

SUSSEX COUNTY WATER POLO
GIRLS JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SQUAD
LONDON WINTER LEAGUE JUNIOR COMPETITION

TOURNAMENT 2, WHITGIFT SCHOOL, SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY 2010

The second tournament in this season's championship was played back at the excellent deep water pool at Whitgift School in South Croydon when the squad was due to play a repeat of the three fixtures against the other competing teams. Once again the squad that played featured girls from Crawley, Mid Sussex Marlins and Worthing as follows; -

1. Matilda Coke
2. Laura Joseph
3. Zara Williams
4. Tara Osborne
5. Lauren Hand
6. Rachel Piper
7. Fran Collings
8. Karen Chan
9. Chole Kells
10. Jo O'Connor
11. Hansy Shore

The three match reports are as follows; -

1. Beckenham 3, Sussex 0. (H/T 1-0)

This was a really good all-round team performance from all the girls who played particularly well in the first half and would have scored on a number of occasions without the efforts of the excellent opposition goal-keeper.

Matilda had volunteered to play in goal and she made a number of saves and the team defended particularly well in the first-half. Jo and Zara both dealt well with the opposition centre forward and we were unlucky to concede 2 of the 3 goals.

Scorers; - None. Exclusion: - Fran Collings.

2. Sutton & Cheam 4, Sussex 1. (H/T 1-0)

This was another good performance against a strong Sutton team.

Once again we played particularly well in the first-half and the opposition goal-keeper made a number of good saves.

In the second period Zara scored an excellent goal from the centre-forward position and we continued to create chances but the opposition's greater experience eventually gave them the edge.

Defensively we again looked very solid for long periods and the overall performance again indicated that progress is being made.

Scorer; - Zara Williams. Exclusion; - Rachel Piper.

3. Croydon Amphibians 3, Sussex 1. (H/T 1-0)

The final score may indicate otherwise but we actually recorded a win in this match because the opposition were unable to field a team of 7 girls. As a result they "borrowed" players so that we could at least play the match.

Once again we defended well and with a little more composure in front of goal we would have scored a number of goals. In the end we had to be satisfied with one excellent finish from Fran but the team again played well and gave 100% up to the final whistle.

Scorer; - Fran Collings, Exclusions; - None.

In conclusion, this was another good tournament for a very young team who will only continue to improve.

We only have one squad member (Rachel) who is playing at the top of the age group and as a result we would expect that the experience gained this year will serve us very well in future competitions.

The final event of the season takes place back at the same venue in two weeks time.

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