

Match Report - Sunday 13th December

Girls Under 16 Home Counties League

Woking 3 Reading 0

With 12 days till Christmas Woking's U16 ladies delivered an early Christmas present for coach Cath Woods with an emphatic victory over Reading.

Requiring a win to keep their season alive, the Woking girls dominated from the outset with Pheobe Bryant and Lucy Poffley both going close with efforts within the first five minutes. With a short corner won, the ball came out to Georgia Lord and although her goal-bound effort was well saved by the Reading keeper, Lucy Collier was on hand to tap in the rebound. Woking were well deserving of their lead with Sophie Totman in scintillating form on the right wing and Katie Davidson commanding in the centre. Woking went close to extending their lead when Bryant delivered an inch perfect pass into the D, finding Stephanie Hosman who was unfortunate to see her carefully placed shot rebound from the post.

With Georgina Bernard's pace causing countless problems for the Reading defence, Lord saw another effort fly just wide before Maddie Fletcher unleashed a thunderbolt from the edge of the D and although the Reading keeper saved well again, Totman made no mistake with the rebound.

Reading tried to fight back in the second half but with Helen Clemons in commanding form in the Woking goal and Katie Colwil impassable in defence, there was to be no way back and it was soon Woking dominating again with Hosman setting up Lord for another effort that went narrowly wide.

As Woking pushed forward, defender Emma Sharp caught the eye, seemingly dancing around the Reading midfielders at will as she surged forward to set up a Woking onslaught on the Reading goal. With a move that started from their own half, Sharp found the hard working Fletcher and she turned on a couple of defenders before threading the ball through to Bryant. The Woking youngster delivered yet another telling pass to Lord who showed a deft touch before calmly tucking the ball away to secure a fully deserved 3-0 victory.

With two matches remaining in the New Year, Woking's girls now find themselves in a three way tussle with Surbiton and Thames Valley for the two qualifying places on offer for the knock-out phase of the Home Counties competition.