



Camberley & Farnborough Hockey Club Colt's Section 2017/18 Season



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The 2017/18 season was another super year for the Colts. An increase in numbers in our Minis is very much down to our popularity in local schools, especially at Hall Grove. Each age group have had some great results, capped off with our U14 boys finishing top of their league.

With our expanding colt's section, we ended the season with our first Awards Presentation evening at Kings International College, which was attended by almost every Colt from U12 upwards. This was a great event to celebrate the progress of each team and present awards to Player of the Season, Players Player and Most Improved player in each age group.

It was also fantastic to see many of the senior colts supporting the younger players by helping out at our junior tournaments and weekly training sessions. A few of them even had a go at umpiring some matches, gaining confidence with each match. This is an amazing way for young players to learn more about hockey and put something back into the club.

We welcomed more parent helpers to the teams and are very grateful for all of them for giving up their time on a Sunday and Friday to help improve the standard of playing in our teams. Our colt's section depends on the time that people are willing to give up to support it in so many ways, from coaching to organizing teams to serving teas and coffees, so a massive thanks to all our helpers.

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U14 Boys

Report by Ivan Wright

After several seasons of making progress, but not quite getting to the top of the leagues that they played in, the U14 Camberley & Farnborough Boys clicked this year. After losing one of their most influential midfield players (and player of the season last year) in the very first game, it wouldn't have been unexpected for the team to have struggled. However it seemed that all of the boys, including those new to the club, rose to the challenge and they were outstanding throughout the season. In the end they won their league by 5 points, with a massive goal difference of +35. In fact, perhaps more impressively, the boys scored at least 3 goals in every game they played in. Naturally, the coaches involved in the team are very proud of the achievements of the boys, but perhaps more importantly, they have mentioned that they are more proud of how the boys always conduct themselves, their total commitment and energy in each and every game, and their willingness to attack at every moment. Coaches from other teams, and other C&F HC members, have commented on how entertaining watching the U14 boys is. Never a dull moment ... and certainly never looking for a 0-0! After their excellent season, it is fantastic news that the boys have since been nominated for the Surrey Heath Junior Team of the Year.

U16 Boys

Report by Ivan Wright

Despite the achievement of the U14 boys last season, the coaches involved are as proud, and in some cases more proud, of the achievements of the U16 boys. In the league for the corresponding age group two years ago, the same boys had a tough season finishing bottom of the league, with only one point and a goal difference of -44. In 2016-17 the team hadn't really taken off and there was some doubt whether the team would run in 2017-18. What was clear however, was that there were a group of players, particularly in the Year 11 age group, who were committed to getting a team together, and with a number of talented U15 and U14 boys joining them, a team was formed. Right from the outset it was clear that this was a very different team from two years ago. After winning their first match against Yateley, the boys went through the season showing a determination and togetherness that I am sure that the club would have been proud of. Often playing teams that were older, more physical and more experienced, the C&F boys never took a backward step and were a credit to themselves and the club. In the end the boys finished a creditable joint 6th out of 9 teams and had a much more positive goal difference. A notable performance, and totally enthralling game, was the home fixture against eventual league winners Woking, where the score finished 2-2. Woking had long periods of sustained pressure against a resolute C&F team that would just not relent. In the end the floodlights went off with 5 minutes to go ... and you could argue at that point the C&F boys had turned the game and were in the ascendancy. All in all a totally creditable season and hopefully one all of the boys will have enjoyed and taken something from. Good luck to the older U16 boys now playing regular adult hockey, and of course, a huge thank you to the younger U14s who, despite a steep learning curve, confronted everything that was thrown at them and did not look out of place for a minute.



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U12 Boys

Report by Marcus Handley

U12's improved as a team through the year. Our results were better than last year, with more wins and more goals. This team do struggle with consistency as every year it is basically a new team. Every year we have half of the team go up a year and the other half stay behind each year. So establishing a good working team ethic such as the U14's have is very difficult. We (Marcus and Dush) thoroughly enjoyed coaching the boys this year, and it was a pleasure watching all of them improve through the year.

