



Timperley Hockey Academy 2013 – 2014 REVIEW

OVER 250 PLAYERS AND 26 TEAMS TOOK PART IN OUR END OF SEASON UNDER 10 AND 12 MINI FESTIVAL

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We hope you will enjoy reading our Review of the 2013 – 2014 Season!

This is the first time we've done this so do let us know what you think. We hope you'll enjoy the Presentations Day and Awards, and celebrate with us as 2013 – 14 has been the Academy's most successful ever season.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all our coaches, team managers, the committee, young leaders, umpires and parents who have made the season possible by volunteering over 3500 hours of their time to make all that we do possible.

See details of this season's Award Winners at the end of the Review. Keep up to date by registering on the Club website. www.timperleyhockeyclub.com

2013 – 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

- Player numbers top 200 for first time
- Over 3500 volunteer hours - a huge thank you to all without you there would be no hockey Academy !
- 16 different teams from Under 10's to Under 16's
- Over 240 Academy matches played
- 12 mini Timperley tournaments for Under 10's and 12's
- Over 250 players at our Under 10/12 Commonwealth Games themed mini festival
- 3 teams in North Regional finals of England Hockey Championships
- Under 14 Boys finish 5th in the England Hockey National Finals
- Under 13 Boys win GMJHL and Under 13 Girls runners up at GMJHL (on goal difference)
- Over 25 Academy players selected to play in Timperley senior hockey, including four Ladies 1st XT debuts
- 40 Players selected for EH Junior Development Centre's and 9 for Junior Regional Performance Centre's

SEASON SNAPSHOTS

Find out more about what some of our teams / coaching groups have been up to this season. Thanks to the coaches for the reports.

CUBS

The cubs have had another fantastic year. Despite losing most of last year's players to the Rabbits at the start of the season we gained lots of new players and have regularly had between 10 and 15 children out on a Sunday morning - in all weathers!

The Cubs have learned the basic skills of hockey and also a few harder skills, including some tricks to help get past players that Dan taught them. As usual the most popular part of training was the match and the standard of play and enthusiasm was amazing.

When players are new to a sport they need lots of support and the Cubs couldn't make as much progress as they do without lots of help.

I therefore extend my immense thanks to Dan Caborn, for his invaluable support and coaching when I couldn't be there, and to Mark Andrews, Sam, Blanca and Katie Evans for their equally appreciated help on Sunday mornings.

Ruth Brown



RABBITS / UNDER 10's

Graduating from the Cub's our young Rabbits have grown in numbers like their namesakes !

As well as developing their core hockey skills the Rabbits also start to play more mini games and many players take part in our monthly Under 10's tournaments with the other local Clubs.

We also entered Under 10 Boys and Girls teams in the Cheshire Mini's tournament. We fielded young sides who really enjoyed the tournaments and gained lots of experience. It's been fantastic to see the next generation of players coming along and we've have lots of great feedback from other Clubs on how well the players are doing.

The season ended with four teams playing in our Commonwealth Games themed mini festival as Team England on 11th May. We played some great hockey, saw how all the players have improved and are enjoying their hockey.

Thanks to all the coaches and parent managers / volunteers.



UNDER 12's Timperley Mini Tournaments

The U10 and U12 mini tournaments that we run at Timperley are now well established amongst the hockey clubs within Cheshire and are becoming more and more popular which is great, as it puts Timperley well and truly on the map!

A huge "Thank you" must go to Aileen and Steph for organising the girls and boys teams, such that at each tournament we have been able to put out 2 girls and 1 boys U12 sides. It's been great to see the development of the player's hockey skills on the pitch throughout the season and also their camaraderie off the pitch too. They've even developed their singing voices when we've had Jo Robinson's music centre blasting away on the sideline!

Additional thanks must also go to the young leaders in particular Tim, Alfie, Katrina, Izzy, Olivia, and Grace who have helped with umpiring/coaching teams (sorry if I've missed anyone out!), parents (Aileen and Claire on my technical table!) and my fellow coaches Jim, Dom and Léonnie.



