

Timperley Academy 2015-16

SEASON REVIEW



HALLOWEEN
BEAVERS INTER CLUB
GAME



BOYS U16
REGIONAL SUCCESS



MONDAY TRAINING
IN THE SPOTLIGHT

ACADEMY



A word from Head Coach

In my second season as Head Coach I am pleased to report the following developments: we have structured the coaching so the players are constantly active at training sessions and have more space to play in on a Sunday morning; we have been able to recruit specialist goal keeper Coaches for the Academy and I think this has resulted in an increased interest in this position and also the number of goalkeepers we have across the Academy. I would like to thank all the Coaches for their hard work this season, especially adopting new ideas and concepts to our Coaching style! We will continue to provide training and games for all players of all abilities, including the Higher Performance training, entry

68 "home grown"
Under 18s played
Senior hockey (41
girls and 27 boys)

to England Hockey Competitions and friendly matches against local clubs. I am looking forward to building on our progress and we are currently in the process of planning for next season.

Duncan Rudge - Head Coach

Cubs

Coaching the Cubs this year has been brilliant, they are full of boundless energy and enthusiasm, and never short of something to say. The primary focus is having fun, and without realising it, many of our cubs have developed some really good foundation skills that will stay with them through their entire hockey careers. There are a number of kids whose hockey careers I will watch with great interest as they could go a long way in the game.



None of this could be achieved without the help of the other coaches, Ruth, Danny, Rob and Mark who all bring their enthusiasm onto the pitch and pass on their love of hockey to the kids.

I look forward to next season!

Neil Hornby - Coach

U10s

So this season has seen our Under 10s group go from strength to strength. Whilst we have had a number of Under 10's that have been with us for a few years now and are very experienced. We have seen huge numbers join the group over the last few months, either progressing from doing so well in the under 7's or have joined with less hockey experience. We have a large number joining from outside the club and this is in part down to the sterling work of Jim McCall in local schools.

Juggling a wide range of ages and experience levels is a challenge but this has been made manageable by having a great team of coaches and young leaders so that we can split into 3-4 coaching groups each week and manage the large numbers of players attending in all weathers. Our mini tournaments have given all our young players fantastic match play experience and we have all been very impressed with their willingness to listen and try their best.

As those of you will know a couple of us Under 10 coaches have high expectations (and can be quite vocal from the sidelines) and the teams have risen to the challenge and come off the pitch absolutely worn out because of how hard they have tried. Whilst we play to win our U10s also showed that they can cope with losing. We fielded very young teams in our mini-tournaments and in the Cheshire Cup and this never phased them. This makes us proud of all their efforts and also makes it worthwhile turning up in freezing cold and wet conditions to coach them. We even had players as

Dates for your Diary

Registration Day
Sunday 11th
September

Kit Orders:

Order by 15/06
delivered by 27/07

Order by 18/07
delivered by 29/08

Order by 19/09
delivered by 31/10

Order by 07/11
delivered by 19/12

Order by 15/12
delivered by 26/01/2017

Silver FX will be
present on the
Registration day



young as 7 and 8 stepping up to help the under 12's in the Cheshire Cup - how amazing is that?! Thanks to all the coaching team (including young leaders) and parent managers, Sarah and Adam, for all of your help. Roll on September!

Jo Robinson - Coach

U10s Cheshire Minis

A slow start to the tournament meant we lost our first game 1-0 (to the eventual winners!). This was disappointing as we dominated the game but just couldn't score! We breezed through the next 5 group games playing some great hockey, scoring plenty of goals and not conceding. This put us through to the semi-finals where we would meet Chester. Again we dominated the game with Chester being camped in their own half, but the fear of scoring came to haunt us again as we just couldn't capitalise on our domination. At full time it was 0-0 so it went to flicks where we got knocked out! A horrible way for the boys to go out knowing we were by far the better team.



