

# Ashtead All Stars : Weekly Update

## W/c Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015

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### Results:

#### Friendlies:

Mon 23rd Feb: U12B v Oxshott

WON 7 – 3 Star Player Caitlin Keenan

Mon 23rd Feb: U13B v Oxshott

LOST 5 – 7 Star Player Georgina Finlayson

#### Nonsuch League:

U10A v Surrey Heath

LOST 5 - 7

U10A v Hawks

LOST 1 - 5

U10A v Whitton

LOST 1 - 15

U10B v Cardinals

LOST 1 - 14

U10B v Hillcrest

LOST 0 - 17

U10B v Didasko

WON 3 - 2

U10 (playing in U11 League) v U11B

WON 4 - 2

U11A v Merton Merlins

WON 12 - 2

U11A v Hawks

WON 8 - 2

U11A v CD Phoenix

WON 8 - 2

U11B v Didasko

WON 7 - 1

U11B v Cardinals

LOST 0 – 7

U11B v U10 (playing in U11 League)

LOST 2 - 4

#### Dorking League:

U14 v Wey Valley

LOST 13 - 18

U13A v U13B

WON 22 – 1

U13A v Hawks

WON 23 – 5

U13B v U13A

LOST 1 - 22

U12A v Waverley Vipers

WON 21 - 1

#### Jane's match reports for the U10s

Luckily the sun was shining and parents and children were all in a very positive mood, because today's results weren't as we would have hoped ! The girls were great, never letting the score affect them, always trying hard to the bitter end. Lots of great support from the sideline, and lots to work on in the future.

Highlights were the U10As match v Surrey Heath which was a very closely matched game, and the U10Bs last match against Didasko which they won. **Star Player for the U10A was Francesca, for good footwork and consistency of play, and for U10B, Star Players were Lucy Pickering for consistency and Freya Taylor for energy and enthusiasm.**

The U10s in the U11 division only had one game today due to another team pulling out the League, and that was to our U11B side. They approached the game with a really fabulous fighting spirit, and won 4 – 2. **Star Player today was Gemma Teale for great interceptions.**

#### Natalie's match reports for the U14s, U13s and U12s

The U14s went into their last Dorking league match unbeaten this season and hoping to win the league title. They were up against the previously unbeaten Wey Valley team, who we knew would be tough opponents. They started off extremely well and we were definitely getting the better of them in defence. At half time, we were ahead by 9 goals to 7. The second half saw Wey Valley digging in, making it very difficult for us to flow in attack and also making it hard for us to bring the ball out

from defence. This proved too much for the girls and Wey Valley were able to pull ahead in the last quarter, beating us by 18 goals to 13.

Although a disappointing result, the girls should be very proud of how they've played throughout and, although we are awaiting the official results, I'm fairly sure we will be collecting silver medals. This is a great result, especially as this is only the first season of club netball for a number of the girls. I'm really proud of all of them! My **Star Player today was Rosanna Bennett** for intelligent defensive play, numerous interceptions and great team work. Well done!

The U13s first match saw the As and Bs pitted against each other with great excitement from both teams. Understandably the As were able to dominate a lot of the play and were quick and controlled, but the Bs should be really proud of themselves for putting in a determined and tenacious performance, not once letting their heads drop and fighting to the end. The end result was 22-1 to the As. **My Star Player for the As for this match was Alia Mirza** for brilliant defensive play, and great support play, bringing the ball up the court. For the **Bs my Star Player was Kirsty Gianelli**. Kirsty has been thrown into the GS position over the last few weeks, having never played here before. She has undertaken the role with great enthusiasm and determination and is hugely improving with each performance. She should be incredibly proud of herself!!

The As then had a second match against Fetcham Hawks. Again the girls completely dominated the match with some great defensive play, fantastic slick passing down court and feeding into the circle and great shooting from both Johanna and Lucy. **My Star Player for this match was Johanna Gadsby** for lovely movement and team work in the circle, and consistent shooting. Well done! The opposition also voted Alia as their Star Player.

The U12s played Waverley Vipers B. Good strong performance from the U12s. The team was a real mix of A and B team players, but they gelled fantastically well and produced a lovely strong team effort. Great defensive work in the circle with Lauryn and Josie playing well together as a strong unit.

#### **Liz's Match Report for the U11s**

Well done to the U11 A team who won all 3 of their final league matches convincingly. They beat Merton Merlins 12-2, Fetcham Hawks 8-2 and CD Phoenix 8-0 and finished a credible 4th in the league. All of the girls played very well and it was an excellent team effort. **Star players - everyone.....for supporting each other and working well together.**

The B Team started well beating Didasko 7-2 but then faced a tough match against a good Cardinals side and despite trying hard, they were too strong for us and we lost 7-0. The girls were then disappointed to lose their final game 4-2 against a talented young AAS U10 team (well done U10's) but should be commended for never giving up. **Star Player - Amelia Feltham for consistently good play.**

#### **Ruth's Match Report for the U12B Friendly v Oxshott**

On Monday evening, instead of training at Downsends, we took the B team to play a friendly against Oxshott. Our Bs got off to a strong start and dominated the first quarter. The girls passed well and the ball was largely in our half. Sophie Youngman and Olivia as our shooters worked effectively and shot some exquisite goals against taller opposition, meaning we ended the quarter 3-0 ahead. Whilst the teams were fairly evenly matched, Oxshott really came out fighting strongly in the second and third quarters, determined to recoup lost ground. We defended solidly and Elsa, Caitlin and Sophie Fitzgerald did a sterling job to counter their attacking play. The Oxshott GS shot a few goals, leaving the score at the end of the third quarter alarmingly close at 4-3 to AAS. But our girls gritted their

teeth and gave it their all in the last quarter. Swift, more accurate passing saw us edge ahead as we converted these opportunities into goals to leave the final score 7-3 to AAS. Throughout the match, we made plenty of interceptions which we did not always convert, but the team remained focussed and enthusiastic in spite of the cold.

Thanks to all the supporting Mums too who braved the cold night air and Natalie for umpiring.

Well done to the team of Caitlin, Sadie, Elsa, Sophie F, Zoe, Lily, Sophie Y and Olivia.

Player of the match: Caitlin Keenan for her feisty defensive play.

**The Week Ahead:**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6 – 7pm:

U12 and U14 Training

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7 – 8pm:

U13 and U15 Training

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 6 – 7pm:

U10 and U11 Training

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 6 – 7pm:

U12 Squad Training

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 – 8pm:

U12 Fixture v Downs at Downs TBC

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> March 7 - 8pm:

Year 4 Training

Sunday 8th March:

Nonsuch League matches for U12 and U13