# **Ashtead All Stars: Weekly Update**

## W/c Monday 3rd March

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### **Results from Last Week:**

#### **Nonsuch League:**

U10 Scorpio v Richmond Ravers LOST 2 - 11 U10 Scorpio v Hillcrest LOST 1 - 11 U10 Scorpio v CD Phoenix WON 4 - 2

Scorpio had a very hard group of matches and despite playing some nice netball, went down 11-2 to an excellent Richmond side who later went on to win the division. The next game was against Hillcrest, and whilst the girls tried hard, they were up against another very strong team, and lost 1 - 11. The girls then battled through to win a closely fought final match against CD Phoenix. A special mention goes to Kyla Kichenbrand for some excellent defending and good interceptions. Well done to all the girls for a good first season in a very hard division.

U10 Pegasus v Cardinals LOST 0 - 9
U10 Pegasus v Merton Merlines LOST 1 - 5
U10 Pegasus v Hawks WON 7 - 0

Pegasus had a sleepy start losing 9-0 in their first match against a good Cardinals team. Extra effort from all the players saw an improvement to team play in the second match against Merton Merlins but it wasn't quite enough and we lost a close fought game 5-1. Finally, in the last game against Hawks, we stepped up a gear with some good interlinking play and excellent defending from everyone and won the match 7-0. No individual special mention this week but well done to everyone for a good team effort in the last game. Congratulations to all the girls for finishing 3rd in the division - not bad for a first season of netball.

U11 Orion v Surrey Heath Bumbles WON 13 - 0
U11 Orion v Richmond Rubies LOST 1 - 7
U11 Orion v Cardinal Sheers LOST 5 - 7

Lying in third place in the results table, we had three matches to play as well as the possibility to inch our way into a medal position. The first match was against Bumbles. The girls played a very smooth game and inched ahead quite easily and held onto this advantage throughout. The defence was solid and our attacking moves fluid and we move 13-0 which was a lovely start to the morning. Our next match was against Richmond Rubies, the leaders in the league table. A tall, athletic and able team, Richmond are a formidable team. Our girls should be proud of their performance and they all fought hard. The score was 1-7 to Richmond, but we were definitely putting the team under pressure and forcing them to make errors. Our last match was against Cardinal Sheer, the team one place above us in the table. The match could not have been closer. We played a feisty game and the teams were well matched. Sadly, Cardinals inched ahead just when we ran out of time to catch up. The final score was 5-7. So we end the year in third place, a very honourable position as a result of some great matches — well done to all. Star players: Great, solid shooting (under moments of extreme pressure!) so well done to Josie, Anna and Isabel M.

U11 Draco v CD Phoenix LOST 2 - 10 U11 Draco v Whitton 2 LOST 2 - 3 We were in the middle of the table with only two games to play so it was a lovely opportunity for the Draco girls to just enjoy their last league matches. Our first opponents were Phoenix, who are top of the table and deservedly so. They are a good team who play a strong game. We fought well but Phoenix moved into the lead and stayed there. The final score was 2-10. We moved straight onto our last match against Whitton 2. Much more evenly matched, it really could have gone either way. Our Draco girls fought bravely but sadly Whitton edged ahead to win 2-3. So well done to all the Draco team for some excellent play across the season. Star players: Olivia and Holly for some solid play throughout.

## **Dorking League:**

## U12 v Waverley Vipers

WON 25 - 3

Another fantastic, solid performance from the U12s, with some lovely slick passing down the court. They won the match convincingly, and as a result are undefeated in this league. Well done League Champions!!! Despite fabulous performances from all the girls, this week I'm awarding Joint Star Player to Lauren Godden and Lucy Marchant for great teamwork in the circle and fantastically consistent shooting.

#### U13 v Dorking

WON 11 - 7

Well done girls! The girls listened well at the end of each quarter and implemented suggestions made to them really well, which resulted in them pulling away in the last quarter. My Star Player for the team was Charlotte Peel for a really solid performance in defence and great support down the court whilst attacking.

#### U14 v Dorking

LOST 10 - 20

The score line does not accurately reflect how well matched the teams were. It was a highly competitive game which was quite physical at times, but the girls kept their heads and never gave up. As always, Kirsty and Megan were a great combination in defence, but my Star Player today was Rebecca Arnett for a really solid performance at GA, against a very physical GD. She fought for every ball and stood her ground brilliantly.

Friendlies:
None
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## The Week Ahead:

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4pm – 8pm: Training at the Rec. All Years

U11 Friendlies for Orion and Draco at Oxshott, 6.15

U13 Friendlies v Oxshott at Ashtead, please just turn up to training

as usual and I will arrange some matches.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> March, 6-7pm: U12 indoor training at Downsend

Sun 9<sup>th</sup> March: U12 and U13 League matches at Dorking

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## **Any Other News/Business:**

PLEASE NOTE: U13s/U14s do not have any more indoor training, until possibly 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

## **Dates for your Diary:**

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 6 – 7pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 6 – 7pm

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May

indoor session at Downsend for U10s U14 final League matches at Nonsuch indoor session at Downsend for U11s Dorking League End of Season tournament

LAST Monday night training session for the season

AAS End of Season Tournament

AAS AGM

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