Boys U11s GMJHL

A great tournament set over a number of weeks. The boys managed to finish 2nd overall, only 4 points behind the winners and along the way played some really attractive hockey. Availability and injuries were the killer this year as with a full strength team each week the boys should have won the league. The boys scored some fantastic individual and team goals and also defended like their lives depended on it.

Definitely a group of young lads to watch for the future...

Danny Higgin – Coach, Adam Roberts - Parent Manager

Girls U11s

The U11 girls have really gelled into a team with each player showing strong commitment to playing as many matches as they could. They have a fantastic team spirit and everyone of the girls plays for the team. Goals are celebrated in style! Unfortunately goals were not as plentiful as the team would like and hence despite often challenging the better sides in the league with strong performances, the girls were often beaten by a single goal. As a result the girls ended up mid-table in the GMJHL. Taking the positives from the season we know the girls have the ability to beat any side in the league as demonstrated by victories against Alderley Edge and Wilmslow along with several drawn matches against the old enemy Bowdon. On many occasions we have seen every player show grit and determination when they have had their confidence knocked early in tournaments to comeback and compete strongly when they could have easily given up. You cannot dispute the passion these girls have for playing hockey for Timperley!

Ryan Guest – Coach, Anna Guest - Parent Manager

Girls U12s Cheshire Minis

Timperley took two teams to Chester to play in the U12 Cheshire Cup competition this year. Both teams played with passion for Timperley, however suffered from a goal drought. The team made up predominantly of Year 7 players were unbeaten having managed 3 draws in 3 matches but unfortunately did not progress to the knock-out stages. The second Timperley team battled against the odds with special mention to Sarah for stepping in at the last minute as the team goalie and Rosie and Maggie for staying on after the U10 tournament and playing another 4 matches to make up the shortfall in players. After playing and losing to a very impressive Deeside team which would have broken the confidence of most sides the girls competed valiantly for the rest to the tournament finishing on a high.

Ryan Guest - Coach, Anna Guest - Parent Manager

Girls U13s

This year we used the GMJHL (a.k.a Belle Vue @ Timperley) as a way of allowing Year 6 and 7 girls to play more competitive hockey. It was tough for them when they regularly played Year 8 teams from Bowdon, Alderley Edge and Brooklands where the extra development physically and skill-wise was intimidating. With only one goalkeeper (Emily Baxter) being shared by two teams sometimes we were regularly playing 6 outfield with no keeper - an uphill battle! However, that said, we never struggled to field teams and the girls were always keen and willing to play their hardest for Timperley. Good team moral was maintained by Ella Nicholson's chocolate creations and some inventive new Timperley chants (!!!) This group of girls will be better placed next season to compete and a tough season this year will hopefully stand them in good stead as they progress. Thank you girls, for always playing with smiles on your faces...

Nicola Lord - Parent Manager

Boys U13s GMJHL

The U13 boys threw themselves into this tournament with their usual enthusiasm playing in 4 out of the 5 afternoon leagues, which were held at Timperley (a far better venue than windy and wet Belle Vue!). Here's hoping the new 'Belle Vue' pitches don't get built on time at The Firs in Manchester in time for the 2016 – 2017 season so we can play host for another year here at Timperley.

There were some excellent displays of talent on show to name but a few of our up and coming youngsters...Tarun Sathi who although a stalwart in defence is capable of attacking the oppositions goal with great finesse and flair! Tate Clayton and Hamish Gonzales –Sweeney showing off some

"Minis" of Timperley invade Cheshire



The annual trip to Chester HC for the Cheshire Minis. Picnics and 7-a-side hockey what more could you need?!

very tasty skills in some of the games too! They finished a very respectable 7th in the league considering they missed one entire afternoon of games hence were unable to gather any points to go on the league table! Finally, a huge 'Thank you' must go to Ruth Brown for being a very efficient parent manager for this age group and helping me enormously.

