

SCHOOL SPORT AUSTRALIA

2010 BOYS HOCKEY TOUR

MATCH RESULTS

Game 1 v Kowloon Hockey Club

Score: Australian Schoolboys 11 (Jack Elliot 4, Flynn Ogilvie 2, Alex Phimmachanch, Matthew Dawson, Ben McGowan, Daniel Beale, Josh Mynott)

defeated Kowloon 0

Player of the Match: Daniel Beale

In a very rusty opening half Australia found the hot conditions trying and also struggled with the timing of their passes. A well marshalled defense repeatedly cleared numerous attacks and it was only after about 20 minutes before we were able to post our first score via Alex Phimmachanch putting in a deflection from a Daniel Beale cross. Toward the 30 minute mark Matthew Dawson scored our second from a direct hit from a short corner. This ensured a 2-0 lead at half time.

In the second half Australia found its rhythm around midfield and began to pile on the pressure. We scored 9 goals in the second half against a tiring defense but a large number were wonderfully executed passing passages of play. One of the highlights was Jack Elliott's finishing as he scored 4 in the second half.

Game 2 v Hong Kong Under 21

Score: Australia 4 (Jack Elliott 2, Alex Phimmachanch, Daniel Mathiesen)

defeated Hong Kong Under 21 1

After the playing of the national anthems of both China and Australia and the exchange of gifts and a group photo the team found a much stronger opposition than in game 1. The Hong Kong defense was much more structured and Australia found it hard to make any significant impact on goal. It was not until the 26th minute that Australia found the first goal through a scramble in front of goal when Jack Elliott managed to slide one over the keeper. 3 minutes later Alex Phimmachanch found himself unmarked on the left of goal and was able to slot home the second. One minute before halftime one of the Hong Kong -players was able to beat four defenders and in their first circle penetration he was able to put in a reverse stick shot high into the left hand corner to pull one back.

In the second half the Hong Kong defense was again hard to penetrate. It took a moment of quick thinking from Jack Elliott to make the score 3-1. It was Daniel Mathiesen who completed the scoring after some prolonged attack from the Australian midfield.

This was a tough game and the boys played solidly still struggling with the heat and also with their timing and finishing.

Game 3 v Beijing Institute of Sport

Result 1-1 Scorer: Daniel Beale

Player of the Match: Flynn Ogilvie

This game was played in the indoor stadium and the temperature was cool compared to Hong Kong. In a very fast and tough match Beijing's speed across the forward line continually caused problems for our defense. Beijing went in to half time with a 1-0 lead courtesy of a well constructed field goal scored when a player was left unmarked on the right side top of goal.

In the second half the boys played a well controlled game and were rewarded when Daniel Beale ripped a drag into the top right from a short corner. The game continued to see saw with both sides having plenty of opportunities with time eventually leading to a 1-1 result.

Game 4 v Tianjin Development Side

Result 2-2 Scorers: Daniel Mathiesen, Jack Elliott

Player of the Match: Joel Latham

In a very fast and tough encounter Australia took a 1-0 lead when a well constructed short corner was scored by Jack Elliott. With two minutes to go Daniel Mathiesen scored a little touch from a well timed pass into the circle to set up a nice 2-0 half time lead.

In the second half some very interesting local umpiring decisions saw Tianjin awarded a number of short corners with the local side scoring 2 scrambled goals in a five minute period half way through the period. With the scores 2-2 it provided the scene for some very fast and furious attack and defense from both sides. The game ended with the Aussie boys controlling much of the play but unable to convert their opportunities.

Game 5 v Beijing Institute of Sport

Result 3-0 Scorers: Joel Latham, Dylan Roberts

Player of the Match: Anthony Fearn-Wannan

In a game where we were 3 players down due to illness the rest of the squad stood up to be counted and in front of the girl's team who were great support the boys opened the scoring around the 20 minute mark with a tomahawk shot by Joel Latham. More sustained pressure from the boys through great use of the ball saw two far post deflections to Dylan Roberts take the score to 3-0 at half time.

With very little chance for rest and in humid conditions the players controlled the tempo of the match to repel Beijing attack and in the end were very comfortable winners 3-0.

Game 6 v Beijing Institute of Sport

Result: 2-4 Scorers: Alex Phimmachanch, Daniel Beale

Player of the Match: Addison Gann

With a much depleted bench with boys coming back from illness and some others coming down the boys put in a credible performance. They were really flat and a number of passes went astray. The fast Beijing forwards took advantage and in a 10 minute section put in three quick goals one right on half time to take a 3-0 lead.

The boys rallied to pull back to 3-2 with two field goals from deflections before a breakaway from Beijing took them to a 4-2 lead with 10 minutes remaining. Despite numerous attempts we could not pull back the half time lead for us to go down 2-4. Considering the amount of illness this was a great result and the players showed great heart against a very quick opposition.