



News from South Africa

Liebe Freunde des Alster Grootbos Hockey Projekts,

nachdem einiger unsere Kinder bereits zu Sichtungstrainings und Auswahlspielen eingeladen wurden, gab es die Möglichkeit, bei einem U12 Cup in Stellenbosch auf sich als Team aufmerksam zu machen. Es war ein großartiges Wochenende. Wir sind stolz, dass unsere Zusammenarbeit mit dem Südafrikanischen Hockeyverband und seiner Leitung in Cape Town Früchte trägt.

Anbei der Bericht aus Grootbos in Englisch:

The under 12's attend the Paul Roos Gymnasium under 12 Cup, a two day tournament held in Stellenbosch at the Maties Hockey Field. It started Friday afternoon, with a team photo being taken by a professional photographer and then the first few games started promptly, 4 games playing simultaneously. The boys even tough, smaller in height was put through the paces and realised the competition standard was much higher than they had anticipated but everyone was so friendly, the referees, opposing teams and supporters had all stood together to support the boys and assist when we needed it like, when one of the boys got sick. The boys played five games on Friday, losing 4 and drawing one but the boys played amazingly and the younger boys with the least experience played so well and took on the bigger opponents



by showing them dynamite comes in small packages. Every game was exciting and spectators couldn't believe the amount of skills displayed. We then stayed over at an accommodation close by and the boys were really excited about sleeping out for the night. The next day we had two more games scheduled and the boys had some difficulty in the first match but then redeemed themselves in the final match and played an amazing match that got the supporters cheering as if it was a final. The boys had so much fun, made friends and learnt a lot. There was also a goal keeper workshop on the Saturday afternoon as well and it was a nice experience for our goal keeper who has been playing amazingly all tournament to get a few added skills and techniques from professionals.