

Ashtead All Stars : Weekly Update

W/c Monday 9th March 2015

Results:

Nonsuch League:

U12A v CD Phoenix	WON 13 - 11
U12A v Chequers	WON 14 - 3
U12B v Dorking	LOST 9 - 12
U12B v Merton Merlins	WON 10 - 9
U12B v Chequers B	WON 14 - 6
U13A v Crystal Palace B	WON 14 - 5
U13B v Dorking	WON 14 - 12
U13B v Hawks	LOST 18 - 24

Natalie's match reports for the U13s

What a fabulous afternoon of netball at Nonsuch today!!

The As took to the court first against a very tall Crystal Palace team, but our girls showed great control, fabulously flowing netball with lovely movement and passing down the court. As always, the defence were in superb form, making interception after interception and in attack the girls showed real flair and control, despite a big height disadvantage! We came away with a fantastic 14-12 win and the girls ended up a credible 5th in the Division 1 league. **My Star Player today was Alice Marjot**, for being consistently great in defence. I could give Alice star player most weeks as she never seems to have a bad game. She is outstanding defensively, but in addition, her support play and passing back up the court is superb. Well done Alice!

The Bs had two tough games today against clubs above them in the league. It's important to point out that the B division has a large number of clubs' A teams in it, so our girls are already competing with other clubs top teams. This makes today's performances even more fabulous. Their first match was against Dorking A. The girls played so well, matching Dorking all the way. They were calm and confident in their play and came away with a phenomenal 17-15 win. Kirsty is really settling into the GS role and the feeding into the circle today was great from the centre court.

Their second match was against the, as yet, unbeaten Fetcham Hawks and I think our girls gave them a bit of a shock. At half time the scores were level and at three quarter time we were only 2 adrift, but unfortunately our passing suffered in the last quarter and we ended up losing by 24-18. The girls should be really proud of themselves. We narrowly missed out on a medal, finishing fourth in the division, but Dorking, who we beat, came third, so we can take satisfaction in knowing we beat the team placed above us. **My Star Player today was Caitlin Daniels**, for great support play and lovely movement into space for the pass. Well done!

The Bs have developed in to a team of real netballers. Their awareness and ability has improved amazingly over the last eighteen months, and this is evident in the excellent results they are now achieving. They should all be extremely proud of themselves.

Well done to all my U13s!

Ruth's Match Report for the U12s

The final day of our matches at Nonsuch was bright, sunny and warm, making a pleasant change from some of the other mornings of the season. As we wrap up the Nonsuch matches, a huge thank you to all the parents and siblings who came along to shout their words of

encouragement and support in all weather. **And a huge thanks to Kelly for stepping in at the last minute to umpire.**

Under 12s - A Team

Our A team were up against CD Phoenix. Well matched in skills and experience, the match was tight from the outset meaning our team needed to dig deep. We saw some excellent play; smooth passing and exquisite timing especially from Martha who timed her run for the ball to perfection. Lucy and Lauryn ably supported by Elsa played a solid defensive game, often against taller players (perhaps not as much so for Lauryn!). Likewise too, Martha, Kaitlyn, Jessica and Anna played a very strong game, tirelessly using different options to get the ball in the goal circle. AAS kept calm and edged ahead slightly and maintained the goal difference to emerge victorious after a closely fought game. The final score was 13 – 11 to AAS, with audible sighs of relief from the side lines!

Our As final match was against Chequers A team. Playing with a slight edge throughout the match, the final score was never in much doubt. But Chequers put up a solid fight throughout meaning our girls could not really afford to rest on their laurels. Some fine passing and great movement across the court, supported by consistent shooting meant we rapidly moved ahead and kept that goal difference throughout the entire match. It was lovely to see some fine interceptions and frequent instances where our team fought hard to win the ball. We won a few decisive toss ups to great cheers from the side lines. Our As have played consistently well all season and we were immensely proud to see them end the season in third place (out of 9) earning themselves a medal in the process. So well done to all!

Star Player today was Martha for great positioning and superb timing.

Under 12s - B Team

Our B team kicked the morning off against Dorking. Dorking, a well drilled side played some solid netball and with the help of a talented goal shooter edged ahead in the first quarter. AAS soon settled into a steady routine, passing more smoothly and maximising every opportunity by making some great interceptions. We fought back bravely in the next quarter, dominating the play to level the match. We witnessed some excellent movement across the court, especially in the circle by Olivia and Sophie Youngman and strong defensive play from Sadie, Elsa, Maddie and Sophie Fitzgerald with fantastic interceptions throughout. Lily and Zoe were untiring in their efforts in attack. We were playing Dorking's A team, so our team equipped themselves marvellously against a talented side. Dorking dug in deep towards the end of the match to inch ahead, leaving the final score 12 – 9 to Dorking.

Our next match was against Merton Merlins, who played a fast-paced game. Our team kept their heads, kept close to their opponents and played a solid game throughout. The teams were quite evenly matched and on a number of occasions our girls worked hard to get the ball into our goal third, only for Merton Merlins to make an interception and regain possession. At times, it was nail biting, especially for those parents watching on the side lines. However, we took stock in the latter stages of the match, and on the back of some great defensive interceptions which we converted into goals, we managed to gain and keep the lead, ending the match 10 – 9. Phew!

Last up, we played Chequers B team, our last match of the Nonsuch season. Our girls soon settled into a good rhythm, dominated the court and played some first-class netball. We saw a number of instances where within three passes the ball was in our goal circle. We were never truly threatened by Chequers and maintained our lead right to the end, with the final score 14 – 6 to AAS; an excellent end to a fantastic season for our B team. Our final ranking in the league was 6th place (out of 10 teams), but we were placed higher than some A teams so the girls should all hold their heads high and be proud of their achievements.

So, well done to all who played across the season for our B team: a fantastic result!

Star Player is very hard to call this week, as the whole team played so well together, so I am awarding it to the whole team!

The Week Ahead:

Mon 9th March 6 – 7pm:

U12 and U14 Training

Mon 9th March 7 – 8pm:

U13 and U15 Training

Wed 11th March 6 – 7pm:

U10 and U11 Training

Wed 11th March 6 – 7pm:

U13 Squad Training

Wed 11th March 7 - 8pm:

U14/U15 Squad Training

Sunday 15th March:

Nonsuch League matches for U14 and U15