

Old Cranleighan Colts Newsletter 2014/5

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Season 3

Week 3

Week 3 – It's hotting up now at TD....!

As we roll into week 3 already, it was another scorching day at Thames Ditton with temperature reaching a balmy 25degrees. Long may the weather continue...! Having completed our assessments the previous week, we had a great session as everyone was getting into the swing of things at every age group in the glorious sunshine!

This week we are starting to prepare for games and we talk about positions and actual game situation, as we build the fixture list accordingly for all age groups to ensure we can put all of our practice into competitive game situations. We also welcome back the coveted Player of the Day award for this week, and a return to Coach Dean's Coaches Corner after the summer off, as well as a small section from JJ in his JJ's jottings section. Long may this weather continue....see you Sunday!!



The Plan going forward and the season ahead...!

Now we have had a few weeks of getting back into the swing of hockey and brushing away the rust from the summer months, we can now concentrate on honing our skills and have listened to the feedback of the children, you the parents and the coaching teams. Therefore we are proactively putting together a fixture list and have been active in our pursuit to ensure that the children will get to play competitive hockey against other clubs in the area. Therefore we have acquired the 12noon until 2pm slot at Thames Ditton which runs after the older group session to invite opposing teams down to play friendly matches. We have also been working hard to secure competitive fixtures and will be taking all age groups away to clubs in the area to play mini tournaments against other teams in the same age group.

This all culminates in Surrey County Tournaments in March of next year where all clubs in the county come together to compete to represent Surrey in the National Championships for the U10's & U12's. We are a long way off this and as the existing members remember from last year in our first tournament was a bit of a baptism of fire. However we have taken lots of positives from our experiences and are planning forward to ensure that we can compete against the more established colts sections in the area by working toward this in many different areas.

Therefore we are asking parents to help with our planning and logistics as we take teams away for fixtures and we need your support as fixtures are planned through the season, both at home and away for all age groups from U8's, through the U10's and to the U.12's. Also from time to time we will be moving some of the slots around on a Sunday morning to accommodate the games, so please keep reading the newsletters and look out for the fixture list to ensure you are not caught out...!!

NB – Next week 12th October – U.8's 9.45am – 10.45am (No Change)

U10's – 10.45am – 12noon

U12's – 12noon – 1.30pm

Equipment, Lost Property & Water Bottles

Please make sure that you bring water with you for your session and gum shield and shin pads. Unfortunately we are also limited on the number of sticks that we can lend out, so it is on a first come first served basis. **Please Remember** to pick up all of your clothing and equipment at the end of the session and make sure that everything is marked with your name on it to avoid losing it...!

Picking Up & Dropping off – 1st Session U.8's & Sparrows (U.6's)

We are all just starting to get used to the system, however, however just to remind you that we run a one way system to get on and off the astro turf on a Sunday. Whilst signing in and entering the astro turf at the clubhouse end, please ensure that you pick up your children after the first session at the far end of the astro turf. Please note for safeguarding reasons at this age group, we will not let your child go unless we can clearly see that they have been picked up by the parent or guardian.



Playing Shirts

As we start to play opposition from other clubs as per the above message, we will be selling playing shirts which can be bought from Helen who runs all of the Kit for the Club. Please make your orders this week from Helen who is also on hand to see all kit and equipment mainly on a pre-order basis.

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Player of the Day...!

It's finally back, what everyone has been waiting for! Playing hockey on a Sunday is great, but winning a medal for showing exceptional skill, talent, listening, working hard, playing as a team member or being helpful on or off the pitch are just a few ways where your coach will be looking out of a weekly basis for exceptional work. So on a Sunday morning, make sure you do your best and work hard for yourself and each other, and we will sure to see you here on the hall of fame, which will run on a weekly basis for all age groups! Well done this week to all of the first winners. The medals are yours to keep, and hopefully they were celebrated in style and everyone was jealous at school in your show and tell stories!!! Congratulations!



**Jessica
East**



**Anna
Neaves-
Thomas**



**Dylan
Rosenberg**



**Alice Roberts &
Zara Sharma**



**Anna
Squire**



**Lara
Watkins**



**Tom
Reed**

Coaches Corner - Dean Wheeler (Director of Hockey)

Hi, I am Dean and I've now been coaching at the OCHC for 3 years, this season being my fourth and I see the club going from strength to strength. I was originally hired to coach the men's 1st team and have now taken a side wards step to make sure the juniors are heading in the right direction!

I am a professional hockey coach with a background degree in PE teaching, having taught for 6 years and having great success I decided to take a position playing and coaching professionally overseas in Asia, I had a total of 4 wonderful years playing and coaching overseas and am now back doing a similar job here in the UK working at 3 clubs and a top London University.

I have coached and played with players at all levels and worked with players from beginners who have never played the game up to players who have played International hockey!!!! I love the variation of coaching men, women and juniors and am hoping that one day a junior player from OC's will become another International player that I have worked with!

Good luck this season and make sure you enjoy your hockey at OCHC



JJ 's Jottings...!

For those who have seen this man (to the right) around the club, he isn't just the car park attendant shouting at you to park your car properly, he is the man who runs the OC's club. He has done a marvelous job turning the OC's club into a buzzing hive of activity alongside his wife Georgie, especially on a Sunday morning, (that's the lady to many of you that serves the chips on a Sunday). We will be interviewing him for an exclusive in a later edition as he has plans to drive the club forward and has many events planned including "OC"toberfest on the 12th October (Sunday afternoon) and the Annual Firework Night celebrations on the 2nd November (Sunday Evening). Also if you run a business or want to support the club in any way or anyone is interested in becoming a partner of the OC's Business Club, please get in contact with JJ for more details as he has just launched a brand new initiative working with local and national businesses. For further information please drop him an email on jj@oc-club.com



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**DO YOU RUN A BUSINESS OR
RESPONSIBLE FOR A CSR
BUDGET...?
SPONSORS NEEDED...!!
SPEAK TO CATO FOR MORE
DETAILS!**

Trade in your old stick

We are offering £5 voucher off a new stick which are currently on sale with Helen for around £12.50 - £15. If you need a new stick we will take your old one off you in exchange for a discount off your new stick!! However it is not any old excuse to get a new stick, however if you are unsure, we can help you see if you really need one. Come and ask Cato or Helen to measure you up...!



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