



MATCH REPORTS FOR 22 SEPTEMBER 2010

Under 11 Girls' Hockey

What looked to be a promising young team in practice didn't quite rise to the occasion or play to full capacity. We had several chances to score but no goals materialised and Beeston won with apparent ease. However, discussing the match afterwards, both coaches agreed that the score line didn't accurately reflect the play. Fitness needs to be worked on as generally the pace was just too slow, but as one of the spectators remarked 'there is potential there' and we are sure as the term progresses success will be achieved.

The Crabtree family played enthusiastically and fought hard throughout, but player of the match on this occasion was Sophie Rose, new to playing in goal, who made several great saves.

Under 9A Boys' Rugby

The Under 9A Boys' Rugby team travelled to Gresham's School to play the opening match of the season.

Captained by scrumhalf Joshua Burton the team knew that nothing less than 100% effort would be required to secure victory.

We started strongly right from the first whistle pressurising their opposition with some committed tackling. In possession we were confident and positive, they attacked relentlessly and eventually something had to give way. Matthew Austin was first to cross the try line after some powerful forward play from Jabez Cooke and by half time Mathew had added another after a mazy 30 metre run.

At the half time whistle the boys set themselves the target of improving on their first half score whilst holding their opponents to a score of zero, it would take some doing but confidence was high. Thomas Barter was substituted on to take the place of the hard rucking Oliver Liston and the second half was under way.

It was more of the same from Taverham as they consistently caught Gresham's behind the gain-line in possession with some outstanding tackling, live-wire Saxon Earley, inspirational captain Joshua Burton and the irrepressible Jabez Cooke leading the way. Two or three times our wingers Oliver E and Victor Konstantanidis ran well out wide only to be forced into touch by good Gresham's cover defence.

By now we were well in control and passing the ball with confidence, Ben Blowers, Edward Darley and Thomas Barter all keeping attacking ball alive with some wonderful passes.

Matthew Austin was to score two further tries with some wonderful running, Jabez Cooke was well rewarded for his strong performance with a try of his own, and Saxon Earley also got on the score-sheet with a well taken try.

At the final whistle the score was 6-0 to Taverham Hall.

From a coach's point of view Mr Steed was pleased not only with the result but also with the effort and endeavour from all of the Under 9 A's. The character and determination shown yesterday gives us a wonderful building block to improve upon throughout the season. Mr Steed is looking forward to what he is sure will be a very enjoyable rugby season.

Under 13 Girls Hockey

The Under 13 Girls Hockey Team played away to Beeston on Wednesday afternoon.

The weather was typical for September hot and dry! Not ideal for playing hockey but lovely if you were a spectator.

Beeston were very strong and it was obvious from the start that the girls were going to have to work hard. Katie Larter made some fantastic saves throughout the match but the opposition were relentless in their attack in the first half and the score at half time was 5-0.

Beeston made some changes at half time which made a difference and gave us the opportunity to get back into the game. Both Victoria Baker and Sacha Burke played well showing off their improved stick skills.

Although a disappointing outcome, the match has given the girls lots to work on in our games lessons.

Score 6-0 to Beeston

The U12 Girls' Hockey

The U12 Girls hockey team travelled to Beeston for their first match of the season.

The team started off rather slowly and fell behind to a very early goal by the opposition. Once the team settled down the girls started to play better with Annie Serruys making some good runs. Unfortunately, Beeston went on to score three more unanswered goals in the first half.

After words of encouragement the girls played better in the second half, moving the ball around well and improved their link up play. Rosie Griggs and Isobel Hall saw more of the ball and we were creating chances, it was just unfortunate that we lacked composure to put the ball in the net. Natasha Morrison should be commended for her efforts in goal, where she shows good potential.

The girls will need to focus on a better start next week against Riddlesworth.

Final Score 6-0 to Beeston

Under 11A Boys' Rugby

In baking hot conditions, more suited to cricket than rugby, the Under 11A Boys' rugby team began their season with a well deserved win away at Gresham's.

The match was secured in the first fifteen minutes by outstanding forward play, notably by Robert Baker and Harrison Stiles who were making their debut in the pack. Captains Tom Poole and Tom Martin worked hard to keep everyone going throughout a gruelling second half; Gresham's fought back with determination and managed to break through just before the final whistle. The Man of the Match award went to our two try-scoring and superb cover-tackling winger, Yuri Konstantinidis.

Final Score 12 – 7 to Taverham Hall.

Tries – Yuri Konstantinidis (x2), Robert Baker.

Conversion – Jack van Poortvliet (1)