



COLTS NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Old Cranleigh Hockey Club



The U10 'Oranges' enjoying their medals after winning the Surrey Plate competition

Welcome back

A weekend jam packed with fixtures and friendlies, including the U10 boys storming to victory in the Surrey Plate competition. Read on to hear how all the teams got on at the weekend.

Easter hockey camps - we plan to run a 2-day hockey camp for U8 - U16 players (and GKs) over the Easter holidays, more details to follow shortly.

Please note - the last Sunday training session will be 29th March

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OCHC U9 Girls

This week Lead Coach Matt Close introduces us to the U9 girls age group

The mighty U9 girls continue to go from strength to strength. At the beginning of the season we welcomed eight girls to OCs who were completely new to the game and we are particularly delighted with the progress that they have made.

48 girls brave the elements week in, week out (well nearly, depending on the severity of the elements) and their commitment and dedication is second to none. They just about cope with the coaches jokes and Gerry's warm-ups, they work hard at the training drills and enjoy game time.

We have been mostly successful at a number of tournaments – the girls showing their empathetic side by sharing the goals with the opposition – but come win or lose it does not matter, the girls are just enjoying it for what it is.



We are mastering the basics and continue to build upon the excellent work from previous years. Our focus at the moment is avoiding lemmings-syndrome and I am pleased to say that it's working. Over the coming weeks, we will have the opportunity to hone our skills even more as we once again meet the old enemy: Wimbledon HC.

My special thanks, as ever, must go to the brilliant team of coaches who marshal the girls very early every Sunday and always make it fun. Thank you Rosco, Gerry, Matt H, Jan, Neville and Heath. I also want to say that this season has been made so much easier by the help of Michelle, our parent rep and admin guru. Unlike last year (I did it) we have actually turned up at the right place, the right time and with the right players!

We look forward to the last few weeks of training, hopefully avoiding Jack Frost.

Matt Close

Action round up

A round up of some of the action from the weekend

U10 Boys

The Oranges team were crowned winners at the 23 team Surrey Plate tournament. A fantastic achievement, congratulations boys!



U12 Boys

The Oranges and Blues convincingly beat their counterparts at Teddington, whilst in a tougher assignment, the Reds and Whites had some narrow losses but improved to draw v Surbiton.



U10 Girls

The U10 girls plate team played their best hockey to date in the Surrey Plate and won their final pool match 6-0. Unfortunately, it still was not enough as they were up against 2 very strong Surbiton teams in the other pool matches, so just failed to qualify for the knock-out stages.



The Brays (our team entered in the Surrey Cup in a couple of weeks) had an unusual day with three consecutive 'training' matches against a strong Woking 1st team. Overall, the girls played very nicely, we looked strong and composed at the back, allowing Woking very few chances despite their incisive attacking and passing. In attack, we need to create more chances but we looked better and better as the games went on. First game was a 0-0 draw, second game we narrowly lost 1-0 and third game we won 2-0 with a nice goal from Alethia and also a goal from a well worked short corner by Rosie R (first short corner goal ever for this team!). The most important thing (as we all agreed) is to have fun - roll on the Surrey Cup so the fun can continue.



The Mortars were unbeaten at the OC U10 girls hockey tournament. First game was 3-0 win vs Javelins, then a 3-2 win vs Woking, with a 2-2 draw against Cannonballs. Goalscorers were Leah (4) Martha (2) and Alex (2). Defence and midfield linked up nicely. Well played girls.



The Javelins had a tough day with two losses from our friends in Mortars and Cannonballs but a final draw 0-0 against Woking. Good passing play by Lily D and Issy and a disallowed goal by Layla were the highlights. Good spirit throughout girls.

U11 Girls

An U11 squad travelled to Aldershot to play their first ever 11-a-side match. They drew 1-1 but more importantly, got some great full pitch experience and smiles all round.



U12 Girls

The U12 teams had a busy Sunday - our A Cup squad played a round robin vs Teddington and Guildford, winning 3 and losing the last game after running out of gas.

Our B Cup squad played OKs and drew 1-1 with a fast and competitive game and some good short corners (after practicing on Sunday)



We put a team into an Epsom tournament where the girls won 2 and drew 2. Quite the logistical challenge on the day but all great practice for next weekend.

Our Plate squad played Tulse Hill and beat them soundly 8-1



U14 Girls

The U14 Cyclones had a difficult match where they spent the majority of the time defending (we lost count of the number of short corners). In the end, they lost 4-0 to a well drilled Wayfarers side. However, great defence by the girls and in particular Storm, who fought endlessly to get the ball away on 16s. Klara played really well in the middle, often holding up the ball and distributing it to the wings and Poppy up front, when she got the ball, threatened. Player of the match voted by the other team was Storm.

The U14 Tornadoes lost 0-5 to a well drilled Woking team in their last League match. A shame to end their competitive season on that note but the girls have gelled well as a group, with lots to build on for next year.

U16 Girls

The U16 Cobras lost 1-0 to a strong Surbiton team but were still smiling



Diary dates & updates

Last Sunday of training - Sunday 29th March

Easter holiday hockey camp

We plan to run a 2-day hockey camp at OCs for U8 through to U16 players (including goalkeepers) during the Easter holidays. Final details are being confirmed as we go to print and an email will come out to all players over the next week with more information.

We have also had a few questions about Summer hockey - the plan is to run this again on a similar basis to last year but more details will follow shortly.



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