**Thank you for your support over the
2013 – 14 Season**



UNDER 12 GIRLS (England Hockey Mini's)

This year we entered two teams into this competition which was held at Chester Sports Club. Despite some good hockey played by both teams neither team qualified for the regional round the year but they were against stiff competition.....next year girls!

Thanks to Aileen again for her fantastic organisational skills, parents for making the journey to come and support, Katrina and Phil for giving up their precious time to come and umpire for the day and to Léonnie yet again for keeping me on the straight and narrow!

Jo Nicholson



UNDER 12 BOYS (England Hockey Mini's)

With fewer boys in this age group we entered one team into the Cheshire Mini's this year. The Boys were facing some really experienced teams from local rivals Bowdon and Alderley Edge, alongside Deeside Ramblers and Neston who both later made it through to the National Finals. Roll on next year when we will be more experienced and know what to expect !

UNDER 14 GIRLS (EH Championships)

It's been a very tough season for U14 girls in the EH Cup. We lost 5-1 against Bowdon, 8-0 against Alderley Edge, and 15-0 against Kirby Lonsdale who were on a different level. Kirby

went on to finish 4th in the National Finals, so losing to an exceptional team has made that result feel a little bit better!

Despite the score lines, they don't truly reflect the level of hockey played by the girls with moments of exceptional hockey and skills shown by all on the team. Anyone who was lucky enough to watch one of our games would have seen that our Timperley U14 Girls team were younger and quite a lot smaller than the opposition we faced. However, the determination that the girls showed in fighting for every ball and every opportunity made all of us proud. It was brilliant to watch them put into practice the various skills and drills that were worked on in the training sessions throughout the year and their response to guidance from the sideline was exceptional. No matter the strength of the opposition, they still forced them to play to their highest level.

One thing is for certain, this group of players is quite possibly the closest example of the definition of a team I have had the privilege to be a part of. They have supported one another throughout the season both on and off the pitch and offer constructive feedback in very considerate ways to their teammates. No matter where we were or what the scoreline was, the noise level from the sideline and the continuous encouragement was always appreciated.

The support on a personal level when it came to corralling the youngsters and ensuring that everyone made it to the venues and fees were collected was beyond fantastic. Ruth Maddocks provided additional support from a coaching standpoint - I don't know what I would have done without her! Our umpires also need mention with them providing guidance and teaching points on the finer points of the game. In particular, Mike Innes was a star always showing up prepared to step-in and take on the whistle when needed. All in all, this year has been great and I have learned a great deal from this team and their supporters.

Shiarn Briggs



UNDER 14 BOYS (EH Championships)

Our Under 14 Boys became the first team in Timperley Hockey Club's 126 year history to reach a National Final. This is a major achievement and an indication of how far our Academy has come and all involved should feel rightly proud of finishing 5th overall. Coached this season by Joe Higson, from the Mens 1st XI, the boys have developed a strong bond as a squad and worked hard to improve their game over the season.



The team was undefeated in their qualifying league with strong wins against: Bowdon; Bolton; Preston and a walkover Brooklands. Onwards to the North Finals and the boys showed great experience and patience to win all three games against tough opposition. With wins over Triton, Ben Rhydding and Doncaster the road to Wakefield and the Nationals was clear!

The boys have formed a strong bond as a squad, working for each other and the team and they have also seen that the next level of hockey is within touching distance with hard work.

At the Nationals, having taken the lead against Cambridge City twice early nerves saw the team slip to draw the first game 2-2. Next up one of the big names in English Hockey – Guildford. In a cut and thrust game we never recovered after conceding an early penalty flick and lost 5 – 0. This was the only game the team has lost all season and it was against the eventual winners of the competition. Credit to the players they bounced back to beat Rugby and East Warks 3-2. Then into the 5th / 6th play-off match and we convincingly beat Saffron Waldon 4-0 in a fine display of hockey to become 5th in the country.

