

Match Report – Sunday 30th January

Boys Under 12 Development Wessex League

Camberley 0 Woking 1

Yet another cold Sunday morning and another hockey match to be played. The Woking Boys travelled a short distance to Kings International School to face Camberley in a competitive league match. The game started with Woking's push back and quickly we could see that the opposition had turned up to win. Camberley brought on an attacking onslaught as Woking were kept pinned back in their half for a whole ten minutes. As the pressure mounted, the boys stepped up to the challenge and finally got a break through in midfield. Charlie hit the ball straight through to Thys who dribbled into the far corner to release the hold. After this Woking gained real confidence and were consistently attacking down the right wing, piling on the pressure against Camberley and were rewarded with a short corner. Robbie struck the ball forcing a good save from the keeper. The tables really turned and we ended the first third in a strong positive position. After a short break the boys discussed the weaknesses of their game and soon capitalised on them.

Woking started the second third of the game better than they did in the first; it was Woking that had all of the possession. Our midfield dominated theirs, not allowing any balls through. Finally, Woking got a well deserved goal from Simon our keeper turned striker! A ball was hit straight into the D through two Camberley players where Simon could calmly finish slotting the ball through the keeper's legs. After this we really kept on the pressure once more. Up until about the last 15 minutes where we lost concentration. Camberley pressured us again keeping us at bay and came close to scoring many times but David kept us in it with some fine saves. We finished the second third on a high again by shutting out the opposition.

The final third began and there was all to play for but Woking really showed some great hockey. The whole team showed real prowess linking endless passes together and played with great confidence. Charlie was vital in most of our plays, creating countless opportunities for the forward line. Even when it looked like Camberley were going to nick a goal we broke on the counter with Rutger, Thys and Joe all pressing their defence. We managed to stay within Camberley's half for a solid 10 minutes winning countless short corners, however, their keeper kept them in it after providing them with a number of brilliant saves. The final whistle went and the boys knew they had won a hard match. Overall the boys showed incredible determination to keep the intensity up throughout the match providing the spectators with a brilliant match.

Writers Man of the Match: Charlie Bridgewater.

Thanks to Chris Stone for umpiring and Jackie for organising the team.