



COLTS NEWSLETTER

The latest news and updates from Old Cranleigh Hockey Club



Fantastic results in the Surrey Hockey Cup competitions for the U10 girls and U10 boys

Thank you

Last Sunday saw two more fantastic results in Surrey Hockey Cup tournaments - read on for the team match reports.

Things have moved on significantly since then of course and we would like to thank you for your patience and support earlier this week whilst we worked to ensure we remained aligned with Public Health England and England Hockey policy. We were extremely sad to have to call an early end to the season but we look forward to coming together again as a club as soon as circumstances allow.

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Re-cap of club communications

Monday 16th March

In light of the latest announcements today by the government we have concluded that we will be cancelling, with immediate effect, all future training and matches for both our Colts and Senior players for the remainder of the season. This is in line with England Hockey's statement. These are unprecedented times and we must adhere to the guidance in the statements made today. It is without doubt a very frustrating way to end what has been another superb season across OCHC but when we can, we will come back as a club to celebrate everyone's achievements. Please look after yourselves and we will keep in touch over the coming months.

Wednesday, 17th March - updated 20th March to include Easter camps

Following on from the hockey club's announcement yesterday I wanted to provide a further update. Yesterday we felt we had to react quickly to the government's statements due to training take place that evening. We are also fortunate that our relationship with England Hockey allowed us to have the knowledge that they were about to make their statement regarding National League games and Cup fixtures. I would therefore like to clarify:

Colts Training & Matches – there is no change to yesterday's announcement and all hockey is cancelled for the remainder of the season which was due to end the 29th March 2020

U16 Girls, Over 40s Mens and Over 50s Men England Hockey Cups – currently suspended until further notice from England Hockey

Senior Training & Matches – all the Senior leagues are currently suspended until further notice from the league organiser and training remains cancelled

Senior Summer Leagues – these are currently under review and we will provide a further update in early April

Colts Easter Camps - in light of the latest guidance, these have now been cancelled

Summer Training Programme – we will continue to review the situation and advise you if this becomes an option

The Old Cranleighan Club is now officially closed until further notice and access will not be permitted.

May I take this opportunity to send the club's best wishes to all our club members, family, friends and the hockey community during what are very uncertain times.

Helen Hawes, Club Captain

Action round up

A round up of some of the action from the weekend

U10 Boys - Surrey Cup



Following their fantastic achievement in winning the Surrey Plate, the Under 10 Boys Orange team were invited to play in the Surrey Cup last Sunday and put in another brilliant performance coming third in the tournament, claiming another medal.

Starting the afternoon with no expectations against the best teams in the county, the boys brimming with confidence hit the ground running in their first game against Woking and won the match 4-0 with fine play from our forwards Willem and George.

The second match was much harder against London Wayfarers, a team they lost to twice in the season, but again produced a really high level of hockey beating the oppo 2-1, with great link up play by Josh, Matt and Lewis.

The third game was a local derby against our neighbours Surbiton, who the boys hadn't played all season. Completely unfazed they continued in the same fashion with Wilf and Ollie terrorising their defence and helping dispatch Surbiton relatively easily, winning 3-1 charging into the semi finals!

The level had to drop at some point and unfortunately it happened against Wimbledon in the semis. Although it was a close game Wimbledon took their chances and won 2-0. After such a great run the boys were obviously disappointed but picked themselves up for the 3rd place playoff.

The opposition was Surbiton again who were much more focused this time, making it a great game with end to end hockey but no goals. This was despite our midfield, with Sam in particular, continually pushing forward. We then went to flicks.

The boys first experience of penalty flicks went amazingly well with no fear from any of the takers. After the first round of 4 flicks ending evens Surbiton were the first to lose their nerve with a fantastic save from Barney allowing Julius to slot away the winning goal!

Other than the recent results, the most pleasing aspect of this season has been the rate of improvement and style of hockey the boys have played with great passing, movement and awareness. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch and be a part of for all the coaching team.



Coaches keeping their cool - as for the supporters.....!

U10 Girls - Surrey B Cup



In some of the final sporting moments pre the COVID-19 “lockdown” the U10 Girls battled their way to a well-deserved 3rd place, bronze medal finish in the Surrey B Cup. Hosted by Surbiton HC, this was a thoroughly tense affair almost from start to finish, with the girls winning not 1 but 2 penalty flick shoot-outs... the first to get into the semi-finals and the second to take the bronze medal.

The squad was Amelie Twydell-Satterley (GK), Isobel Archbold, Heidi Chambers, Jess East, Alethea Jones, Izzie Lennon, Rosie Preston, Rosie “Roz” Robson, Amelie Ruocoo and Elle Steedman.

