

Ashtead All Stars : Weekly Update

W/c Monday 17th November 2014

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1.Results:

Friendlies :

U11C v U10 Select	5 – 2 to the U11C
U11A/B v U12C	6 – 3 to the U11A/B

Nonsuch League:

U12A v Fairlands A	WON 12 - 2
U12A v Guildford	LOST 12 - 13
U12B v Fairlands B	WON 12 - 3
U12B v Didasko	LOST 7 - 20
U13A v Fairlands A	LOST 10 - 14
U13A v Guildford	LOST 11 - 22
U13B v Fairlands B	LOST 7 - 14
U13B v Didasko	WON 17 - 14

2. Match Reports and Star Players

U11C v U10 Select (by Liz)

These two teams contested a close match on Wednesday evening in very wet and chilly conditions. Both teams consisted of some girls who were playing their first ever match outside of training and they did fantastically well. The experience of a couple of the U11 players helped them to a 5-2 win but the U10's battled superbly well and showed huge promise for the future. Well done to all of the girls who were enthusiastic throughout and all wanted to play for longer despite the terrible weather. Thank you to the parents who also braved the weather to support the girls.

Star Player for the U11's – **Gabby**

Star Player for the U10's – **Eva** – listened well and improved throughout

U11A/B v U12C (by Ruth)

On Wednesday night, we played a friendly match between a squad of eight girls from our under 12s and a mixed group of under 11s. Literally, just as the whistle blew to start the match, it began to rain and hard too! Undaunted, our girls played a solid game; some good passes and great movement across the court. The U12s has plenty of chances to score a goal and edged ahead, only for the U11s

to equalise and then capitalise on this to capture the lead still further, slipping in a few speedy goals. We switched positions to try the girls in alternative places. However, in spite of some strong defending and good interceptions, the U11s managed to keep their lead. The girls thoroughly enjoyed the match and came off smiling in spite of the steady rain. Well done to Aine and Sadie for scoring goals; lovely defending from Lucy and Elinor and great mid court play from Holly, Lily, Katie and Marcie.

Star Player for the U11's – Maggie

Star Player for the U12's – Elinor

U12As (by Ruth)

The A team were first on court against Fairlands. A tall and well-built side, Fairlands looked strong and able. AAS edged ahead and the sigh of relief as the first goal went in was almost audible. Our AAS A team played some great netball and we are really seeing it all come together for the girls. The timing of their passes was fantastic with the thrower holding off the pass until the receiver was free and in a space and always ahead of the player; it was a delight to see. We quickly capitalised on our lead and edged ahead. Our defence was strong, putting their players under pressure to force the error. Likewise, our attacking moves were swift and decisive. We ended the match as winners with a final score of 12-2.

The A team's second match was against Guildford, a notably strong side. Right from the start of the game, it was very evenly matched and it was up until half time incredibly close. Smooth and effective, Guildford were quick to make the most of any error we made or other advantage that came their way. Our girls all gritted their teeth and really dug in, refusing to give an inch. We saw some fantastic netball; plenty of interceptions and smooth passing. By the last quarter, Guildford had edged marginally ahead. But AAS fought back and were just getting into their stride when the final whistle blew. Sadly for us the final score was 13 – 12 to Guildford. Our team can hold their heads up high as they equipped themselves marvellously against a very able side.

Star player : Maddie

U12Bs (by Ruth)

The B team's first match was against Fairlands B team. Another tall side, our girls started off a little concerned by their height. But, the Bs settled down quickly and again, were hugely relieved when both shooters had scored. With a little more confidence in their stride, they then took control of the match. We saw some great passing across the court and feisty defence. Our attacking was effective and, coupled with the shooters passing well in and around the circle, gave us plenty of shots at goal. Our team maintained the lead and should be proud of the way they all played – fantastic netball. We ended the match with a comfortable win and the final score was 12 – 3.

Our last match of the morning was against Didasko, a club we have played in the past. Lean and athletic, they were very quick at passing and had an incredibly strong GA who shot some fantastic goals. Our Bs struggled a little to dictate the pace of the game. Didasko were a little scrappy in their style of play but incredibly effective. We matched their pace, but sadly a few unforced errors allowed Didasko to edge ahead. In the second quarter, we held them much better and the goal difference fell back. By the third quarter, our girls were tiring a little and Didasko were quick to make the most of this. But, our Bs gave it their all in the last quarter and we managed to gain a little ground. Didasko won 20 – 7, but the girls can be proud of their gutsy play, holding Didasko to task in two quarters in particular.

Star players : Sophie and Elsa

U13s (by Natalie)

There were some really hard fought matches today with the girls working very hard and never giving up. The Bs were rewarded with a fantastic win in the last match of the day with some lovely

controlled play. The As played some good netball with great defensive play but just came up against stronger opposition today. The Guildford Team voted Alia as our Play of the Match.

Star Player for the As was **Libby Tarling** for some lovely attacking play, great dodging and lovely passing into the shooting circle.

Star Player for the Bs was **Amy Tubb** for a wonderfully tenacious performance, showing real commitment during both games and lovely control down the court.

3. The Week Ahead:

Mon 17th November 6 – 7pm: U12 and U14 Training

Mon 17th November 7 – 8pm: U13 and U15 Training

Wed 19th November 6 – 7pm: U10 and U11 Training

Wed 19th November 6 – 7pm: U12 Squad Training

Wed 19th November 7 – 8pm: TBC

Sun 26th November : Nonsuch League matches for U14 and U15/U16

4. Any Other Business

None