

Match Report - Sunday 18th October

Under 8s Festival (at Yateley)

Won 1, Drew 1, Lost 2, For 1, Against 2

As well as three u10 teams we took one u8 team to our first festival of the season which was hosted by Yateley HC at Wellington College.

For some of the U8 team this was their very first festival and for most only their second. The children were therefore full of nervous excitement and I was both proud and pleased at the way in which they gelled together and were able to work as a team - most of the time!

Woking v Yateley 0-0

In our first match Woking managed some confident play from the outset which enabled them to dominate. However, we were unable to convert any of the many opportunities and it was unfortunate that a goal scored by Hugo was disallowed as the scoreline did not reflect Woking's performance in this match.

Woking v Aldershot 0-1

Despite not winning our first match, Woking were full of enthusiasm and really took the game to Aldershot. We passed the ball much better during this game and Aldershot were very lucky to score. Some excellent defending from Alex and Daniel.

Woking v Camberley 1-0

Everyone tried harder in this match to call for the ball and to pass more accurately. Hugo and Max made some excellent runs but Camberley were very quick also and several of our shots on goal were saved. However, a great interception by Alex followed by an accurate pass to Max enabled Max to make a great run and score. I would say this was actually the toughest match so the children were justifiably thrilled with their win!

Woking v Hartley Wintney 0-1

Unfortunately, I think that we had lost our focus by our last match and we struggled to gain any momentum. However, some solid play and good interceptions kept the scoreline down against a team of very tall U8s!

The team were:

Olivier Dalenoord, Penny Powell, Noor Rinkes, Alex Green, Hugo Raphael, Daniel Von Hanisch, Max Anderson and Lucy Clemmow. Big thanks to Sammie Powell who stepped in to help when we were short of players at the beginning of the festival.

Well done to everyone who played, I saw some excellent, skilful hockey on display with every player making a good contribution. I am sure that we will do even better in the next festival now that we have some experience under our belts.

Our next festival is on 8th November at Aldershot and it would be great to be able to field 2 or even 3 U8 teams.