First up for the girls was a nervy 0-0 draw against Guildford...despite all of the practising and the clear focus points/ direction given by the coaches, the girls started pretty slowly and substitutions were made earlier than had been planned so we could talk to the girls about what was happening on the pitch. The coaches’ post-match feedback was encouraging but direct!

Next up was one of the 2 Surbiton teams in the competition and the girls started much more strongly, playing as we know they can. The game ended in another 0-0 draw despite OCs having multiple opportunities to score... and Surbiton having a goal disallowed after their scorer trod on the ball in the D seconds before shooting. At this stage Amelie Twydell-Satterley in goal had barely had anything to do. Her moment would come, though.

With all of the games across both groups being so close and so few goals being scored, the next match was a sudden death, quarter-final match against the other Surbiton team... We moved to a 1-2-2-2 structure but went a goal down with about 5 minutes to go. Already nervous parents (and coaches) were encouraging the girls more and more vociferously....with regular checks between the OCs coaches to gauge how long was left and substitutes being thrown on in the desperate hope of us getting an equaliser. With 46 seconds left on the clock, the girls equalised through a very well taken goal by Roz Robson. Surbiton only had time left to push the ball back from the middle before the whistle went... onto penalty flicks!

We had spent half an hour at training in the morning working with the girls on penalty flick technique and Amelie T-S had honed her technique in goal... all done "in case" any of the matches went to penalty flicks. Never was 30 minutes at training better spent! All 3 of the penalty flick takers (Roz Robson, Izzie Lennon and Isobel Archbold) scored their goals in emphatic fashion (burying the ball in a corner, low and hard) and Amelie made 2 great saves – one at full stretch with the very end of her stick – to take the girls through into the semi-finals.

The semi-final opponents were the first Surbiton team we had played and, sticking to our new structure, the girls continued to play really well, moving the ball and the opposition around but unfortunately we couldn't get a goal and conceded one a few minutes from time. Disconsolate at losing, the girls were given a new burst of energy by the confirmation of a 3rd vs 4th place play-off against the Guildford team they had played in the first match of the day.

This was another hotly contested match with both teams desperate to score but legs and minds definitely and understandably tiring after already having played for an hour across the preceding 4 matches. Another 0-0 final time score meant more penalty flicks... this time the winners were to get medals but the losers would walk away empty-handed. Guildford won the toss and went first. At the end of the first 3 flicks for each team the score was 2 all, so we went to sudden death. Both team's first takers scored their goals, but the Guildford's second penalty taker had their shot saved by Amelie T-S... at which point Izzie Lennon stepped up and buried her flick into the goal! OCs winning the bronze medal.....!!

The girls were over the moon and their parents celebrated in true OCs fashion whilst commiserations were extended to Guildford and in particular the girl who had her final flick saved. Huge beams all round as the girls got their medals and had photos taken – a job well done, nerves settled and more success for OCs. A great team effort with all of the girls playing their part and continually working hard for the team – never giving up and getting their reward at the end!

A great job, girls – two very proud coaches to add to the parents and other supporters!

Coaches Eastie and Mark

U10 Boys

The Blue and Green teams headed to the Bank of England Sports Ground for a tournament against Spencer and Wayfarers (who also brought two teams each). The teams played some great hockey, with the Greens getting stronger as the tournament went on and the Blues remaining unbeaten throughout. Well played boys!



U10 Blues

Cyclones



U14 Girls

The U14 Girls had four matches, lost 2, won 1 and the fourth was played as a friendly.



Storm



Hurricanes

Our fabulous U6s.....



And our very cool U11 Girls.....



Diary dates and updates

Show us what you're up to

With schools closed and hockey cancelled, how to keep those stick skills going? How about joining in with some of the fun, safe challenges started by some of the world's best hockey players on Instagram! How many keep uppies can you manage with a stick and a toilet roll? Dribble around some socks? How are you keeping up your fitness? Like us on Instagram and tag us at [@ocranleighhc](https://www.instagram.com/ocranleighhc) [#OCHockeyCan](https://www.instagram.com/ocranleighhc) [#keepplaying](https://www.instagram.com/ocranleighhc) and show us what you're up to!

Claim your hoodie

These were all found in the kit container at the club - probably having been left behind after training and stashed for safe keeping. Please come along to the club tomorrow, Saturday 10am-12pm, to collect. We will store any not collected until next season.





FIH PRO LEAGUE

The 2020 FIH Pro League games are now on hold until May 17th, further announcements will be made in due course. Follow the latest news on the FIH Pro League website.

www.fihproleague.com/news/fih-hockey-pro-league-postponement-extended-to-17-may_835

Keep in touch

We will continue to provide updates as and when things change via email, our social media feeds (Twitter, Instagram and Facebook) and the club website www.ochockeyclub.org.

Looking ahead to next season

We are currently finalising the timetable for the 2020/21 season. We will run the same renewal process as usual for next season and will be in touch next month with further details.

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