

Old Cranleighan Colts Newsletter 2014/5

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Season 3

Week 21



Week 21 – The final countdown....!

As we move into our final week of the season, the penultimate week was played out at Thames Ditton with the visit of five Mixed U8 teams from our nearest and dearest neighbors – Surbiton. We played a mini festival where three of our teams played some great hockey and competed really well against some strong opposition. See the reports of this and it was also the turn of the U12 girls and their Surrey Tournament who apparently didn't lose, but did not qualify for the knock out stages....work that one out...?!!

Please make sure you read a number of important announcements this week about the end of the season and keep your eyes peeled over the next few weeks and months as although the season is over, there is still plenty going on at Thames Ditton. Also please support us on Sunday with the Easter Funday!! There is plenty going on for all the family...!! See you there, and fingers crossed for the weather....!!

DEADLINE – MAY 31st

Last chance to get your shirts for the £5 rate. After this date, shirts will be at normal price.....! Due to our brilliant sponsors at IHG Rewards Club, the shirts have been heavily subsidized, so much so that you are purely paying for the personalization. However if you do not sign up and pay for your shirt by the 31st May, the prices will be rising for next season!! You have been warned. Please note sizes go down to U8 level so get your shirts for next year. IHG Rewards Club will also running a competition involving shirts over the summer, so if you have not done so already, see Helen to get yours ordered!

U12's Surrey Plate Tournament

What a way to end the season...unbeaten but knocked out...I know right?? (Think that's what the kids say anyway)

A massive congrats to the U12 Girls (and the U11's who stepped up) on a great tournament. The 28 teams on the day were divided into 7 groups and we were pitted against Surbiton Ravens, Barnes and Spencer A. As usual we were well supported and looked every bit a professional as you would expect from an OC team with our little base camp set out early we got down to business...

We drew with Surbiton (0-0) having outplayed them and unfortunately narrowly missed out on scoring on a number of occasions. Same result against Barnes with much the same, good defensive discipline and just unable to get the ball in the net. In the final pool game we were up against a Spencer team who had won 1 and drawn one so we had our work cut out for us. In a hard fought game we managed to counter there explosive sweepers hitting from the back and got the goal and win (1-0) we had deserved all day!

That meant we both finished the group with 5 points and the same goal difference so it was down to penalty flicks. Having never had the opportunity to practice we lost and missed out on the chance to progress further in the competition. Bitterly disappointed but immensely proud of the girls and a great way to end the competitive season! Sophie was the player of the tournament for her ferocious tackling and reducing the opposition shots to a bare minimum. All the girls deserved a medal especially those who didn't get much match time!

(Coach Chris)



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Player of the Day...!

Still lacking in pictures, but we have a few more this week in the penultimate week on the pitch. Only one week left to show the coaches how good you are. Congratulations to all of those who have won the award this week, and just to reiterate to all of you the awards are awarded for a number of things as well as good play, fair play, sportsmanship, listening, effort and team work amongst other things. All important on the hockey pitch!!



U8's Mixed Spencer Tournament v Surbiton

Bright and early on Sunday morning, the OCs hosted an Under 8 Mixed tournament involving 3 teams from OCs and 5 from Surbiton. One of the OCs teams (the All Stars, Mega Stars and Super Stars) and one Surbiton team played 'host' on each of the 4 pitches with the Surbiton Tigers, Badgers, Rabbits and Foxes rotating round. It was an excellent tournament, played in really good spirit and at the end there were a lot of very tired kids...and some fairly hoarse coaches and parents too!

The Super Stars (Lucy East, Georgie Hauck, Tilly Newbold, Theo and Dylan Rasenberg and Kiran Welsh - Coach Jon) won their first game 1-0, lost to the Badgers 0-3 and then won their final two matches 3-0 and 3-1 respectively. The captancy - requiring sage words of advice and reflection at the end of each match - rotated around as did the positions but we played best when defending the far ("lucky") goal and with Theo leading the attack. Dylan, Lucy and Tilly did sterling work defending our goal whilst Kiran and Georgie played key roles in ensuring the movement of the ball up the pitch and covering back in defence. Everyone put in a huge amount of effort - Tilly won the player of the tournament medal for this team, showing strongly in her first ever tournament.

The All Stars (Annabel Cole, William Graham, Sophie Miles, Jack Robertson, Freya Scott and Daisy Smeed - coach Dirk) really didn't have the rub of the green, with our results not reflecting the quality of teamwork on display or the individual effort put in by all. Annabel, Sophie and Will tackled well in midfield, freeing Freya and Jack to lead our attack. The team worked hard for one another, passing and communicating well, with some good running off the ball into space on display. Things to think about for next time are not getting caught in possession and giving your teammates safe passing options from defensive free hits. Freya was awarded player of the tournament for the team, however it was a close call with everyone putting in great effort as well as Jack scoring two well taken goals.

The Mega Stars (Jemima Benson, Hanna Garghouthi, India Lynn, Beatrice Morrod, Evie Robinson & Toby Smith - Coach Kathryn) had a hesitant start losing 0-1, but re-organised and remembered to use the space on the pitch drawing their next two games 1-1, and finishing with a spectacular win 3-0. It was a real team effort. Everyone should be very proud of their performance and the improvement that they have made during the season. Player of the tournament went to Toby Smith for surviving the morning as the only boy on the team (and scoring some fantastic goals!)

Thanks to Kathryn Smith for her overall team management, to Gav for his overall time-keeping and supervision and, most importantly, to all of the kids who participated - it was great fun to watch and be part of.

Jon, Dirk and Kathryn



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