

Ashtead All Stars : Weekly Update

W/c Monday 13th October 2014

Weekend Results:

Nonsuch League:

U12A v Whitton	WON 16 - 4
U12A v Crystal Palace	LOST 5 - 9
U12B v Whitton	WON 11 - 2
U12B v KITC	WON 10 - 6

Our A team had played together last weekend at the netball tour, so came out firing on all cylinders against Whitton, a team we have come across before. We rapidly took the lead and the girls played some fantastic netball. We were smooth in attack and tight in defense, taking the advantage where we were able and forcing Whitton to make the errors. The girls used some of the set pieces we have been working on with them, which was great to see. We ended the match 16-4, a well-earned first victory for the team. Our parent supporters could be heard shouting their words of encouragement from the side lines which was great for the girls, inspiring them to work that little bit harder.

The second match was against Crystal Palace, a tall and athletic team who proved to be extremely agile on the court. The match was extremely closely matched for much of the first quarter, with one team inching ahead, only to have their opponents catch up swiftly. By half time, only a goal difference split the teams, with Crystal Palace one up. In the second half, their defense was swift and effective and proved a challenge to penetrate. Our team fought bravely and determinedly and should be very proud of how they equipped themselves against their opponents. The final score was 5-9, with Crystal Palace emerging victorious.

Many across our B Team had played at the Netball Tour but not all, so this was the first opportunity our team had had to play together in a competitive game. Their first opponents were Whitton B team. The teams were well matched and on a lovely sunny morning, we witnessed some lovely netball; inspired shots from our shooters and great movement around the circle with some feisty play in defense. The smiles on our girls faces grew as the score widened. These matches are longer and more demanding so we swapped our reserves into the team to offer some players the benefit of a well-earned break. The girls, cheered on by our loyal band of parent supporters ended the game victorious 11 – 2. It was a fantastic first game and even the umpires commented on what a great game it had been to officiate.

Our second match was against a team called KITC. Again, the teams were very evenly matched so it was a closely fought contest. We soon settled into our routine and we saw some great passing across the court, swift interceptions, some lovely dodging and effective defensive play. Again with four quarters, we were able to swap players around at half time and whilst the match was closely fought, we managed to maintain our lead and keep it that way. KITC played a very defensive last quarter, but, by then, our girls had done enough and ended the day on a high with a second victory and a final score of 10-6. (Ruth Parkinson)

U13A v Whitton	WON 12 - 8
U13A v Crystal Palace	LOST 1 - 30
U13B v Whitton	WON 9 - 7
U13B v KITC	WON 11 - 7

What a great afternoon of netball from the U13s, with the As winning their first match against Whitton 12-8 and the Bs winning theirs against Whitton 9-7. The As second match was incredibly tough against the huge girls of Crystal Palace. Despite losing by 30 goals to 1, they didn't give up and kept fighting to the end, as was commented on by both umpires. The Bs rounded off the afternoon with a fantastic win over KITC 11-7. The Bs are doing so well and great improvement all round. Thanks you to Jessica, Kaitlyn and Isabel for their help playing up today. (Natalie Marchant)

The Week Ahead:

Mon 13 th October 6 – 7pm:	U12 informal matches against Oxshott (for ALL U12s) U14 Training
Mon 13 th October 7 – 8pm:	U13 and U15 Training
Wed 15 th October 6 – 7pm:	U10 and U11 Training
Wed 15 th October 6 - 7pm:	U12 indoor squad training
Sun 19 th October:	Nonsuch League Matches for U14s and U15s