

Match Report – Sunday 28th November

Boys Under 12 Development Wessex League

Woking 6 Basingstoke 2

As the team arrived on a cold Sunday morning to the near pitch it was clear that they didn't want to do much standing around. All the boys were itching to get onto the pitch as soon as possible to start playing. The match finally got underway with a Basingstoke pushback but to their surprise Woking boys got stuck in straight away. Woking won the ball countless times and were camped in Basingstoke's half for the first ten minutes of play, their hard work paid off when Charlie managed to deflect a pass into the bottom corner for Woking's first goal. Only a few minutes after the first followed Woking's second also from Charlie but this time from a short corner. Robbie struck the ball hard straight at the keeper when Charlie pounced to get his second of the match; this concluded a strong first third for Woking.

The second third saw Finlay substituted for Ollie who proved to be very influential on the match. Woking started the third with similar fashion to the first attacking relentlessly until they received their well earned third goal this time it was Ollie who finished off yet another superb cross. Basingstoke did show some promise by catching Woking on the break but they failed to convert their chances with Simon making some excellent saves. The boys were once again attacking Basingstoke's D when Ollie slapped the ball past the keeper to increase Woking's lead to 4-0. During the last 10 minutes of the second third Basingstoke managed to score their first through a short corner that was deflected in past Simon. Ollie was then sent off for two minutes for some rather unconstructive comments, nevertheless Woking still pressed on and dominated until Charlie rounded off his hat trick sliding the ball past the helpless Basingstoke keeper.

The Final third began with a similar trend, Woking pinning Basingstoke down in their half and winning countless short corners. Ollie was called back onto the pitch and played respectfully for the last remaining fifteen minutes. His patience was rewarded when Woking won yet another short corner which he struck bottom corner for Woking's sixth of the match and Ollie's hat trick. The match was not over though. Basingstoke suddenly managed a burst of energy and scored after Woking were caught too far up the pitch. Robbie and Hector worked particularly hard in this period winning the ball countless times and supplying brilliant passes to the forwards. Overall the boys worked extremely hard and deserved the win in a very entertaining match.

Writer's Man of the Match: Robbie

Thanks go to Garth Pollock for stepping in to umpire at short notice and Jackie for organising the team.

Mike Stone, Coach