The National Finals Day at Wakefield Hockey Club was an experience for all involved and we would like to thank all the travelling Timperley supporters, families, club members, coaches and Nathan and Edward from the Under 13's team. You, and the boys, did the Club proud, and it was great to get such fine vocal support from the sidelines.

Thanks especially to Jane Whitaker, Team Manager who did a fantastic job getting all the arrangements in place not only organising everything from official photo's to the EH technical

delegate rules, but also making sure Joe made it to the games OK being new to driving!

Congratulations go to all the players for such a fantastic season

UNDER 16 GIRLS (EH Championships)

2013/14 has been another successful year for the Under 16 girls getting through to the North Regional Finals of the England Hockey Cup, with some high scoring games along the way. The Under 16 squad has widely developed since their Under 14 success with most, if not all, players now playing in senior sides. This group of girls have become the foundation and future of Timperley Hockey Club and it has been a great pleasure to coach them and see them develop along the way. Towards the end of last season four of the squad made first team performances and it was truly an honour to play alongside them.

The team has developed in to a committed and determined squad with professionalism on and off the pitch. They support and work hard for each other, and depict what it means to wear the Timperley Blue. Bring on next season and the Under 18's Cup!!

[Sophie Robinson](#)



UNDER 16 BOYS (EH Championships)

The Under 16 Boys grew as a team over the season and responded well to the tactics and approach set out by their new coach, Matt Horan from the Mens 1st XI, with Matt Curnow taking up the reigns as parent manager.

The Boys had a tough first round of matches and held a very strong Alderley Edge side for much of the game only to be beaten 2-0 by a top drawer drag flick and well drilled Penalty Corner routine. Pride dented a little, the team then let a 2-0 lead slip to a 2-2 draw verses Martin Furness. As the weather turned colder and we travelled further afield and the team shone in executing Matt Horan tactics superbly closing out the

Group stage with fine wins over Preston, 2-1, and 5-2 against Bolton.

Team effort and discipline had got the team to the North Regional Finals. Slightly under strength on the day, the team didn't get going early enough and lost their first game to Slazengers 4-2, but then went on to draw against Neston and Preston having dominated well in both games. Roll on next season when many of the team will move on to form a new Under 18 team. Thanks to all the umpires and supporters.

GREATER MANCHESTER JUNIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Played at Belle Vue, the GMJHL is a development league played in 7-a-side format. Its aim is to give players lots of experience and pitch time and Timperley are strong supporters of the league as it provides monthly tournament hockey for many players.

Played once a month, teams accumulate points over the season based on the number of games played. We entered 3 boys and 6 girls teams in the league this season.

League Performances

	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	
U11 Boys	18	1	6	11	4	21	-17	9	10 th
U11 Girls A	23	7	5	11	18	23	-5	26	5 th
U11 Girls B	14	2	0	12	5	30	-25	6	10 th
U13 Boys	29	19	2	6	85	33	+52	59	1 st
U13 Girls A	23	11	8	4	22	9	+13	41	2 nd
U13 Girls B	23	6	8	9	21	17	+4	26	6 th
U15 Boys	15	7	4	4	29	24	+5	25	4 th
U15 Girls A	12	3	2	7	15	25	-10	11	3 rd
U15 Girls B	8	0	2	6	8	24	-16	2	4 th
Total	165	56	37	72	207	173	+34	205	

We've had a really good all round season with over 100 players playing in 165 games of hockey, as well as having many Young Leaders involved in umpiring and helping organise the teams. We retained the Boys Under 13 league title and just missed out on goal difference to Alderley Edge in the Girls Under 13 league, our highest finish for a girls team, with our Girls B team also finishing 6th in the league.

Full league tables and results can be found on Fixtures Live.

