

UNDER 14 GIRLS

21 ST OF MARCH 2015

SURFERS VS PALM BEACH



WOW what a start to the season....

It has been a long and nervous wait..

I'll let you in on a little secret,in some households there was no sleeping or very little shut eye on Friday night and I aint talking about the girls not being able to sleep!!!!

Someone, and we won't mention any names, was pacing about the house in the wee hours of the morning, unable to sleep...anyone witnessing the event, would have thought they were in the hospital waiting for a baby to be born..

Fancy that yep...adults more nervous than the kids...

There was plenty of talk amongst the girls at training on how we would go against Palm Beach, and I must say, I was extremely happy and proud on how our girls conducted themselves on and off the field. Considering it was their first time to play together as a team, they did magnificently. The game had all the highs and excitement one could expect from two competitive teams clashing.

Surfers started the game strong and jumped straight into action. Our girls were determined to make their presence felt and Amy was able to score two goals within the first ten minutes. Amy, was assisted by brilliant passing from Phoebe, Anika, Grace and Bella. One of the goals commenced all the way from the backline, from a superb goalie kick by Lily, who passed it to Hayley who then linked the play with our midfield. In the first half, our girls put together some really good passes and some great defending and clearances, by Zoe and Annaliese. Phoebe and Bella had two fantastic running attempts at scoring. Kiana was kept busy running back and forth clearing dangerous balls, with fearless support from Maddy, Anika and Hayley. The opposition was chased hard every time they got the ball, and the girls stuck together and defended well against Palm Beach. By mid-way through the first half, we had seen just about everything, from bodies flying, to aerial acrobatics, tumbles on the deck and thrills and spills. Maddy also entertained the crowd, she impressed us with her fierce determination, as she limped around the field chasing the opposition with a shoe missing. Lily was outstanding as team goalie. Anyone that was lucky enough to see her in action, would have thought she was a seasoned player. No one would have believed that it was her first time to play in goals.

Phoebe and Grace worked hard in the midfield and provided Bella and Amy with great scoring opportunities. The girls played the first half with heaps of vigour and by the time the first half whistle blew, their bodies were showing signs of wear and tear due to the intensity at which the game was being played. As they approached the bench, there were plenty of gasps for fresh air and weary bodies looking for a sip of water.

In the second half, Palm Beach came at us with renewed energy and the girls were able to defend several good runs by the opposition. Lily phenomenally saved three to four goals in the space of about 10 minutes. Most of the second half involved defending relentless attacking runs, and corner kicks by Palm Beach. All the girls valiantly put their bodies on the line to defend the onslaught, but eventually Palm Beach were able to put one in the back of the net. Bella played an extremely courageous, selfless game, refusing to abandon her team and come off when clearly injured, visibly in pain and hobbling around. She dug deep to help out her teammates, and assisted with several crucial clearances. Bella literally put her body in the line of fire, determined to stop the opposition from scoring.

At times, the game became quite physical, and late in the second half, Amy was awarded a free kick outside the box. Grace who shuffled between forward, midfield and defence, stepped up to the plate, took the kick, and scored an absolutely spectacular goal that even Beckham would have been proud to name as one of his!!!!. The girls persistent defending paid off and the goal really lifted our team's spirit, as up to that point we had mainly been defending and were struggling to keep up with the opposition

The under 14 girls continued to play the game hard, with no substitutes, and their tired legs waned towards the end. We missed Georgia who was unable to play due to an injury, but she provided much needed moral support from the sidelines. Palm Beach came back and scored another goal, and in the end, our girls pulled off a courageous 3 – 2 win.

A huge thank you to Kerri for working hard in the background, getting the girls on the ground in style with their uniforms, and pink ribbons in their hair. Last, but not least, a great big thank you to Michael for assisting with the girl's snazzy new colour coordinated drink bottles, and to Megan for being our ground official, Nicole and Mathew for running the line and Andrew for being in charge of setting up the field.

REACH FOR THE STARS

NO LIMITS

If you missed watching the game, don't miss this week's game, as the girls are determined to deliver more of the same. Come down and support our girls, try to take as many photos and videos as you can, as you might just be lucky enough to witness and capture some more amazing action and goals.