

Match Report – Sunday 27th March

Girls Under 12 Friendly

Woking Hurricanes 3 Reading 3

Gorgeous sunny spring day saw the eager Hurricanes take on Reading. We leant players to Reading to ensure both teams had 11 (thanks Elsa, Phoebe and Bethan for "volunteering").

First Half was a tight competition with Woking probably having the balance of play and nearly scored a couple of times. Sadly, Reading scored close to the end of the first half from a short corner, saved by Tamsin (excellent first match in goal, showed real confidence when clearing the ball) but put in on the rebound. So half time and 0-1; not a fair reflection on the game.

Second half saw Woking come out hard (despite the fact coach forgot the half time jelly babies) with first an equaliser from Kitty followed up by a classic centre forwards goal by Eleanor F to lead by 2-1. I think we (the crowd) were all sensing possible victory....

We had a couple of short corners but never really looked dangerous (more practice needed there) but Reading had circa 6 in the second half which our defenders battled hard against, particularly the two runners, resulting in no further goals from that route. However the Reading pressure did eventually pay off with a well taken equaliser.

With no more than 4 minutes to go, Woking (Kitty) scored to take the lead but almost instantly allowed Reading back in, leading to a nail-biting finish where either side could have scored.

On balance, I thought the girls played well, albeit against a weakened Reading side from their home team. Our defence was strong, tackling well and clearing fairly well. Midfield battled hard in a hot conditions whilst both forwards took goals in open plan. We definitely had confidence to run with the ball which is pleasing to see, although too much of this was down the middle rather than using the wings. Still can't get the girls to realise that wide means on the side line.

Highlight of the match has to be Kitty's goal (second one I think) where she ran with the ball from the half way line to the D and scored.

Thanks to all the parents who brought cakes. Thanks to Millie for attempting to bring a cake (burnt) and Lucy for the jelly babies.

Next week we have the Whirlwinds. We will need to play better to beat them.