Let's hope as the coaches of the now U14's we get all the boys that played last year back, as we believe we can definitely make better players of them all and let's hope for some good results

U16 Girls

Report by Sharon Hulley

2017-2018 was a great season for the u16 girls. Despite having to borrow a goalie from the u14/ u12 girls each match, the girls remained unbeaten the entire season. The majority of the girls have been playing together for many seasons now; most of the girls play colts and ladies matches together which has lifted their individual skills and team play.

U14 Girls

Report by Will Stephens

2017/18 was an excellent year for the U14 Girls. The highlights of the season have to be the victory against Guildford and a draw against run away league champions Surbiton, culminating in a final league position of 3rd. The dedication shown by the whole squad throughout the season was fantastic, exemplified by the majority turning up for training on a Sunday when snow was falling and the genuine heartfelt disappointment when matches were called off. The rapport and team work on the pitch was equally matched by their support and camaraderie off the pitch and both were instrumental in the spirit that the girls showed throughout the year. I look forward to seeing many of the squad challenging for regular places in the Ladies sides next year. I would like to give a massive thank you to all the other coaches, umpires and parents for their unending support. We are so looking forward to bringing the new players into the U14 Girls family and working towards another great season.

U12 Girls

Report by Nigel Green

The season involved playing 11 aside league games together with a few 7 aside games. As this was the first the full season for playing on a full sized pitch for the majority of the squad, and an introduction for the U11s this proved to be a challenge at the start of the season, as often we were playing teams of older, more physical and experienced girls. Whilst we were solid in defence, goals proved elusive resulting in several goalless draws.



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The second half of the season saw the benefit of the girls' commitment to training. An improvement in the performances of both the individual players and together as a team resulted in previous draws being turned into wins , leading to C&F finishing league runners up.

Notable performances were the narrow victory against Guildford for the 7 aside team in an entertaining game , and a narrow defeat against league winners Andover for the 11 aside team . This later result was more credible against a team who finished with a 100% win record, leading to their coach and supporters congratulating our performance which proved to be their toughest match of the season.

The coaches would like to congratulate the whole squad on their hard work during the season and on their improvement from the start to the end of the season. Good luck to those players moving up to the U14s and to those staying in the squad for next season.

Under 8s

Report by Ali Gardner

The under 8s had the most members they've ever had with over 35 4-8 year olds playing. Thank you to all the coaches who made this possible as under 8s require so much supervision. Thank you to Dom, Mawds, Leona, Michelle, Connie, Olivia, Melissa and Ollie. Also a massive thank you to Alison Butler for organising all the under 8s.

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Award winners

Awards from the Senior Club

Jacqui Boot Trophy (Colt of the Year in adult hockey) – Connie Hyndman

Ladies 1st XI Most Improved – Connie Hyndman

Ladies 3rd XI Colt of the Year – Amy Price

Ladies 3rd XI Top Goal Scorer – Olivia Jarvis

U16 Boys

Players' Player – Fintan Nowell

Coaches' Player – Andrew Payne

Most Improved Player – Tristan Dullforce

U14 Boys

Players' Player – Fintan Nowell

Coaches' Player – Riley Speake

Most Improved Player – Cameron Tonkin

U12 Boys

Players' Player - Josh Ndor

Coaches' Player - Ben Fowler

Most Improved Player - Haydn Lockhart

U16 Girls

Players' Player - Connie Hyndman.

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Most Improved Player - Amy Price.

U14 Girls Awards

Players' Player - Katie Hutchings

Coaches' Player - Beth and Grace Hyatt

Most Improved Player- Holly Dearlove

Under12 Girls award winners

Players' Player - Imogen Hammond

Coaches' Player - Imogen Rabani

Most Improved Player - Natasha Cawthra