to do!). Finished 3-0.

Some notable performances that certainly deserve a mention:

How far **Rosalie Klijnstra** has grown in confidence, and made some very valuable contributions in defense/midfield. The control of **Thomas Marton** on the left wing, not an easy position, as they DON'T make left handed hockey sticks. The solid Defense and Midfield play of **Lucca Williams, Gregory Ludlow** and **Sam Wavish** who created the back-bone of the side. Also thanks to the **Supporters/Wolves Fan Club** (parents) for all the noise!!