

Match Report - Sunday 29th November

Girls Under 10 Tournament

Woking 0 Guildford 5

Woking 8 Staines 1

Well, not quite as good a result as the last U10 girls tournament, but it probably was a lot wetter and colder.

We played Staines and Guildford.

First match we watched from the freezing shelter whilst Guildford demolished the clearly younger Staines team.

By the time we got on the pitch for the second game, some of our girls were cold and wet, although still keen to engage the opposition. We played a warmed up Guildford side who definitely had the advantage of playing first. Result was we lost 5-0, but frankly the score line flattered Guildford a little. We certainly improved as the game progressed although never quite managed to channel the ball down the right. Libby and Michelle were our defenders who valiantly looked after our goal and learnt as the game went on that it is better to close out the attackers before they shoot. We came close to scoring a few times (even had a short corner which was clearly a first for both teams). Sadly their goalkeeper was up to all our efforts.

Straight into our second game against Staines. The girls were now getting into the swing, our shape was better and we even had some drives down the right and crosses into the D to waiting players!! Helena in midfield tackled well and had a couple of strong runs up the left. Result was a much more credible 8-1 with Saara 2, Ella 2 and Lottie 1 and Noor an excellent hat-trick. Could have been double figures with Eleanor having got into great positions but sadly off target on the day.

Overall a great effort from the girls, especially considering the weather. Girl of the match would have to be Saara, who was very strong on the ball and ran all over the pitch supporting the attack and working back to defend as well. I can't help thinking we would have given Guildford a much closer game had we played them second. Next time.....