

## Match Report - Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December

### Girls Under 16 Home Counties League

#### Teddington 1 Woking 1

Woking's slender hopes of qualifying for the latter stages of the Home Counties U16 competition are still within their grasp after a competitive encounter with Teddington. Given that these two sides had met in the U14 final at the end of last season it was always going to be a close affair and it was probably Woking who edged the early exchanges with Kirsty Lazer, Pheobe Bryant and Sophie Totman dictating much of the play.

With both sides defending well, clear cut chances were hard to come by with Katy Davidson and Stephanie Hosman blocking the Teddington forwards and the ever impressive Helen Clemmow in the Woking goal dominating her area. Teddington's best chance of the half was stopped dead on the goal-line by the reliable Emma Sharp and dribbled safely away.

At the other end, Woking were carving chances for themselves with Sophie Snellen making some good runs down the left wing. Charlotte Denhard was no less impressive on the right, bursting through and hitting a perfect pass across the face of the goal that unfortunately beat everyone, including the outstretched sticks of the Woking forwards.

Teddington began the second half strongly with only telling tackles from Katie Colwil and Katie Jacks thwarting promising attacks. When Teddington finally broke through the Woking backline, Clemmow darted from her line to make a diving save at full stretch but unfortunately the forwards momentum took her into the prone keeper and the umpire had no hesitation in awarding a harsh penalty flick that was expertly converted to give Teddington the lead.

Woking's youngsters responded strongly however, with Bryant and Lazer forcing much of the play. Maddie Fletcher picked the ball up just inside her own half and set off on a mazy run that saw her beat 3 Teddington defenders before threading the ball perfectly through to the on-running Charlotte Calnan. Despite being 4 years younger than most of the girls on the pitch Calnan showed the cool head of an old pro to blast the ball into the corner of the net from the edge of the D and secure a well deserved draw. Woking now must beat Reading next Sunday to keep their hopes of qualification from a very tough group alive.