

# Old Cranleighan Colts Newsletter 2014/5

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Season 3

Week 18



## Week 18 – The Final Stretch....!

Can you believe half term has been and gone and we are already in March? Therefore only 4 more weeks to go this season doesn't time fly!! Anyway we are now at the sharp end of the season and after plenty of training sessions and "friendly" tournaments we now enter the competitive end of the season where we play in the Surrey Tournaments across the county at U10 and U12 Level. The first week after half term saw our U12 Boys push back the first of these, although there were also plenty of tournaments for the other age groups still going on which have been ongoing all season. This week sees both U10's teams looking to bring some silverware home, with both teams in good shape (Good Luck Boys & Girls!!). This week the newsletter finally makes its return with some important reminders for the forthcoming weeks, (Mini Club Day on the 29<sup>th</sup> March – Save the Date!). Please ensure you pick up your playing shirts to wear over the summer months as I am reliably told it's going to be a scorchio!! You heard it here folks!!



**NB: Last week – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2015 – End of Season Mini Club Day (All Day) (Details to follow! – Watch this space!)**

### FIXTURES THIS WEEK...!

U10's Boys Surrey Tournament at Old Kingstonian HC  
U10's Girls Surrey Tournament at Trinity School Croydon

### OCHC COLTS PLAYING SHIRTS

Please make sure that you pick up your ordered shirts from Helena and the team on Sunday and please don't forget to pay and make a contribution to the club, as they say...."Every Little Helps!"



**March 15<sup>th</sup> – Next Week (MEET 9.45am for 10am – 12noon Session) – Goalkeeping Clinic. Please confirm you attendance and book your place with the front desk. First Come First Served (Limited Spaces)**

## WANTED

### Volunteers for 2015 – 16 Season

- Newsletter Writer
- Coaches
- Admin Help
- Social & Events Secretary
- Team Reps (All Age Groups)
- Fundraising Secretary

**Your Club Needs YOU!!**  
Please contact Cato, Kelly or Kate for more details

**NB: Please bring all Goal Keeping Kits and any Old OC's shirts to training on Sunday that you may have kept from the tournaments over the last few weeks! Thanks!!**

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### Player of the Day...!

Please send through your pictures for Player of the Day. As you can imagine it is hard to keep a track of the players that have really excelled, especially as there are so many teams that are away. However well done to all who have won the prestigious awards, and for those who haven't please keep trying, as your efforts will be rewarded! If you are missing your medal please speak to the front desk or your coach and we can sort that out for you!

### U11 Girls – Old Georgians Dragons Tournament

Another great tournament although we were playing Wimbledon (1&2), Dragons (1&2) and Epsom (1&2) who are all good side and we've played them all before this season. To start on a development note...we need to score goals! Whilst we played so much better against these teams with a net average of 2 goals better off than in previous games unfortunately we didn't score any goals all day. That said, our defensive trio of Scarlett, Fay and Hannah in goal were great and made us competitive in all 6 games.

So the results were Played 6, won 0, drew 2 and lost 4. The ones we lost were by 2 goals in 1 game and by a single goal in the other 3. Our formation of play is coming on leaps and bounds and our basic skills are improving all the time. We had some good link play from Amelia, Anna (who has improved massively) and Emily. Mollie (with her new stick) and Olivia upfront had some good chances and came close but that elusive goal is yet to come...

This team has got real fight, a great team spirit and a love for the game which makes them a real pleasure to coach and a credit to the Club. Hannah got player of the tournament for her goalkeeping which also drew some appreciation from the opposition coaches. Well done to you and well done team!!! **Coach Chris**



### U12's Girls Teddington Tournament

On a cold but beautiful Sunday morning, we fielded an U12 girls team in Teddington, scheduled to play against both the A & B teams from Teddington and Richmond so we knew it wasn't going to be a walk in the park. Our first match was against Teddington A, and our girls were on the back foot from the outset. Alice had an injured wrists so our defence was weakened, despite some solid defence from Sophie, we could not hold back a very skillful and well drilled team conceding 9 goals very quickly.

Luckily we had one match to regroup before facing Teddington B, and we used it well. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> match the pressure was on again and all girls got stuck defensively but attacking opportunities were far and few between and we were soon 3 goals down. A well-constructed attack down the left wing did result in a goal from Sasha but the final whistle was blown just as she hit the ball. We had no time to think and immediately faced Richmond with a 1 minute turnaround. Again the girls played

better as a team and looked like getting points from the game but conceded 3 very quick goals right at the end of the game. The girls were not looking forward to their last match against Richmond A, and to add to the worry Richmond had transferred a few Teddington players as they appeared to be short. This seemed to drive the girls on in what was again a tight match with opportunities at both ends. We conceded two goals both from a 16 yd hit which we gave directly to the opposition and right at the end Maddie skillfully deflected a hit into the back of the net, but unfortunately our own one. A tough competition with some very strong opponents, but our players never once gave up and fought to the end with good team spirit. Plenty of work to do back at OC's but a solid performance nonetheless. **Coach Lee**

### U12 Boys Surrey Tournament at Old Kingstonians HC

The good news is that we had a full squad of players, and coach, revitalised from the half term break and ready to take on the best of Surrey in the close to home at Old Kingstonians. The weather was good, but unfortunately that was the only thing that went our way all afternoon. Epsom represented our first challenge, and the team more than held their own throughout. Thomas, padded up in goal for the first time, made some crucial early saves, whilst Luke was strong to clear the lines in defence. Up front Ed was close to scoring on a number of occasions but unfortunately it was Epsom who knicked a breakthrough goal near the final whistle. OK's followed, but unfortunately heads dropped after a dubious goal decision and with it went our energy and our ability to man mark in defense. With confidence rocked, we ended the final game against Oxted with a similar result. The difference between the teams wasn't great and if go back to the training ground and learn to close players down quicker and man mark in the D, results will improve. **Coach Adrian**

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