

Match Report - Sunday 6th December

Under 8s Festival (at Woking)

Won 3, Drew 4, Lost 5, For 12, Against 21

A huge well done to all the u8s who played in the tournament yesterday - for some it was their first tournament.

The standard of hockey has definitely improved since the last tournament with lots of the children really battling for the ball and making good tackles and interceptions. There were some truly gritty performances and wonderful to see some end to end hockey with lots of Woking players chasing the ball and getting back to defend when they needed to.

I'd like to give a special mention to Jesse van Krimpen and Etienne Yeo who were playing in the Woking Bs. Both these boys are U6s but were very much at home playing with the u8s and gave great performances. I was amazed at Jesse's energy as he ran continuously up and down the pitch and put in some very accurate passing to enable his team mates to score. Etienne did a great job also and was certainly not afraid to tackle some of the more experienced players- Etienne also scored his first goal- a great achievement!

Thanks also to those players who spent some time playing for either Guildford or Staines when they were short (I know Etienne and Emilie did and possibly some others) - it showed a very mature attitude and great sportsmanship.

Lot Faase also deserves a special mention for her truly solid defending- she seemed to magically appear wherever she was needed on the pitch.

The results were:

Woking A v Woking B 0-6
Woking A v Woking C 0-0
Woking A v Guildford 0-4
Woking A v Staines 0-2

Woking B v Woking A 6-0 Alex Green 2, Max Anderson 2, Emilie Ballard 1, Etienne Yeo 1
Woking B v Woking C 4-0 Max Anderson 3, Alex Green 1
Woking B v Staines 1-1 Alex Green
Woking B v Guildford 1-0 Max Anderson

Woking C v Woking B 0-6
Woking C v Woking A 0-0
Woking C v Staines 0-0
Woking C v Guildford 0-2

Great goal haul for Max and Alex!

HUGE thanks to Rachael who organised the whole tournament. Thanks to Nick Ross for umpiring; Inkie, Beth, Jonathan, Jill and Vincent (and Rachael) for managing the teams. Also to the great turn out of parents who came to watch. This is the first time this season that we've fielded 3 U8 teams, which is brilliant. I hope all those that hadn't done it before enjoyed it and are up for some more at the next tournament on 24th January.