Woody - Coach

Boys U14s

U14 Boys English Hockey North West Development League

This year was the first time Timperley had entered an under 14 boys 7 a-side team into English Hockey's development programme. With a total of 6 teams in the league the season's format was to play each team twice with each club taking it in turn to host the games. Frustratingly, the reality was that 3 of the teams dropped out with one of those teams then re-joining the league but missing their hosting slot so that in the end we ended up playing Oxton and Bebington twice and Alderley Edge once.

On the few occasions we were able to put stick to ball the boys played some great hockey and overall only Alderley Edge got the better of us when we hosted all the remaining clubs at Timperley in February. I'd like to thank Phil Marsh for his excellent umpiring and for being prepared to travel the length and breadth of the North West... in the end he only got to see a very damp Oxton.

Tim Scopes - Parent Manager

Beavers

Although we may not have won many matches, there were significant improvements in the Beavers team as the season progressed. A real sense of team spirit was obvious and the commitment of the players could not be questioned. Some of the more experienced players were asked to step up to strengthen the Badgers team which enabled some new and younger players to join the Beavers. Most games were played against teams consisting only of older, more experienced boys, nevertheless our mixed team of various ages and abilities turned out week in week out with a positive attitude and produced some remarkable results, showing teamwork, resilience and enthusiasm. Thanks must go to Fozzy, Dan, Ruth and Jo for running and supporting the team and not forgetting the parents who without whom these matches could not go ahead.

Steph Ashworth – Parent Manager (first half of the season)

Badgers

The season started off promisingly but a succession of injuries and call ups to the adult teams saw a dip in performance and results. The level of play was a step up for some of the younger Beaver players, however, they rose to the challenge and performed admirably against older, stronger opposition. This should stand them in good stead for the years to come...

The focus for the season switched to become more about developing particular aspects of the game, and individual players and not purely being driven by results. The second half of the Alderley Edge game showed what could be achieved.

A difficult season for all concerned but one which has allowed us to "blood" a very young squad against stronger opponents. The pleasing thing being most of this current crop should be available next year...hopefully a good summer off they will come back hungry and with the bit between their teeth to compete!

Kerry Reeves - Parent Manager



Vixens

This year has seen the Vixens take on more fixtures and become quite a force within the area. Without a doubt, this season would not have been possible without Pippa who has taken care of organising the team, umpires and the fixtures from a huge selection of talented girls! The support of Mike and Phil Marsh as well as our umpires and the other coaching personnel has been invaluable to both the girls and I throughout the season and the support that the Vixens receive from their parents (both at home and away fixtures) puts other teams to shame! I truly could not express how important the support from everyone has been and I know it has been the same for all other Timperley teams as well.

As always, this group is a great deal of fun to coach and work with throughout the year. I have regularly been treated to singing of the highest calibre and some very interesting dance moves! Throughout the whole season the girls have given everything that they could on the pitch and we have had some good success as a result! Even when they have not managed to win the game, they have always come away with a positive attitude and a willingness to take on board suggestions to improve. Given there has been such a large number within the age group, they have all been exceptional with welcoming new players to the team, encouraging and supporting one another in a way that I have only ever seen within Timperley Hockey Club!

They have been, and I have no doubt will continue to be, a great asset to Timperley and I am very proud of them all!

Shiarn Briggs - Vixens Coach

Girls U15s

The 2015/16 season has seen the U15 girls go from strength to strength. Always a tricky age, which traditionally sees the transition from junior to senior hockey and that in itself can present it's own issues! Not for this group of girls! Our role as coach for this age group has been made infinitely easier due to the desire, commitment and maturity within this group. The progressions they have made in their play, a direct result in most cases from the extra experience and pitch time they are getting within the senior setting has vastly improved their performances in the 7-a-side format. Too many names to offer stand out performances, but they have been a delight to coach. I think it's fair to say that Timperley, has in these girls, the future of the senior sides. I hope they continue to progress and look forward to seeing them at pre-season and senior training over the summer to continue their development!

