



Soccer

U9 A FOOTBALL 1



Vinehall School

2002-2003

This was a rather disappointing season in terms of results, after a promising win at the start of the season. Our first game against Skippers Hill (3-2 win) went well and was very much a learning process for all of us. In the next two matches against New Beacon, and Holmewood, we came up against the two best sides and were out-played for long periods in both games and lost 4-0 and 6-0 respectively. After such a heavy defeat we had to play St Andrews away, which was not easy, so my main objective was to try and keep their confidence up and play some good football. We again were beaten 4-1 but the team played very well and were unlucky not to get a draw. Freddie Buchanan and Bobby MacLean both had excellent games. Next up was a home match against St Bedes, again we battled with good performances from William Colderick, Marcus Rowe and Perry Andrews who all played in the midfield. Unfortunately we went down 4-1 again, which was mainly due to players not concentrating.

The next game was away to Ashdown House, which we lost 3-1. This was again, a game that could have easily been 2-2 with very little to choose between the two teams. I tried Jamie Johnson in at the right mid-field position where he played his best game of the season, as did George Orsler. The last game of the season at home to Marlborough House was the most enjoyable game out of the seven we played. Even though the score was 1-1, it was so exciting. The whole team played brilliantly, especially Patrick Dunn who had his best game in goal and Christopher Bosher in defence. This was a real team effort with everybody playing to their full potential, ending the season on a high.

D. Banks

Results

Skippers Hill	H	Won	3-2
New Beacon	A	Lost	4-0
Holmewood House	A	Lost	6-0
St Andrews	H	Lost	4-1
St Bedes	H	Lost	4-1
Ashdown House	A	Lost	3-1
Marlborough	H	Drew	1-1

U9 "B" VII 2002

Played 6; won 4; lost 2. goals for 16; goals against 7.

The Under 9 "B" VII enjoyed a highly successful season, and displayed much talent and promise for the future. We played purposeful football and, although it was not always pretty to watch, we looked a very positive and attractive team indeed when we managed to fire on all cylinders.

George Whaley is a fine prospect as a goalie; he produced some terrific performances, and yet was always the calmest player on the field. Our defenders, George Wardle, Harry Buxton, our inspirational skipper, and Oswald Wedmore coped comfortably with most things thrown at them - even if they were rather reluctant headers of the ball! The mid-field duo, James Mannion and Patrick Wadsworth, played well in their differing styles providing the passes for our striker, scoring a few well-taken goals and tackling especially fiercely. Our lone striker, Alex Mackwood finished off many a move with several good goals. Alex, in particular, looked a fine prospect, exhibiting good dribbling technique coupled with a terrier-like attitude in winning the ball.

Well done, too, to the other members of the squad, Jamie Banks and Kirstin Mair, who came on as "super" subs and played their parts skillfully.

An impressive season all right, and more importantly, a very enjoyable one from everyone's point of view - the boys, one girl, the excitable coach and a most loyal band of supporters!

Jeremy Marris

RESULTS

Holmwood House (A)	Lost	1 - 3
St. Andrew's (A)	Lost	1 - 3
St. Bede's (H)	Won	4 - 0
Ashdown House (A)	Won	7 - 0
Marlborough House (H)	Won	2 - 1
Newlands (H)	Won	1 - 0