

Match Report – Sunday 21st November

Girls Under 12 League

Woking Tornadoes 12 Sunbury & Walton Hawks 0

Ahead of this week's match report I would like to give a special thanks to Lyall Scorovich - not only for all of the help she has been giving in coaching the Tornadoes squad on a Friday night but for stepping in at absolutely no notice to umpire the first half of today's match when our expected umpires were delayed from completing their own mixed match on the other pitch. Lyall had been stuck at the club all morning and was looking forward to getting home so many, many thanks for helping ensure that today's match started before we all suffered from frostbite!! (And thanks to the girls for showing that Lyall's coaching is paying off!).

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(Rooman-Downes 4; MacDonald 4; Mackay 2 Chapman Hatchett 1 Marsden 1)

With 4 Tornadoes squad members selected by Surrey H.A. for their JDC selection session, there were a number of forced changes to the starting line-up for this match but the Tornadoes delivered an outstanding performance to blow away the Sunbury and Walton Hawks.

Stand-in captain Katie MacDonald led a rousing pre-match battle-cry and the echo was still reverberating around Goldsworth Park when the young captain intercepted the ball and delivered a perfect pass to Jozefiens Rooman-Downes who continued her magnificent form in front of goal by slotting home the opening goal. Debutant Tabatha Bowden then showed no nerves as she made a telling run down the right wing before setting up MacDonald who once again combined with Rooman-Downes, to coolly hit her second goal of the match.

Katie Moore was absolutely outstanding for Woking as she dominated the midfield and it wasn't long before Megan Mackay extended the Woking lead with a well taken third. Nicole Chapman Hatchett was also a power-house throughout, and when she drilled in a shot from the edge of the D, Rooman-Downes was on hand to complete a quick fire hat-trick within the first 20 minutes. The MacDonald Rooman-Downes partnership duly delivered the fifth goal with Rooman-Downes netting again, before the striker turned provider to set up Mackay to drill home the sixth.

If the Woking short corners have been good throughout this season, today they were executed to perfection with MacDonald showing an absolute thunderbolt of a shot that rattled the backboards for goals seven, eight and nine. With the whole team fired up, the girls delivered outstanding performances all over the pitch with Floortje Hosman once again showing her silky skills as she waltzed through the Walton defence and Ellie Moore easily putting in her strongest performance in

Woking shirt with some surging runs down the left (although she had to leave early to see Harry Potter, I'm sure she didn't see quite as much magic on the screen as she had delivered herself on the pitch!).

Hannah Birchall didn't get to see too much of the action but orchestrated the defence with her usual precision as Sunbury & Walton struggled to get out of their own half (even when I allowed them to add an extra player for the final 20 minutes!). Laila Richards also made an impressive debut for the Tornadoes with several flashes of brilliance and as she burst into the D the young forward unselfishly passed to Maddie Marsden rather than shooting herself, enabling Maddie to cap another of her lung-bursting performances by smashing home Woking's tenth. With the thermometer dropping quickly and the floodlights called into action, the girls ensured a hot finish with MacDonald firing another thunderbolt of a short corner for number eleven and Chapman-Hatchett then brought up the round dozen with her own piledriver from the edge of the D.

Special mention to Harriet Sharp for somehow staying awake throughout the match despite the ball never getting anywhere close to the Woking D - (I can't even remember it going into our half) - but she did a good job of heading the cheerleading from somewhere beneath her keepers kit.

(Unfortunately the league only count this as a 5-0 victory as they have a 5 goal maximum winning margin but (what the heck) I've shown the table as it would appear if this rule didn't apply!)

Table

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Woking	3	3	0	0	19	1	9
Richmond	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
Epsom	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Surbiton	2	0	0	2	1	6	0
Sunbury & Walton	1	0	0	1	0	12	0

(One more league game before Christmas against Epsom)