<http://w.fixtureslive.com/league/568/competitions/Greater-Manchester-Junior-Hockey-League>



UNDER 11 BOYS (GMJHL)

The start of the season was somewhat of a baptism of fire for our small band of dedicated players attempting to hold back wave upon wave of attacks from more experienced teams. Our initial aim was to find some sort of shape and discipline to be able to keep a clean sheet and then to score at least one goal. The lads were great and kept trying and working hard. Then it happened, a solid defensive play, a counter attack, and our first goal. The crowd went wild!

From that moment on, we started to draw more games, we had an influx of debutants to bolster the ranks, and then the goals and wins started to come. The final tournament of the season saw how far the lads had come as a team, and how much they had learnt about positional play as well as stick skills. They finish undefeated and only narrowly lost to the winners. What a turn around. It was fantastic to see.

Well played everyone and good luck to those players going up an age group next year and welcome to those coming into the squad!!

Thanks go to Helen Cummings for organising and supporting us so well and for making the coaching part really easy. Thanks also goes to Duncan Brown for being our umpire/coach!

UNDER 11 GIRLS (GMJHL)

Firstly, a huge "Thank you" to Saf Reza for managing and organising the two U11 girls teams we put into Belle Vue league this season. On one (or maybe two occasions!!) she stepped into the coaching role too as I was unable to make it.

The girls all had a great time, played some good hockey, had fun and without Saf's organisational skills wouldn't have been able to have experienced the Belle Vue weather! Secondly "Thank you" to all the parents for braving the inclement conditions too and also to my trusty assistants and umpires Léonnie, Laura and Katrina.

Jo Nicholson

UNDER 13 BOYS (GMJHL)

This season the Under 13's won the GMJHL League for the second year. The tournaments provided an ideal opportunity for newer player to gain lots of match experience. The team's free flowing hockey bagged them 85 goals across the season. Once our coach Joe Higson, from the Men's 1st XI, had grasped the rules for 7 a side the team were unstoppable!

Special thanks to Duncan Brown for taking the team to the final tournament when Joe and some of the boys were at the North Finals. Duncan guided the boys home to collect the shield for a second season!



UNDER 13 GIRLS (GMJHL)

The season started with the infamous Belle Vue tournaments, only this one was at Timperley. The summer still in their legs, there were some sporadic performances! The season began to gather pace, and as the weather deteriorated the performances started to pick up! The results from the latter tournaments are testament to the hard work and commitment that these young girls put in every week.

This bunch of players in two or three years time will be challenging for places in the senior sides, and their attitude and desire to perform and play competitive hockey is a lesson to all!

Their reward for their hard work, and that of their parents who taxi them week in and week out to their various hockey commitments, is that they finished joint top! Pipped only by contentious goal differences! They have been a pleasure to work with all season and deserve every success! Well done to all involved. A massive thank you to the key volunteers who assist with everything from organising teams, to running squads and umpiring! It is much appreciated...by all!

Léonnie Molloy

UNDER 15 BOYS (GMJHL)

The Under 15 Boys had a mixed season after winning their GMJHL in 2012-2013. The tournaments continued to give invaluable experience to many players and the change to improve teamwork, tactics and core skills. Mixed availability, and a clash with the EH North Finals meant that we didn't play in the final tournament so we slipped down the league as we didn't play as many games as other teams.

Thanks to Matt Curnow and Matt Horan for coaching the team.

UNDER 15 GIRLS (GMJHL)

This season has seen the u15 girls transform into a structured, well balanced, polite and talented squad of young ladies - this is testament to them as a new group of girls joined the squad at the start of this season meaning they had never played together before. Despite this the girls showed their maturity, pulled together and really made an effort to come together as a team. Many of the girls will be moving up into the ladies section next season and the progress they have made this season forms a good basis to this transition.

The Belle Vue tournaments started slowly and it took some firm words from myself to engage with the girls. Despite this by the second game they were flying and we held our own against some of the tougher Manchester and Cheshire teams. I feel the girls recognised their own efforts and were proud of themselves and each other after the majority of their performances and seeing the girls communicate and praise each other on and off the pitch was a pleasure to witness.

