

JUNIOR GIRLS REPORT 2009-10 – Andy Powner, Coach

This year has seen an increase in the numbers of girls participating in football at the KCC, with just under 30 girls aged from 6 to 12 years old.

With regular training every Saturday morning, the girls have built up their fitness and footballing skills, with results that we have seen at the girls' tournaments, and also in our friendly games this season.

In the under 11's, some of the girls now play regularly in the boys' teams; namely Grace White, Lella Lee, Molly Smith and Rhea Rodrigues. Last month, many of the girls were able to participate in a boys' tournament for the first time and showed great skill and determination.

In November 2009, we entered under 9's and under 11's teams at the Tai Tam Girls' Tournament. Our KCC Angels (U9) Team came fourth out of six teams, with some fantastic goals from Isobel Richardson and Emily Cameron. Olivia Longbottom was also excellent as our goal keeper. Meanwhile, the KCC Stars (U11) reached the semi-final of the Bowl Competition. Ella Thubron played extremely well in goal and Sophie Whitton managed to score and put them in the semi-final. Misha Nankani and Emma Scanlon also helped the team through. Meanwhile, KCC United (U11) reached the semi-final of the Cup Competition, where they were only just knocked out on penalties. Grace Scanlon was in goal during the penalty shoot-out. There were some brilliant goals scored by Rhea Rodrigues, Lella Lee, Kirsty Soutar and Lydia Powner.

In March 2010, at the second Tai Tam Girls' Soccer Tournament, KCC Stars (U9) came runners-up in the Plate Competition, KCC United (U11) were runners-up in the Cup Competition, and our new U13's team were semi-finalist in the Cup competition. The U9's were coached by Errol D'Souza. There were notable performances by Rosie Down, Lucie Tolhoeks, Anya D'Souza, Shivahn Bulman-Garvie, Keely Shirley, Isobel Richardson, Caitlin Smith and Yasmin Cooke, with number of good saves by Olivia Longbottom.

The U11's side, comprising Sophie Whitton, Molly Smith, Kaela-mei

Townson, Rhea Rodrigues, Lella Lee, Maddy Thomas, Grace White and Matilda Milford, entered a goal scoring spree, starting with a 4-0 win. Coaches Richard Lee and Ian Whitton provided the encouragement, and Ian produced an award winning write-up in the April 2010 edition of the KCC magazine. Meanwhile, our new U13's team combined with friends from the Canadian International School. There was a great defensive display by Kirsty Soutar and energetic midfield skills by Lydia Powner, who never stopped running. Many thanks to our parents and parent coaches, and also to our Brazilian Soccer coach, Jason Li, who has contributed enormously to the girls' enjoyment of the game, as well as to their soccer skills.

Andrew Powner