

Surrey split into 2 equal teams

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Sam Hill organised and coached the Wimbledon girls to 2 excellent performances.

Our aim was to provide modest but useful opposition to Surrey GU14s who are at the very early stages of their training programme, not to walk away with a victory!

So well done the girls - it was a very impressive performance. I have memories of a similar fixture only 2 years ago when we were trounced 8-0.

Consideration to the Surrey girls - very often new to the squad and split down the middle so they had the challenge of playing with fresh faces and often in new positions - but i don't want to detract too much from our own performance...

This was a new team for us too; an even mix of our GU14 'A' team (minus our county players) - Iris (GK), Ellie L, Matilda, Nancy, Hannah C and Kate S and GU15/16s ; Sophie G (Capt), Emily W, Lottie G, Kate O', Natasha & Chloe W.

First mention must go to our Captain Sophie G - great competitive and sporting attitude and a credit to the Club (although the unorthodox use of one-handed stick work still needs addressing, sometimes for your own safety!). Excellent in defence and showed good composure.

Emily W, Kate S and Becky S again demonstrated what valuable additions to the Club they have proven themselves to be this season - all 3 girls encapsulate the wonderful strides we are making in this age group.

Matilda played very well up front, making some great runs, passes and overlaps and praise too to Ellie for getting into good goal scoring positions.

Nancy too made some significant forays upfront (running some very intelligent lines) - not bad for our most valuable GU14 sweeper.

Thank you also to Kate O'B, Chloe W & Lottie for adding to our midfield strength and to Natasha & Hannah C who had outstanding games at the back.

To work on - we do need to take more chances; to beat goalkeepers at this level we need to be cool and calculating under pressure - rare qualities. This will only come with committed practice - get low in the D, short back lift and keep your head still.....alternatively a cool pass around the gk to a teammate.

Iris - well done as ever; you had lots to do and you did it well.

Final mention to Kate S - quality!

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PS well done to the following for making Surrey GU15 after a long drawn out process! Rebecca Stormer & Alice Moseley.