

Woking Hockey Club: Men's 1st XI

Woking's Forwards run riot in Goldsworth Park

Woking HC 1st XI **5 – 4** Old Georgians HC 1st XI

A goal inside the first minute ensured the home team never lost control of the game, as Woking continue to make good pre-season progress.

Straight from Old Georgians' push back, Chris Way stole possession of the ball, eliminated two players and smashed it to Andy Pike on the far post who calmly flicked the ball over the prostrate keeper.

Twice, OGs cleared the ball off the line, before drawing level when one-time Woking player Andrew O'Sullivan's drag flick evaded Woking keeper Graeme Cooke at OGs first short corner.

Woking deservedly went ahead again – Paul Ellis played a perfectly weighted through ball to James Smith who dinked it past the keeper to go in 2-1 up at half time.

OGs levelled early in the second half; then immediately went behind again when Mark Robinson dispossessed OGs in midfield and played the ball to Way, who crossed to Smith to slam it home.

Then when Pike was fouled just outside the circle, Way self-passed, beat the player in front of him and fired in for goal number four.

O'Sullivan pulled one back for the visitors from a short corner, but Way bagged a second when played in by new signing Graham Buss and chipped the ball over the onrushing keeper.

A late scrambled goal for OGs set up a tense finish, but some good saves from substitute keeper Ed Swain saw Woking hold on for a well deserved win.

Woking Captain James Turner was pleased with the team's performance, commenting, "We're really starting to gel and our forwards look ruthless; hunting in packs, giving the opposition no time to settle."

Man of the Match Smith added, "The lack of short corners was a little disappointing, but otherwise, I thought we were excellent today and we're improving all the time."

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