I would like to thank all the girls for their commitments this season. They have done me proud. I would also like to thank my volunteers (especially Paula Quigley) and umpires, without whom the game wouldn't go ahead! I look forward to next season and witnessing some of these girls challenging me for my place in the ladies section!!!

Jay Mortimer



BADGERS AND BEAVERS

The Badgers and Beavers have played over 40 matches this season against other North West Hockey Clubs. Playing on a Saturday matches are very much part of a Timperley match day with teams rubbing shoulders with the senior teams! One of the 'rules' agreed by all Clubs playing fixtures is to provide teas after games to support the social side of the game!



BEAVERS (mixed U12/13/14)

This season was a season of three thirds ! We started the season by building a new team with many players playing 11 a side/full pitch hockey for the first time. There was lots to learn, new rules, positions and playing full length games. This resulted in much learning and hard work by the team but also resulted in a run of defeats! But we were gaining momentum and learning fast, using the skills developed with Sophie coached at Tuesday night training.

The second third of the season was a transition phase as some the more experienced players moved up to Badgers and newer Beavers took on more responsibility on the pitch. The effort from the players was tremendous and starting to pay off as our results improved. Playing teams made up normally of all boys, our mixed team of mainly girls started to get the success it deserved.

The final third of the season was a time of consolidation as we formed an effective team and finished the season on a high with a run of four games undefeated with wins over Oxtan, Triton and Lymm and a draw with Alderley. The players have not only learnt new hockey skills/tactic but also the wider skills of teamwork and cooperation. Confidence grew throughout the team and the excitement on and off the pitch was infectious.

Over 30 players represented the Beavers this season – so you can imagine the tough time the coaches had with rotating and juggling players each week. We played over 20 games travelling all over the North West. Beavers is all about those first steps into playing 11 a side hockey and starting to be part of the wider Club fixtures on Saturday and a great social vibe has built up across the season.

The new season promises to be a good one – many older players will move up to Badgers and we will gain a new crop of year 7 and 8 players and start the learning curve again! Some of next seasons Saturday fixtures will be converted to girl only fixtures and called 'Vixens'. We will still have Beavers fixtures as well! I hope we can build on the experience learnt this year and continue to grow and develop into a strong, hardworking and formidable team and play exciting and enjoyable hockey.

Thanks to all the parents for transporting players to away games and supporting and helping with collection of match fees. Next season we will be looking to recruit parent managers to help with the team administration so we'd love some volunteers to come forward.

Ruth Maddocks /Andrew Foster



BADGERS (mixed U14/15/16)

In the past - the badgers have been a team that struggled for results. Not this year. The squad this season has excelled winning most of their games and scoring over 100 goals in the process. Only once did we suffer a convincing loss to Neston. We learnt from it and on the third attempt at the end of the season managed a win against them. What was different about Neston was the quality of hockey that comes from how they integrate the senior and junior teams.

We are now taking a different approach to how we integrate the Academy and mens section. The girls have the 5th team, but the transition for the boys has been much more cut and dry. Boys would play under 16 one week and then play mens the next. And there was no return. This year the mens section established the development squad and we were able to work with them to allow the boys to move more freely between the mens game and the badgers.

This has allowed the boys to develop their game - getting used to the faster pace and greater physicality with the Men. But also let them stay in contact with the friends of their own age playing Badgers. Next season we will continue to integrate the badgers with the mens section over time. Allowing them to get very competitive games, and allow them to develop their decision making and communication skills with the badgers.

Again it has been a privilege to be involved with the team and I wish all the best to those who will make the permanent move to the mens section next season.

Matt Curnow



Over 40 players selected for to play for Greater Manchester and East Cheshire

Congratulations to all players involved in the Greater Manchester or East Cheshire England Hockey Single System at JDC, JAC and JRPC level.

Fantastic to see so many Timperley players involved. This season we have more players involved than ever before and also at least nine players selected for Junior Regional Development Centre's, again a record number.

