

Wimbledon Junior Hockey

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END OF SEASON THOUGHTS

We say goodbye and thank you to Trid who has gone back to Australia, Lesley McIntosh who is on her way back to New Zealand (in July) and HELLO to Ben Marsden who joins us as the new Men's Section Director of Hockey. You will be aware that this season was a rebuilding season for us and as such we will be looking to enter leagues again next season in certain age groups. Hope you all have a good summer and are ready for hockey next season when all hockey (crossed fingers) will be at KCS astro site in Motspur Park.

Julie Q

New Season—New Director of Hockey



Being appointed as Director of Hockey for our club is a great honour. Hopefully the experience gained as an international and Olympian, can add to the great work already being done and the success that has been achieved.

This season will see the junior section reintroduced to competitions. I will be on hand during the week and selected Sundays to share knowledge and experiences with players, coaches and parents.

There have been outstanding achievements over the last few years. The arrival of our new Tiger Turf will provide an excellent playing surface. We will be looking for continued enjoyment and structure. Can I ask that all members are ambassadors for the club and continue to volunteer and spread the word about

hockey and what we have to offer. Our target is to become the number one club in the country. It is possible with your continued support and efforts.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Ben Marsden

Single System—Allan Jobling (Head Coach for Juniors)

At Wimbledon Junior Hockey we have been supporting the concept of the England Hockey Single System for a few years now. To the players and parents the most evident feature of this has been the change in age group cut off date to January 1st. What perhaps is not so well known is the involvement that the club, coaches and players have had with the system in the last few years.

In the summer of 2008 Surrey HA adopted the single system approach to the County Team set up and implemented the Junior Development Centres (JDC) and Junior Academy Centres (JAC). JDC is basically the improved County trial system and JAC is the actual County teams.

Our involvement in the JDC process was the biggest from any single club. The JDC process was organised and run by 3 people, Lesley McIntosh as the overall administrator, Trid and myself as the 2 Head coaches, all 3 of whom coached at Wimbledon Junior Hockey club this season. We then provided at least another 7 coaches to the actual coaching sessions, including the JDC Head GK coach (Hems Davies) many of whom did multiple days including the mammoth '13 hour' coaching sessions on the last days of the JDC.

We had a number of players in the county teams this year so congratulations to Emma Headley, Sophie Cole, Alice Moseley, Amelia Ruiz, Jack Waller and Jamie Chamberlain.

New Club Website We now have a new club website www.thewimbledonclub.co.uk where junior hockey updates/information will be placed ready for next season.



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Seasons Reports

GU10/11 Mark Abell

The Girls Under 11's and Under 10's had a very enjoyable and productive season. The 'A' team played 21 matches in five tournaments, winning fifteen games (and three of the tournaments), losing three games and drawing three. They scored 40 goals and only let in 8. The team featured a robust defence made up variously of Issy McClean, Betsy Parrack, Daisy Weston and Niamh Hughes, an energetic midfield led by Sophie Fairbairn, Gaby Rush, Robyn Holder, Ellie Wooldridge and Florrie McParland. Olivia Abell was lethal in front of goal with 24 goals ensuring the hard work of the others paid off. There is an emerging and very strong year group in the Under 11 and the Under 10's look very promising putting in some good performances in several tournaments. Several Under 10's played in the A team with Izzie Davies having an outstanding tournament scoring 5 goals at the end of season Sunbury festival. There was a wonderful supportive crowd of parents at all the matches, and all the girls were outstanding in their sportsmanship.

The year group was superbly organised by Pam and Tarek Abdulla with great help from a number of coaches and match managers, with all the difficult admin being seamlessly managed by Nicky Bindler.

GU11 Ingrid Southorn

"My Georgina (aged 9) has absolutely loved her sessions with Pam this season, as have all of the girls in that group. It was really well organised and their skills came on in leaps and bounds".

GU12 Joanna Close

— are a strong and talented bunch; they have performed well in competitions against all the best local opposition; not only the top 7, which has not been easy to pick, but the 2nd 7 also — the makings of a strong 11 a-side team of the future. The highlight of the season was our mixed GU12/13

(mainly U12) performance v Berkshire in February half—term when we won 4—0 but it was the quality of hockey that shone out (very rewarding). Memorable performances on the day from Emmanuelle Pollock, Lauren Jeffery and Alexandra Chaffey. We were pleased to include a number of U12 girls: Kristin Read, Matilda Ransome, Josephine Ruiz and Lucy Wilson in the GU14 colts competition at Surbiton at the end of the season. We had an indifferent day but learnt a great deal from the experience. Some of these girls will compete for places in the GU14 teams next season.

GU13s Georgina Headley

Managed very capable performances in competition this year — both against Sunbury & Surbiton.

Against Surbiton we lost 0—4 away but I can honestly say we were the better team between the 22's (the midfield!). We have work to do in our attacking lines and in the final shot but we are doing a lot right to get there. Nancy Picton and Lucy Rowe were top notch in defence. Sunbury—we won by a small margin—I remember it being a very close and hard game; appreciated by the coaches and parents of both sides. In defence Emily Clarke had a very good second half when it mattered!

We had a pleasant awards day at the end of season where we had a chance to mention many regular and keen attendees who have made great leaps from novice standard—Elizabeth Saleh, Angharad Ball & Olivia Hogan particularly spring to mind. Mentions are also due to Hannah Close & Nancy Picton, who were called into action alongside regulars Sophie Cole & Emma Headley for the last County match of the season to beat Kent and Sussex and finish an unbeaten season. A huge thanks to our Junior coaches: Caroline, Sarah, Josh and George. No matter what—these four turned up with an abundance of enthusiasm and patience to help coach our girls. I am sure the girls will be doing some summer training to ensure they beat Josh in the suicide runs next season!

GU14s-Edward Cole

We are getting some great girls coming up through the ranks; reflecting the increasing efforts of more volunteers and professional coaches (and the enthusiasm of the girls). This is making it more fun for everyone. We have some high quality girls in the group with Amelia Ruiz & Alice Moseley representing Surrey and this is balanced with some significant advances by Chloe Webster, Katherine Harris and Sarah Kimberlin. Next season we will continue to train as GU14/15 with Georgina Headley moving up with her girls and leading the coaching, with Joanna Close, Stephen Hammond and Edward Cole helping. We will also be re entering the GU14 leagues in which we now feel confident we can do ourselves justice. As the leagues are still operating a 1st Sept age threshold we will be able to include some of next years GU15's in the mix. The outlook is positive. We are very much looking forward to seeing you again after a decent rest over the summer.

BU14/15 Michael Curthoys

It was a disappointing season for this age group. We lost players due to us pulling out of league and so struggled against strong opposition at the start of the season.

The team played three friendlies, one at Surbiton during the Autumn half term and two against Teddington, home and away. The highlight was a 5-3 defeat in the Spring half term at Broom Road with the game going end to end reaching 3-3 with 10 minutes to go and being decided by two well taken late goals by Teddington.

Looking to this season we have entered boys teams into U14/16 and 18 leagues with a hope that with the new structure in place and the enthusiasm that Ben has we will be able to offer the players some good matches against same ability opposition. **Thanks to our Sponsor**



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