

Palace Go Top

The transition from Kent girl's league to Surrey has been successful for Crystal Palace under 14's, as after just four games they lead the division with a 100% record.

After a tough opening fixture against Delvham, who finished third last season, saw Palace drawing 0-0 at half time. But 'girl of the match' Sophie Williams playing wide right turned the match with a very good second half performance making the opening two goals for Amber Church and Aiyana Glaze. Two late goals from Kate Green & another from Glaze meant 4-0 was a bit flattering for Palace.

With no game for the next three weeks due to a match award against Lambeth Girls and a bye in the cup, meant that the first away match V NPL was like another first game of the season, and it showed, the girls looked rusty early on.

Defensive mistakes cost NPL badly as Palace forwards Amber Church (2) and Aiyana Glaze (2) pounced. Kate Green chipped in with a fine drive from outside the box, but 5-0 at half time was flattering. Four changes were made at half time to give all squad players time on the pitch.

NPL got their goal from a corner which certainly could have been defended better. With 15 minutes to go Aiyana and Kate both came back on, with Glaze being on the end of an excellent passing move for her hat trick and then scored her fourth with a good cross shoot.

There was still time for Ciara Smith to score, so making an 8-1 score line.

Match day 4 saw the visit of Abbey Rangers to Park Langley, they are a newly promoted side, but were torn apart by the pace of Sophie Williams on the wide right. Not only did she score one, but made three others in the first 25 minutes before coming off to protect her left ankle, and the score at half time was 5-0!

Four changes were made at half time, for all squad members to get match time and fitness. The final score was 6-1, with Glaze 3, Church 1, Green 1 and Williams 1. The only concern after the game was for Mia Burgess Palace goal keeper who took a heavy knock to her left side whilst making a brave clearance.