Léonnie Molloy - U15s Coach

Boys U15s

What used to be called the Belle Vue (GMJHL) tournament is now played at Timperley. There were 5 rounds of the tournament, and Timperley competed in 4 rounds. This meant we couldn't win overall (Sandbach won eventually). Timperley played a young team, unlike other clubs who tended to play their more experienced players, but competed with distinction to finish 4th overall. Thanks to Ross Small, Mike Marsh and Duncan who all coached the team over the season.

Due to player availability and other commitments, it was difficult to play a settled team but thanks are due to all the following who played over the season. Luke Holland, Jack Walker, Harry Whittaker, Sam Small, Eamonn Gilmore, Chris Young, Ben Harrison, Jake Ashworth, Kai Simpson, Brandon Lane, Oliver Evans, Nathan Williams, Ed Roffey, Alex Mollard, Tarun Sathi, Finn Scopes and Jacob Wakefield. Apologies if I have forgotten anyone. Over the season stats were: P 24, W 12, D4, L8. Tournament 4, on Feb 2nd, was the highlight of the season. Timperley were unbeaten and finished top. A special mention is needed for Oliver Evans who kept 7 clean sheets that day on his only appearance in goal this season! Goals were shared around, but many players scored their first goals for the club over the course of the season. Finally a special mention too for Nathan Williams who played in defence all season (including Badgers), got injured in the last Sunday tournament, so got pushed up front and promptly netted 4 goals!

Bill Roffey – U15 Boys Parent Manager

Girls U16s

The U16 girls are a young side in the age group and have demonstrated they are bursting with talented Timperley players who are more than capable of challenging the top flight teams. The girls are to be commended for their work rate and attitude. It was a pleasure to support them and it's exciting to think most of them have another year together to develop and excel further.



Siobhan Driscoll Most Improved Junior in the Ladies's section

Ciara Bass, Alex Mulligan, Zoe Murphy all received the most Man of the Matches for Ladies 2s, 3s, 4s respectively

Boys U16s

The U16 boys got, off to a good start in North Group 1, winning both games. Our last game against Alderley Edge would determine who finished top of the group. Either way we were both through -- however the game didn't go our way and was really a bit of a wake-up call as we came second!!

Sam Small Most Improved Junior in the Men's section

We then headed off for a day out to Leek for the North Regional Cluster 1, where 3 games would be played; the overall winners of which would be travelling down to the finals in London, a daunting but exciting prospect. Our first game was against the hosts (Leek) and a close game this proved to be, with only 1 goal scored, unfortunately it dribbled (and I mean dribbled!!) over the goal line into our net. This seemed to actually spur the lads on and make them more determined, even though we now had to rely on the scores of the other games.

Our next 2 games brought us 4-0 wins over our opponents, placing us second, but with a slim chance of us finishing top overall on goal difference. The hosts had to lose their last game to put us top. To be honest it was a slim chance as their opponents (West Bridgford) had lost all their games. The game started and West Bridgford were all over Leek, playing just out of enjoyment and with nothing to lose, it seemed to be doing the trick. We began to think we may still have a chance and so players were told to stay, encouraging and cheering on West Bridgford. It was 0-0 at half-time and still we didn't move. Then Leek scored and a few of ours climbed into cars and left, leaving the die-hard "Timperlians" behind still believing that West Bridgford could



come back and draw. However, this was not to be and against the run of play Leek scored. Dejected and gutted we got in our cars and left Leek behind. If only we had blown harder on that ball to stop it from dribbling over the line!! Never mind there's always next year and so the dream of playing in London lives on!!

Kerry Reeves - Parent Manager

England Honours

After his performances with the Pennine Pumas at the Futures Cup Ben Nicholson was selected as one of 34 boys to participate in a more intensive selection process for England. This involved a series of training sessions and residential camps where their performances were monitored over a number of weeks.

From this intensive selection process Ben made the cut for the final squad of 26 for this season. In March he made his England debut in Rotterdam playing Holland U16s over the weekend. The first of many caps we hope!

