

# Water Polo Match Report for Mixed U/13(2011/U)

London League - 16 th April 2023

The Hythe Aqua Water Polo team did really well in the first half of the first game today , they defended well and drove forward with the ball well. The Hythe goalkeeper was amazing in goal making a few vital saves to keep it nil nil. A few subs made in the second half and we were hit immediately with three goals against. The team did their best to get back into the game and did well to only concede five goals.

The next two games were always going to be tough given that the teams were stronger and we had to play back to back games. For most, this was their first competitive game in an all deep pool and we had several substitutes to manage to ensure that everyone got a good bit of time in the water to experience the games. Our Team Manager did a great job managing game time for everyone and there was a good team spirit. The team put some good passes together they were rewarded by scoring two goals in the second game scored by Joseph Lea and Daniil Tsirelson. We showed that we could work well together and score but sadly lost the second game 10-2. Again, a special mention must go to our goalkeeper who performed amazingly well in goal stopping many shots and even closing down attackers when they were clean through our defence. She showed great composure despite the score lines to keep going.

The final game showed its toll on the players and they were looking tired but some great link ups and a string of good passing allowed us to score another two goals, the first by Poppy Duncan and the second by Daniil Tsirelson. Sadly we lost 13-2 but its not about the score line but the experience.

A big thank you for the support from the parents and for taking your children a long way with cramped spectator conditions. I'm sure the players could hear your cries of support and it would have spurred them on.

The team consisted of the following children who all did very well:

Tabitha, Reef, Joseph, Filip, Daniil, Annabelle,