



MATCH REPORTS FOR 29 SEPTEMBER 2010

Taverham Hall U9 A's V Beeston Hall U9 A's

At 3.00 pm Taverham U9 A team kicked off their second away match of the season against Beeston Hall.

For the early part of the first half Beeston were very competitive making things tough for a determined Taverham side that fought hard for every scrap of possession available. Eventually a combination of positive running and ferocious tackling started to wear Beeston down for Jabez Cooke and Mathew Austin to both score fine tries before the half time whistle.

At half time wise words of encouragement from Mr Crossley seemed to have the desired effect as Taverham firmly took control of the match. Jabez Cooke, Edward Darley, Thomas Barter and Oliver Liston all worked tirelessly in the forwards to provide ball for the likes of Joshua Burton, Saxon Earley and Matthew Austin to terrorise the opposition with their running ability, whilst Ben Blowers, Oliver E and Victor Konstantinidis tackled anything that came their way.

Taverham ran in a further five tries in the second half with Mathew Austin adding to his first half try, Saxon Earley scoring two and Joshua Burton and Edward Darley also both finishing up with one a piece.

The overall result was Taverham Hall 7 Beeston Hall 0.

Taverham Under 9's spirit and overall attitude has been fantastic in the last two matches. We still have areas of the game that require development but are confident that, as these players improve, they will be a very hard team to beat.

Taverham Hall U11 A v St Felix

From the kick off it was clear that the U11 'A' side was going to be more than a match for the St. Felix team. Although their team looked impressive, with larger forwards and nippy inside backs, there was not one player who would have made the side if they were at Taverham Hall.

Tries came thick and fast as a result of an outstanding forwards performance, lead by Tom M. The downside of playing a considerably weaker side is that teams tend to lose their 'shape' and play individual rugby, as each player strives to be the one to score. We were caught out in this respect and we will need to improve our discipline as the season goes on.

Man of the match was Robert Baker and special mention goes to Harry R, Harry W, Will G, Felix H, Josun C, Charlie N and Peter Walker for making the step up to 'A' team standard.

The score line of 29 points to nil shows just how effective the defensive effort was.

Taverham Hall 1st XII V Norwich U13s B XII

Despite atrocious conditions Taverham 1st XII and a Norwich Under 13s B XII enjoyed an entertaining tussle at Beeston Hyrne.

Taverham were weakened by injury but their young forwards battled hard to contain a stronger Norwich pack but in the end it was Norwich's strength around the tackle area that was to prove decisive.

Our backs always looked threatening and it was no surprise when Taverham opened the scoring as slick handling saw the elusive Sam Hunt crash over with Georgie Michael adding the conversion. Sadly, we immediately allowed Norwich back in the game as several missed tackles allowed them to level the scores.

Thereafter it was nip and tuck with neither side retaining control. Taverham had the upper hand in the backs and fashioned another two scores through Sam Hunt and his fellow centre, the strong running, James Spratt. However, we also conceded three scores losing a couple of vital scrums close to our line.

The second half followed the same pattern as the first with both sides tackling well and showing a willingness to offload in the tackle. We pressed for a sustained period and the forwards gained their reward with a strong finish by prop, Ben Green. However, as we tired Norwich brought on fresher legs and they scored another two tries to make the final score, 36-22 to Norwich.

Special mention should be made of the tremendous lead given to the side by scrum half and captain, William Burton. His work rate and commitment to the tackle were superb. Outside him, Georgie Michael, Sam Hunt and James Spratt, gave him commendable support and all four looked dangerous with ball in hand. Pick of the forwards was Joshua de la Noy, who ran himself ragged containing a more powerful Norwich pack and he was given good support by Hart Fargo and Freddie Mann.

All in all a promising start to the season.

Under 9's 'B' v Riddlesworth Hall

The first game of the season was a 'tag' match against visitors, Riddlesworth Hall School. The match was very competitive as both teams showed good skills and especially handling.

Louis Clarke supported the forward runners well throughout the game and made excellent runs. James Cowell led the way with bursts of speed and movement, however missed tags by Taverham Hall's defence allowed Riddlesworth Hall to score and lead at half time by 1 try.

The second half saw line outs and scrums introduced and both teams adapted well to the new rules. Riddlesworth Hall made more of their opportunities and ran out winners by 8 tries to 5 despite great chances too for Taverham Hall pupil Daniel Hamilton and superb runs from Jack Beckett.

The team has started well with some good support play and excellent handling.