

# Woodford Falcons

## What's the Latest?

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Last week Friday on the 28th of April, as grey clouds loomed over Honiara threatening to burst open with rain, Woodford's hockey team travelled to KGVI (King George the sixth) to play their first match of the year. They were to face Vura, one of the heavy weight teams in the league.

As we arrived everyone looked calm, despite the fact that this was their first match of the year and they had not trained since the closing of the league last year. Luckily, the match was delayed for a further twenty minutes so the coach used that extra time to fit in some short fitness drills and plays to practice.

The game kicked off to an electrifying start as the Falcons gained possession of the ball early in the first half. The majority of the first half consisted of more than a few close calls of Woodford scoring. Woodford's goal shooter had a go at Vura's net a couple of times. Unfortunately, they failed to actually score a goal in the first half. By the time the second half began, the boys were already in a state of fatigue. The Vura boys used this to their advantage and shot the ball between the legs of Woodford's keeper to score one goal. The Falcon's did not give up and made an effort to come back, getting close to scoring on some occasions, however Vura's defense was too strong. Plus lets not forget the fact that our boys were exhausted which is understandable as they haven't been training.

Even though we lost, coach Lei stated that this game was merely a test match for the boys to determine their fitness and playing levels and the aim really, was just to have fun. There will be another match this week Friday so be sure to tune in for the results and outcomes.



Above: coach Lei giving some words of encouragement before the game.



Above: Fellow Woodford student Elinda showing her support.



Left: Mikewells stealing the ball from a Vura attacker.