

Ashtead All Stars : Weekly Update

W/c Monday 9th February 2015

Results:

Friendlies:

U11C v U10 Select

U11s won 3 – 1

Star Player Fern Rainger

Nonsuch League:

U12A v Wandsworth

WON 26 - 6

U12A v Fetcham Hawks

WON 30 - 4

U12B v Hillcrest

LOST 7 - 20

U12B v Focus

LOST 5 - 13

U13A v Hillcrest B

LOST 10 - 15

U13A v CD Phoenix

WON 15 - 0

U13A v Hillcrest A

LOST 6 - 22

U13B v Wandsworth

WON 11 - 10

U13B v Focus

WON 8 - 5

U13B v Weybridge Vandals

LOST 3 - 23

Ruth's Match Reports for the U12s

Our U12s A and B team both played their Nonsuch league matches on Sunday. Sunny and dry, it was still nippy so a huge thank you to all the parents who bravely stood on the chilly side lines, offering their shouts of support and encouragement.

A team

The A team were first off playing Wandsworth. Our A team dominated the match right from the word. Swift passing, decisive play and within four passes, the ball was in the goal circle and a goal scored. Within minutes, we had edged ahead, leaving Wandsworth almost a little bewildered by the pace of play. Throughout the match our timing was exquisite, and the ball flowed rapidly up the court and into the goal circle with relative ease. The goal difference increased rapidly with each quarter played, and our team was never really challenged. However, Wandsworth made the most of the opportunities offered to them and scored a few very well-earned goals. At the final whistle the score was 26 – 6.

We played two matches; our second opponents being Fetcham Hawks. Once again, our girls took control of the match early and inched ahead making it challenging for Fetcham to catch up. Each one of our girls played some fantastic netball and should feel very proud of their efforts today. It is a delight to watch. In defence, we were quick to intercept so rarely ceded ground and in attack, we were swift and effective. The final score was 30 – 4 and deservedly too.

So, very well done to Josie, Lauren and Lucy (our defence) for some really solid play, anticipating and then making the interceptions and piling the pressure on their partners. In attack, Kaitlyn and Anna worked together beautifully, moving around the circle and feeding the ball into the goal circle. The shooters, Jessica and Martha did a fantastic job converting their shots to goals and Jessica especially did a great job at holding her space and dominating the circle.

Star Players were Jessica Laguarda for excellent shooting and Lucy Hagley who showed lovely control whilst defending and attacking.

B Team

Our B team had some formidable opponents, both being A teams for their respective clubs. First up was Hillcrest, a well-established club who regularly turn out some very strong teams. Hillcrest was a team of tall, well-built players who dwarfed our girls, especially their defence to our shooters Sophie and Olivia. Our B team played fantastically well, keeping up the pressure on Hillcrest, making them

work hard to get every goal. Undaunted by their taller opponents, Ashted kept close to their partners and we saw some beautiful interceptions from Zoe, Elsa and Kaitlin and especially Jasmine. Lily, Sophie and Olivia worked hard in the goal third, ably supported by Jasmine to score a few hard-earned goals. The B team should collectively be proud of their efforts to test Hillcrest. The final score was 7 – 20.

Next up, we played Focus, a local Epsom team. Again playing an A team was challenging for the girls, but they fought with determination throughout the match. Focus was quick to convert every opportunity offered to them and on the back of some strong shooting took an early lead. Elsa and Kaitlin did a fantastic job in the circle, especially Kaitlin who made some tremendous interceptions. Our team equipped themselves very well against a strong and able side. The final whistle saw the score as 13-5 which really does not pay testament to the numerous interceptions that our team made to keep the pressure up against Focus. The B team equipped themselves marvellously against especially solid opponents this week.

Star Players were Caitlin Keenan and Jasmine Peel.

Natalie's Match Reports for the U13s

Lovely day today for some good netball. The As came up against tough opposition in both Hillcrest A and B teams. The first match against the Bs was closely contested and was neck and neck until the last quarter where Hillcrest pulled ahead to take the win. The girls then came up against Hillcrest A, who include a number of Surrey Development Squad girls. The girls put up a valiant fight, with some outstanding defence, but were just outplayed by a better team today. I'm really proud of how they kept on trying, never once letting their heads drop.

Star Players were Lucy Fitzgerald for an outstanding performance at GK, and **Libby Tarling** for fabulous feeding into the circle and movement around court. Special mention for bravery should also go to Alice Marjot for a fabulous performance, despite playing with a suspected broken finger, injuring another finger during the match and a cut lip.

The Bs had three matches to play today, and what great netball they played. Every opposition team today was an A team, which puts their fabulous performances into perspective. Their first match against Wandsworth was closely fought, the girls being a few goals down for a good proportion of the match, but they kept plugging away. They improved their control down court, which eventually resulted in them pulling back level and finally moving ahead towards the end of the match to take the win. Their next match against Focus again showed their greatly improved control and flowing netball, which resulted in them coming away with a victory. Their final match against Weybridge Vandals was tougher, with some very tall opposition, and the girls found the match a great deal trickier, but they never gave up, and despite losing by a significant margin, the score didn't reflect how well they played.

Weybridge Vandals voted Megan Crow as their Player of the Match, and my **Star Player of the afternoon was Amelia Moore**, who has shown a huge improvement in all aspects of her play. She played with great maturity, control and leadership today. Special mention should also go to Kirsty Gianelli after her first ever performance at GS, and what a fantastic job she did after being flung in at the deep end. Well done to all the girls.

The Week Ahead:

Mon 9th February 6 – 7pm:	U12 and U14 Training
Mon 9 th February 7 – 8pm:	U12A v U13A
Mon 9th February 7 – 8pm:	U13 and U15 Training
Wed 11 th February 6 – 7pm:	U10 and U11 Training
Wed 11 th February 6 – 7pm:	U12 Squad Training
Wed 11 th February 7 - 8pm:	U11 Indoor Session

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