



Netball

Under 13's: Netball: 2002-3
U13 'A's Played 16 - Won 9 - Lost 7
GF 229 - GA 209
U13 'B's Played 6 - Won 4 - Lost 2



Vinehall School
2002-2003

The U13's girls Netball squad played 16 matches in the 2002-3 season. The Michaelmas Term started well with victories over Skippers Hill (18-5), Claremont (21-12), and Benenden (14-11); though we lost comprehensively at Ashdown House (36-9) in the absence of our Goal Shooter. We were lucky to lose only one fixture to bad weather this term - it was to have been the inaugural match on Bodiam Manor's new netball court.

The Lent Term was off to a good start at Marlborough House, where we played in bright but cold conditions, Alice Wright ensuring the victory (15-7) through accurate goal scoring. The fixture against Newlands School was in jeopardy due to bad weather, but we did manage to play a 20 minute game indoors, which, failing to capitalise on an early lead, we lost 9-11. Bright, cold days proved to be to our liking as we played well to earn a victory over St. Bedes (11-5), Yasmin Iqbal scoring 5 goals in the last quarter to ensure the win. Our trip to Bethany the following week saw a mixed A/B squad take control from the 2nd quarter, winning 14-2. Joanna McBride at Centre, and Susie Williamson at Wing Defence playing extremely well to control the centre court.

The match at home to D.P.S. was very close (6 all at half time), Sophia Maudslay (GD), and Annabel Madewell (GK) dominating the defensive circle in the 2nd half, enabling Vinehall to pull away to an 11-8 victory. Our visit to St. Andrews in February saw the start of a run of 5 losses. St. Andrews capitalised on our poor handling, which resulted in us giving away much needed possession and gifting St. Andrews their win (14-9). We went on to closely contest the game with Kent College. Following a poor start, (16-9 down at half time) Vinehall fought back well to narrow the score to 22-18, but were outplayed in the circle in this game. The game with Holmewood House, after another close start (4-4 at quarter time), saw Holmewood pull away in the last quarter to a 16-9 win.

A particular landmark for this coach was the defeat to Benenden in early March (9-16), which represented the first time for an U13's Vinehall team to lose against Benenden since 1994. The victory to Benenden came in a physical game, played in a shortened match, and with only one umpire as the B team played at the same time.

Following the IAPS Tournament, matches resumed with an away fixture at Claremont. Vinehall took control from the start, and even with positional team changes, maintained a stranglehold over Claremont, winning 29-9. The last game of the season was away to Skipper's Hill. 9-9 at half-time shows how tight the game was. Vinehall took a 2 goal lead into the last quarter and through interceptions in the centre court pulled away to win 19-15. A really well contested game to finish the season.

The U13 B's played 6 matches this season. They played well against Benenden in November to win 14-10 and kept their momentum over St. Bedes, winning 10-7. The DPS game was closely contested but Vinehall were unable to convert goal chances and lost 10-5. The game against Holmewood House saw long periods of play without scoring by either team. Vinehall eventually pulled away to win 4-1. The last game of the season resulted in a resounding win over Claremont. Vinehall took control in the centre court with Joanna McBride and Susie Williamson having a major influence on the play. Charlotte Smart, who joined the team for the Lent Term, played steadily, scoring well. Final score 9-2 to Vinehall.

Thank you to supporting parents. It may be cold when we play, but it's even colder to spectate! I hope the girls enjoyed their netball and will remember that playing netball is FUN.
Linda Callard.