

Southgate 0 v 3 Woking 1s, Saturday 24th September 2011

Woking travelled to Southgate for their first league game this season and secured a solid three points to put them joint top of South Division 1, alongside Wimbledon.

The game started at a good pace and within three minutes Woking won their first short corner. This was coolly converted by midfielder Paula Nicholas, as a well-worked routine around the penalty spot paid off in style as the visitors took an early lead. Woking maintained the pressure from the start and continued to prevent Southgate from getting near the defensive D with some excellent work from Ffi Williams and Lorrie Manhire who stifled each attack.

Nicholas and captain Lyndsey Harwood worked tirelessly to control the midfield and Woking began to pass the ball around with ease. With fifteen minutes gone, Southgate managed to break through the tight Woking defence to have what was to turn out to be their only real chance on goal. However, an amazing dive from goalkeeper Ally Black, parried the shot just past the post. Williams restarted the game immediately and the swift reaction paid off as the ball made its way up the pitch to Tigs who drove into the attacking 25yds and then crossed an inch-perfect ball to Ali Lubbock who smashed it home on the turn, past the advancing keeper to make it 0-2 at half-time.

Southgate struggled to recover from this and they soon ran out of ideas as the Woking defence was resolute. With ten minutes left, Harwood weaved her way into the 25yd line beating a couple of players with ease, before laying off a great pass into the D for Lubbock to slot home first time on the reverse. Some further opportunities were created in the final moments by an out of position Wendy Birks but the score remained 0-3.

Final score: 0-3

Scorers: Nicholas, Lubbock (2)