

Amphibians Victorious

Croydon Amphibians U14 Water polo team were dominant as they claimed victory in the Red Cross Water polo Championship Tournament in Basingstoke at the weekend.

The team played last years winners Basingstoke and then Salisbury in the preliminary rounds winning 13 – 4 and 15 – 0 respectively with a clean sheet from goal keeper Alfie Piper and a confident hat trick from Team Junior Matthew Helps the highlights. They then met Christchurch Seagulls in the final who had had an equally impressive route to earn the right to compete against Croydon.

Croydon went behind early in the game but through the hard work of Josh Capon, Anthony Desousza and the strength of four goal Josh Hampson they managed to go a goal ahead with three minutes left to play. Then a wonder goal by Matthew Brooks ,a further by Kevin Girard and a magnificent defensive performance by Tor Wheeler sealing a compelling and skilful contest with Amphibians winning 8 – 5.

The Tournament organiser said when awarding the team their shield and medals “This final was played between two strong and skilful teams both deserving to win and each showing what an exciting and entertaining game water polo is”