Please do let us know if we have missed anyone off, or have incorrect details so we can keep an accurate record of who has played representative hockey



Academy Registration Day
Sunday 7th September 2014 from 10.00am

GIRLS

Under 12:

Lizzie Schofield

Under 13:

Alex Brown, Grace Gill, Libby Innes, Mahsa Mirzai, Alex Mulligan, Hannah Currie and Elysia Zdolny

Under 14:

Ciara Bass, Siobhan Driscoll, Ellie Heathcock, and Charlotte Jones

Under 15:

Olivia Ashworth, Dervla Foley

Under 16:

Kirsty Bass, Natalie Innes, Eleanor Mulligan, Fiona Small, Grace Tomlinson, Victoria Whitaker and Annie Williams

Under 17:

Caiomhe Leonard, Abbie Pardoe and Sam Paterson

Junior Regional Development Centres (JRPC)

Ciara Bass and Fiona Small

BOYS

Under 13:

Ben Entwisle, Luke Holland, Luke Kelly and Jack Walker

Under 14:

Matthew Booth, Ben Jones, Alex McBride, Ben Nicholson, Josh Reeves, Lewis Rogers, Sam Small and Harry Whitaker

Under 15:

Jack Entwisle and Rory Maddocks

Under 16:

Alec McKenzie and Eoin Rogers

Under 17:

Robin Curnow, Elliott Duff and Ash Terry

Regional Junior Development Centres (JRPC)

Elliott Duff, Ben Jones, Ben Nicholson, Jack Entwisle, Rory Maddocks, Matt Booth and Lewis Rogers

Thanks to everyone that supported this season's Parents v Kids games, Presentation Day and family BBQ. See the website for photos and updates from the day
www.timperleyhockeyclub.com

2013 – 14 Award Winners

Thanks to everyone who came down to our end of season events, great to see so many families down for the Parents v Kids games and Presentations. With over 200 players and parents attending the day was topped off by fantastic weather and the family BBQ

Well done and congratulations to all our winners!

Award	Winner
Chair's Award	Ruth Brown
Volunteer Award	Dominic Kay
Volunteer Award	Jane Whittaker
Young Leader Award	Katrina Giles
Young Leader Award	Ross Small
Coach of the Year	Danny Higgin
Team of the Year	Boys Under 14's
U11/12 Boys Coaches Award	Callum Brown
U11/12 Boys Most Valuable Player	Harvey Watson
U11/12 Boys Development Award	Oliver Burton
U11/12 Girls Coaches Award	Lucy Reeves
U11/12 Girls Most Valuable Player	Grace Gill
U11/12 Girls Development Award	Charolotte Lord
U13/14 Boys Coaches Award	Nathan Williams
U13/14 Boys Most Valuable Player	Ben Nicholson
U13/14 Boys Development Award	Sammy Witchalls
U13/14 Girls Coaches Award	Millie Leicester
U13/14 Girls Most Valuable Player	Siobhan Driscoll
U13/14 Girls Development Award	Amelia Gilchrist
U15/16 Boys Coaches Award	Eoin Rogers
U15/16 Boys Most Valuable Player	Alex McKenzie
U15/16 Boys Development Award	Alfie Bigley
U15/16 Girls Coaches Award	Natasha Forshaw
U15/16 Girls Most Valuable Player	Eleanor Mulligan
U15/16 Girls Development Award	Phoebe Jones
Beaver of the Year	Libby Innes
Beaver Development Award	Will Lord
Beaver Most Valuable Player	Ciara Bass
Badger of the Year	Alex McBride
Badgers Development Award	Matt Stewart
Badgers Most Valuable Player	Ben Entwisle

Cubs, Rabbits and Otters who weren't able to attend will be able to collect their medal and certificate on Registration Day 7th September from 10.00am



Solid defensive formation in the Annual Parents v Kids games



Great to see both pitches full with players and parents. Dan Caborn trying to help his team to get in position !



Ready to roll with 30 Awards and 100 medals to present



Danny and Jo presenting medals and certificates to the Rabbits in a packed function room