

Sports Report (girls) w/c 07/02/22

8th February 2022

U15 Netball Sisters in Sport Semi Final

Gateways School 31 – 32 Headington School, Oxford



The U15 netball team played in the semi-final of the Sisters in Sport knockout tournament on Tuesday 8th February. The opposition were Headington School from Oxford and we had no prior knowledge of their ability, only that they had got to the same point in the competition as us.

As with all new teams, we were eyeing up their ability in the warmup and knew that it would be a competitive game. The first whistle went, and it was obvious from that point that everyone in the sports hall; players, umpires, coaches and spectators were rooting for their team to win the ball, keep possession, make turnovers and score goals. Both teams did all of that in 48 minutes of nail-biting netball. Adrenaline was sky high, but managed throughout the match, allowing our girls to play a superb game of netball. In the last 30 seconds of the match, we needed to know what happened if they final whistle went, and the score was a draw. It was only in the last few seconds of the game that Headington had the ball and scored a goal. The final score was 32-31 to Headington, yes we had lost the game but no one did anything wrong, we didn't give them the match, they just won. The girls should be able to hold their heads high because it was a true display of motivation, passion and teamwork from Gateways for the whole game and we genuinely couldn't have asked for anymore from everyone on the court, well done girls!

The players involved were; Lucy Dyer, Elle Johnson, Millie Edge, Pippa Holmes, Chloe Brogan, Jemima Land, Adina Lee and Poppy Straight

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U13 Netball vs GSAL B
Gateways 17 – 10 GSAL B
U13 Netball vs GSAL C
Gateways 9 – 2 GSAL C



The U13 netball team are continuing to grow in confidence. Even though they had to play 2 games back to back, the girls played to a high standard all the way through.

Maddie Lee and Maya Hancocks worked well together to give quick balls to each other under the post so they were in a better shooting position. Jasmine Levison, Mia Fishwick and Francesca Marsh moved the ball through the midcourt quickly which caught the opposition off guard and allowed the girls to catch the ball uncontested. Iris White and Amelia Sims pressured the opposition attack to intercept the ball and help increase the score. Opposition player of the matches was awarded to Francesca Marsh.

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U12 Netball vs GSAL B
Gateways 1 – 9 GSAL B
U12 Netball vs GSAL C
Gateways 2 – 6 GSAL C



The U12 team played their penultimate games in the league on Tuesday. With some of the usual team players ill, it was a good opportunity to try the girls in different positions and combinations to see where they played best together on court. The girls were constantly trying to move into a space where the opposition wasn't and although we started to lose the light outside, the girls made sure they were throwing accurately to each other to give the team more chance of scoring. Bo Johnson worked hard in defence to intercept the ball and claim rebounds when needed and this was clearly recognised by the opposition as Bo Johnson was awarded player of the matches.

9th February 2022 Seniors Netball vs Brigshaw Gateways 42 - 11 Brigshaw



This was the last opportunity for the 6th formers to play for Gateways School. Although it was emotional for a lot of the girls, it was great to finish on a high with a few spectators. Lucy Falk and Lucy Dyer worked together in defence to turnover ball all the way up court. Straight off the opposition centre pass the girls kept their opposition player behind to reduce throwing options and ensure a defender was always between the player with the ball and an attacker. This ensured the opposition were kept to a minimum number of goals in a 40 minute game. Taliya Murray moved the ball through the midcourt effortlessly and was always provided with an option in the circle by Maia Walker, Sadie Gray and Millie Edge. Opposition player of the match was awarded to Taliya Murray.

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