

Cambridge City U14 Juniors are Eastern Region Hockey Champions

On Sunday six teams from around the region who had progressed through the U14 competition stages met at the Leys School to decide who would go home with the title Eastern Regional Champions.

The newly formed Cambridge squad competing for the first time at this age group met a talented Ipswich side and took an early lead. From this point both teams endured periods of intense pressure with the ball moving freely around the pitch. Going into half time with a 2-1 lead City held their discipline winning with goals from Charlie Field, Edward Fairey (2) and Mark Bishop.

The second box match was against a strong Beeston side which proved very physical Matthew Mitcham, Dominic Lea and goalkeeper Charlie Bower were outstanding in defence and two goals from captain Charlie Field which included a well-positioned penalty flick secured City a 2-1 win to top their group.

In the other side of the draw local rivals Bury came through on top of their group on goal difference having beaten Belper in a goal fuelled match to secure their place in the final.

The final against Bury was always going to be very tense and once again City took an early lead with a well taken short corner by Charlie Field. Bury then pulled a goal back just before half time to enter the break all square. Cambridge kept their composure and structure and two more goals from Hugh Bishop and Edward Fairey hit the boards from short corners to give Cambridge a very well earned victory of 3-1.

Lead Coach Nick Thompson, former GB International said “This is our first year in the U14 competition and I am delighted for the boys and the Club. Many of our players are young and taking part in 11 a side club hockey for the first time and this tournament has given them the opportunity to develop their hockey skills in a competitive environment. My congratulations go out to the team, a great performance and a superb end to our season.”

