



GIRLS' MATCH REPORTS FOR 1st FEBRUARY 2012

U9A v Beeston Hall

score: 10 - 7

The A team played their first match of the season against Beeston Hall at home. Beeston took the first centre pass and made a quick attack to score the first goal. In response to this the girls took to the game with determination and put into practice all the skills they have been developing this term. Sarah A, Carys G and Gemma P demonstrated some excellent defending by intercepting and snatching the ball at every opportunity. The girls soon got into the swing of the game and began to attack and pass the ball quickly and accurately into the shooting circle and into the hands of Alice M and Claudia VP. Both girls passed and shot tremendously and shot the team into the lead by scoring 5 goals in the first half.

The girls took to the second half confidently and continued playing energetically. Natalie C and Charlotte LM worked hard to use the space and mark their opponents. Sarah played an excellent Goal Defence as she marked her player insistently and made every attempt to intercept and get possession of the ball. We scored a further 5 goals in the second half with excellent shooting and team work from Alice and Claudia. Beeston Hall however, made a strong come back and lifted their game to score 5 goals in the final quarter. It was nail biting finish but despite our opponents efforts we won the game 10 goals to 7. All the girls played superbly and should be proud of their efforts. The team showed they were motivated and determined which resulted in a fantastic first game and victory.

U11B v Beeston Hall

score: 5 - 13

Although we can't report a win it was a great game and both skills and tactical play improved as the match progressed, culminating in a particularly good final quarter. Once again goal scoring was shared between Charlotte and Helena and some solid defending from Georgia and Emily along with useful interceptions by Anna, made work for the opposition. Another good game mid court for Aisling. The final score of 5 – 13 didn't reflect the true evenness of the match.

U11A v OBH

score: 16 - 2

A bitterly cold afternoon, the adjacent pond frozen, meant catching the ball was not as accurate as it would normally be. However, this did not deter the team and although it took a while to score our first goal we remained in charge throughout. Excellent moves and dodges by shooters Tilly and Ellie and good intercepting from Evie. Tactical play by Madeleine meant she was always well positioned. Energetic and strong, defensive play by Lucy. Molly was her usual dynamic self and aided by Maya they guarded the circle well, only allowing the opposition to score twice. Final score 16 – 2, eight of the goals scored in the final quarter!

U13A v OBH

score: 17 - 13

After a very long journey, the girls were a little sleepy and cold in the first quarter but after a quick chat at quarter time, the girls realised that they were capable of winning and started to play to their potential. By half time, the girls had improved

considerably and were only 10-7 down. Their best quarter was the third quarter with Annie and Louisa scoring 6 goals to their two, putting us in the lead. In the last quarter Jemma and Charlotte were much tighter in defence and intercepted many balls and worked really well as a team, especially when marking the shots at goal; only letting in one goal in the final quarter. Louisa and Annie continued to work well together in the circle and managed to score another 4 goals in the final quarter. The final score was 17-13 to Taverham Hall - a great win. All the girls played really well, especially in the last half when they started to play the netball that we know they are capable of playing.

U13B v OBH

score: 12 - 4

The B team got off to a great start yet again and were soon leading 4-0 helped by some great defensive play from Pippa. We continued to dominate throughout the 2nd quarter and at times played some really nice netball. The 3rd quarter was our weakest as we struggled to hold onto the ball which wasn't helped by the really cold conditions. Sophie took a tumble and had to be substituted by Natasha, who made some good interceptions. However, we were in a strong position going into the fourth quarter leading 7-2. The coach set our girls a target to reach 15 in this quarter and they started out very much up for the challenge. Amelia was on great form and when the final whistle went, we had only just missed the target with another convincing win at 12-4 - another great team performance.