This is a huge achievement for Ben and his family and is testament to the hard work and commitment he has put into his sport. He wishes to thank his sponsors Jane Ambler at Bennetts Solicitors, Macclesfield and also Grays Hockey.

England U16 Boys Rotterdam 2016



Season Highlights and Representative Honours

England Hockey Single System JAC 2015/2016

U12 Girls	Emily Baxter (GK) Roisin Driscoll Charlotte Lord
U13 Girls	Phoebe Pardoe
U13 Boys	Callum Brown Jack Bailey Oliver Burton
U14 Boys	Jake Ashworth Cameron Armstrong Chris Young Harvey Watson
U15 Girls	Grace Gill Alex Mulligan Elysia Zdolyny Libby Innes (GK)
U15 Boys	Ben Entwisle
U16 Girls	Georgia Giles Ciara Bass Siobhan Driscoll Isobel West
U16 Boys	Alex McBride Ben Jones Harry Whittaker Josh Reeves Ben Nicholson
U17 Boys	Bilal Chaudry Jack Entwisle Rory Maddocks

England Hockey Single System JRPC and beyond 2015/2016

U15 Girls	Alex Mulligan
U15 Boys	Ben Entwisle
U16 Girls	Ciara Bass Tier 1 Siobhan Driscoll Tier 1
U16 Boys	Ben Jones (Selected for the Pennine Pumas) Ben Nicholson* (Selected for the Pennine Pumas)
U18 Girls	Fiona Small

* Received International Honours England U16

Academy Chairs End of Season Report

Wow! Where does the season go? It doesn't seem 5 minutes since we were pulling together last years end of season newsletter! Looking at what has been written before me it has been another fun packed season!

So, firstly, I would just like to say a huge well done to all of the 225 children in our academy (126 girls and 99 boys!) It has been great to see the development of everyone's silky skills from the Cubs through to the u16s! With 68, U18 players playing across the mens and ladies senior teams this year the future is looking bright at Timperley!

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our committed and brilliant volunteers. From the 25 coaches who coach weekly across our Sunday and midweek training sessions, to our core committee members (some of whom are never seen but who work quietly and steadfastly behind the scenes), to our 10 parent managers who manage the 17 junior teams we run, through to our friendly and reliable Young Leaders. Without all of your input throughout the season the academy would not be where it is today, so a sincere 'Thank you' on behalf of the hockey section and myself.

Next season there are a number of celebrations to be had, as the 2016 – 2017 season sees the men having played hockey here at the club for 130 years! There will also be the 'build up' to 'Project 18' where we will start to see some exciting plans emerge regarding some rather large developments of the sporting facilities here at Timperley Sports Club to make us an even bigger and better club!

Plans are also underway for next season too with respect to the running of our Academy. We always value your thoughts and comments so keep them coming in whatever way you deem fit to do so! Following some feedback this season we are looking at ways we could re-structure training to allow the Beavers, Badgers and Vixens to have some time allotted to train more as a 'unit'. This would potentially allow more time to practise more set pieces, rolling things over from training into their match play and vice versa a little more readily so watch out over the summer for an update regarding this...

So finally...it leaves me to say I hope you all have a fun-filled and exciting summer and we look forward to welcoming you back on Sunday 11th September at 10am to re-register enabling you to dust the cobwebs off your hockey sticks and get back on that pitch! For those in secondary school pre-season training will commence over the summer...so again keep your eyes on your emails for those all-important start dates...!

Many thanks,

Woody

(Jo Nicholson – Timperley Hockey Academy Chair)

Special thanks to all the parents who support on a weekly basis come rain or shine!
Thanks also to: Silver FX kit supplier to the club, who kindly donated prizes for the presentation day. Impact Trophies (www.impacttrophies.co.uk) for all prizes, trophies and rosettes. Kabo hockey who have donated sticks for the presentation day.

