
Team reversal



Kings Langley Hockey Club's Under-11 C-grade champion team.

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KINGS Langley Hockey Club's Under-11s C-grade side weren't thinking about getting the right numbers on the score sheet before their grand final – they were more concerned about the numbers on the team sheet.

In a classic against-the-odds victory, the club pulled off a 1-0 victory over Baulkham Hills in their North Area Junior Hockey Association grand final two weeks ago.

On the day of the final one of their 14 players was sick in the car on the way to the

match (later discovered to be tonsillitis) while two other players, including top scorer Matias Garcia, got lost trying to get to the venue and only made it for the match's last 10 minutes.

"It was nice to win ... especially under the circumstances," club president Lyn O'Reilly said.

The win marked an incredible turnaround for the side, who picked up the wooden spoon last year.

"It's a credit to the side's coach Tim Allen," she said.

"You're only as good as your weakest player and because we give everybody

equal game time it has been really good in building confidence among the players.

"Everyone did such a great job and I think they were pretty excited to win."

There was concern at the start of the season that the club's pre-final preparation dramas would mirror their regular season training before each game.

While many teams in the competition practised on fields, the club did all their training on tennis courts.

"A few people suggested that by training on tennis courts we couldn't win ... we have proven we can."
