

**Woking U10 Girls Guildford Mini Tournament,
Sunday 13th November 2011**

Result: Woking 1: played 4, won 3, drew 1. Drew 0-0 in final.

Woking 2: Played 4, won 2, drew 1, lost 1. Drew 1-1 in plate final

WOKING 1

Woking 1 v Guildford 1 1/0

A positive start was made by the team in the first match. Some fantastic midfield work from Maddie, Beatrix and Hannah and great hassling from India up front. Woking maintained much of the possession in this match, although the few breaks that were made by G'ford were neatly curtailed by Ella Mc and Carly at the back to begin with and then Emily when she came on. It was difficult to cheer the goal as it unfortunately came of a Guildford stick, but the constant pressure of Beatrix and Ella C paid off!

Woking 1 v Wimbledon 1 1/0

We played 8 in this match and it suited us much better than 7...half a pitch felt like a large space and 8 helped with using the whole pitch and not just the central channel. Some super runs came from Ella Mc up the right which resulted in a great goal, and Maddie also made some great runs up the left - always a more difficult side to navigate in from to the goal! Hannah and Beatrix had some chances too, but the 12 minute match-time didn't give them long enough to get that ball in the net! Tara and Emily worked brilliantly together at the back - with Tara giving some good support to the midfield when they needed her. Was impressed by some very intelligent passing from Carly in mid-field distributing the ball with a quick look up before she did so!

Woking 1 v Richmond 2 1/0

There was great communication in this game - the girls started to get a little more comfortable as a team and it showed! Emily was a wall through which the oppo couldn't pass with some fantastic big hits which got all the way through to Beatrix hanging up the front. One of these resulted in a fantastic goal by Beatrix which rewarded all her hard work. Great hassling from India and Maddie...you know the girls are giving 100% when their faces are bright red and concentrated!

Woking 1 v Richmond 1 0/0

A very competitive game! We had about 70% of possession and were unlucky not to get a ball into the goal. Was impressed by ALL the girls stamina - they were all still giving 100% and that's a testament to their determination! We got the result we needed which made us top of our group and into the final...

Woking 1 v Richmond 3 0/0

We kept the same team formation, and everyone seemed very confident in their positions - notably India who started off the day playing up front, now played a storming defensive game at the end, really working in a team with Emily - good communication guys - one hanging back and one creeping forward as we had discussed. In the midfield Carly looked much more comfortable as a half as did Tara and Maddie. Great hassling guys..the engine room of the team! Up front we were again unlucky not to score.. the Ellas and Beatrix battled away but the final whistle came and they were frustrated! 5 more minutes eh guys...!

All in all a brilliant effort by everyone. We still have a tendency to move the ball through the centre channel, but there were some definite signs that all the training is

paying off and distribution is getting a bit wider! The age old temptation to follow ball still exists though. Communication is improving too..and that will only get better as the season progresses as they all get to know each other better. Some great stick work and skills -(which can always be further honed at home on the carpet..!)

Heather Johnson and I were impressed by what lovely group of young girls we were in charge of...always a pleasure, so thank you to them for their effort and brilliant play! Thank you too to Heather for the team oranges and Jelly Babies!

Jenny

WOKING 2

Woking 2nd 0 - 0 Richmond 2nd

In this game, Woking 2nd played with enthusiasm and had a couple of goal scoring opportunities, including a shot that hit the post. We defended well and Emma and Molly were solid and reliable to clear the ball when needed. The opposition thought they had scored a goal when they unfortunately made a strong hit at a football goal that was alongside the hockey goal, so the result was a draw, and we had a team chat afterwards about using the whole width of the pitch and not bunching around the ball.

Woking 2nd 0 - 1 Wimbledon 3rd

In the first few minutes, Wimbledon 3rd had several goal scoring chances and it took all of Woking's skills to keep the ball out. But the pressure from Wimbledon was relentless and eventually we conceded a goal. However, we started to spread out in play and in particular Brydie and Caitlin were strong in midfield to help the defense and try to move the ball wide.

Woking 2nd 2 - 0 Wimbledon 2nd

In this game, Woking dominated possession and made some lovely passes during open play to move the ball into the D and allow Brydie to score the first goal, and Caitlin the second. Again Rosie hit the post, and Phoebe created more chances to score that were kept out by a good Wimbledon defense. The team deserved their jelly babies after this match, with lots of hard running necessary to defend when Wimbledon tried to break with the ball.

Woking 2nd 6 - 0 Guildford 2nd

Our final group game was fast paced and Ella and Brydie made good passes around the Guildford players to move the ball into space. It was not long before the first goal, scored by Rosie past the last Guildford defender. Moments later, after neat passes from midfielder Caitlin and defender Emma, we managed to secure victory with three more goals from Rosie, and one each for Abby and Brydie.

Woking were placed second in Group 2 and so qualified for the 3rd/4th place playoff game with the runner up of Group 1.

Woking 2nd 1 - 1 Richmond 1st

Richmond wanted to play with all 9 of their players and so we needed to find two

additions to our side. We found a Richmond 2nd player and Rosie's younger brother Tommy, and Richmond pushed back to start the game. After some well co-ordinated play, Richmond came close to our goal and managed to scramble the ball over the line for a 1-0 lead. Woking re-grouped and stuck to their positions well, passing the ball wide and trying to keep possession. We left two players near the goal mouth and this paid off as a lovely pass to Rosie by Abby was followed by a strike on goal, and Rosie scored. This was a very close game, where neither team had possession for long, and after some hard running by both sides to try to get the winning goal, the umpire blew the final whistle.

Well played to all the girls!

Cathy and Lisa.