

Sports Report w/c 4th March 2024

Friday 1st March 2024

U11 Netball v GSAL

Won 15 - 2



The U11 netball team travelled to GSAL in a confident mood after a dominant season on the courts so far. The girls immediately started the quarter strong and were limiting the opposition through the court. With both sides exerting pressure in defence, resulting in dropped balls and turnovers, yet our girls managed to pull away quite nicely each quarter. In the first and 3rd quarter, we did not let any goals in which is a fantastic achievement! Each quarter break, we discussed the things we wanted to work on and how we were going to work as a team to do this.

Through-court defence was really strong with everyone restricting their opponent's movement and continuously forcing a high ball, which we were able to intercept. In attack, the girls have learnt that they need to pass ahead of their players and ensure they are driving on to the ball to retain possession.

We look forward to continuing to work on these areas and putting them into game play.

Miss Jade Preston

Under 11 Won 12 - 5



The girls had another successful afternoon, not simply in terms of the scoreboard, but with the development in their pass selection, positional sense and speed around the court.

This was an impressive display from the first whistle, with our girls moving into space to collect the centre pass and allowing several options for Ellie to find. This trend continued with our mid-court players making life difficult for the GSAL Centre and allow us to take the lion's share of possession.

Shooting was much improved; a key focus through the opening parts of our recent training sessions, and Samaya kept the pressure on the host team by finishing off several impressive team goals. All girls made vital contributions, our rotation of positions giving an indication of how quickly these girls are learning, but it was Charlotte who was deemed MVP from the GSAL players; a deserving award but very closely contested by her teammates.

The end result looks good on paper but the performance was even better. The girls are certainly reaping the rewards of their focus and enthusiasm each week and they are beginning to understand the concept of 'train hard, play easy'.

Mr Phil Holmes

**Friday 1st March
Under 11 Football Festival at GSAL
A Team W2 D1 L1**



Our teams travelled to GSAL for the highly anticipated football festival, the horrible weather not deterring us.

In game one, we were against GSAL. We dominated the entire game, with their keeper making some fine saves. Late in the match, Jasper won a corner and whipped it in, only for Seb to deliver the final blow, winning the game 1-0.

Next up, we played Froebelian. Keeping the positions the same, our opponents started high up the pitch and dominated throughout the game. Froebelian scored two goals but were denied further chances by the excellent play of Jack in goal. It was a hard game but a good lesson.

We took that into game three against GSAL 2 and took the lead with Jasper's high skill rate bamboozling several defenders before playing a delightful ball through to Santiago who calmly finished, winning the game.

Our final game saw us take on Moorlands. Having played them recently and lost, we knew what to expect. We played the ball well, but we just couldn't create any goals. Finishing the game 0-0, we were very happy with the result. To only lose one game shows how far we have come in a short space of time.

Mr Mike Arnold

B Team W0 D1 L3



In a thrilling football tournament that unfolded at GSAL, the B Team showcased unwavering determination and commendable team spirit, despite facing strong opponents throughout the competition. The players' resilience and individual performances was great to witness.

From the outset, it was evident that the B Team was ready for the challenge, and their collective effort was palpable on the field. Despite facing some strong opponents, the players fought tooth and nail, displaying a level of teamwork that exemplified the essence of the sport.

One standout performance came from Rory, who really got stuck in and contributed significantly to the team's overall performance. His presence on the field was felt not only by his teammates but also by the opposing side.

Vitor, holding down the fort in defence, showcased impeccable skills and resilience against the onslaught of the opposing teams. His ability to read the game is developing and he showed some timely interceptions. Max emerged as a playmaker, orchestrating the team's attacks and creating opportunities for his fellow teammates. His vision and precision in passing were instrumental in navigating the challenges posed by the opposing teams. Dom, with his skilful manoeuvres and ball control, added flair to the B Team's gameplay. His ability to weave through tight defensive lines created openings for goal-scoring opportunities. Mickeal's fast feet were a spectacle in the final game, leaving defenders scrambling to keep up. His speed and agility in the crucial moments of the match proved to be a valuable asset. While the B Team may not have emerged victorious, their hard work and great team spirit was great to see. Well done.

Tuesday 5th March Under 9 v Richmond House

Gateways B & C : Double win



In a nail-biting match that unfolded on a challenging muddy pitch, the B Team Boys emerged victorious in a closely contested battle against Richmond House. The players exhibited extraordinary effort, demonstrating a high level of teamwork and individual brilliance that ultimately secured a hard-fought 4-3 win.

From the kick-off, it was clear that every member of the B Team was ready to face the challenge presented by the muddy conditions. Sammy and Jess, with their relentless support play, caused issues for the Richmond House players. Their ability to link seamlessly with Harry upfront proved crucial in orchestrating the team's attacks. With strategic movements and quick decision making, Harry played a pivotal role in the team's attacking efforts, keeping the opposition on their toes throughout the match. However, the hero of the day was undoubtedly Albie in goal. His outstanding performance included crucial saves that denied Richmond House potential goals. Albie's composure and agility, even in the challenging conditions, played a significant role in ensuring the B Team's victory.

The C team were keen to play and were really determined to showcase their skills. The boys enjoyed moving the ball and dominating the midfield. Richmond House couldn't cope with the pace of our boys as we piled on pressure and scored multiple goals. The match ended as an astounding victory. This was a very useful exercise in allowing our boys to play competitive

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football and highlighted the promise our young players will bring next year as true under 9s.
Well done to all involved.

Mrs Hannah Nichol