



# Hockey

2003/4



## Vinehall Boys Make History!

It has been a memorable year for boys' hockey at Vinehall. The first XI repeated last year's feat in recording an unbeaten season, although this year the boys went one better as they won all of their games, conceding just a single goal. The Sussex squad, dominated by seven Vinehall players, stunned much of their county opposition as they, too, registered their best ever season, taking the bronze medals in the County Championship. Then, in April, William Wheeler and Stuart Flint (both a year young) joined the best players from Sussex, Kent, Buckinghamshire and Middlesex as they were called up to represent South East England at the Under 14 Regional Tournament at Millfield.

All seven of Vinehall's Sussex players were invited to trial for the South East Under 13 squad. The school's hockey staff were delighted to hear that Stuart Flint, William Wheeler, Max Spedding, Robert Perry, Ben Wright and Max Weston had been selected to represent the South East at the Regional Championships in Nottingham in June. The six boys had also achieved yet another feat: their call-up represented the greatest ever number of players to have been selected for any region from a single club or school. Vinehall is so proud of her boys. *K Doble*



# Girls' Hockey

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## 1<sup>st</sup> X1 Girls' Hockey 2003/04

Played 8      Won 3    Drew 2    Lost 3  
3<sup>rd</sup> place in Eastbourne College Tournament

This season felt more successful than the final results appear. We had very good depth in the squad with many players in the 1<sup>st</sup> X1 for their second season. All the team regulars showed great enthusiasm for the game, team spirit was high and great progress with skills and match play was shown during the season.

Our first match, away to Newlands ended 0-0 despite considerable pressure in the circle from Vinehall and the majority of the possession on the field. Georgie Mair made some super runs down the right wing, but her crosses were not converted. The following week we met an in form Holmewood team. Vinehall forgot to play in the first half when all the 5 Holmewood goals were scored. A much improved second half performance from Vinehall kept the home teams score down. St. Bedes was our first home game played on the astro at Horntyte. This finished in a 2-0 win. Next it was the dreaded trip to Ashdown House where we played a competitive mini tournament, the A team drew 1-1 with the Ashdown As and beat the Bs 2-1. Marlborough House was our most closely contested and evenly matched game. We were unlucky to lose in the final seconds having had several opportunities to clinch the winner, the final result was 1-2. After a short break for Netball we played Clarendon at Horntyte. The A team streaked ahead in the second half winning 6-2. The final match of the season was away at DPS. Vinehall played with great determination, sound passing and gritty running so were unlucky to lose 0-4.

Regular team members were: Sophie Petzal (GK), Charlotte Mursell, Georgia Beattie, Sophie Pugh, Eliza Baker, Claudia Weston, Natalya Chapman, Ginny MacLean, Harriet Colderick, Christabel Edgar, Georgie Mair, Catriona Flint.

Full colours were awarded to: Claudia Weston, Georgie Mair, Charlotte Mursell, Christabel Edgar, Eliza Baker and Natalya Chapman.

Top goal scorer Natalya.

Player's player of the season: Georgie Mair  
**L Bateman**

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> TEAM HOCKEY

WON 3, DREW 3, LOST 1  
GF 19 GA 6

This year's 2<sup>nd</sup> XI were a mixture of year 8 and year 7 girls. This mixture worked very well under the captaincy of Olivia Jeffes, all the girls pulling together to turn in some notable results.

We started the season away against Holmewood House, playing on a very hot day, with Molly Buchanan scoring the only goal of the match. Our next three fixtures were 1-1 drawn games against St. Andrews, St Bedes and Ashdown House. We got off to a good start in the game against Marlborough House taking an early lead in the first half, eventually losing 2-1 on their astro. We performed outstandingly well on astro at Horntye (Hastings) in the game against Clarendon, recording a winning score of 13-1, then returned to our normal standard of play on grass, to scrape a 1-0 win over DPS.

Whilst the surfaces we played on may have had a bearing on the results, we always played with good team spirit and had lots of fun. Well done to everyone, and thank you to all the parents who braved the elements to support us.

**L Callard.**



## U11 Girls Hockey

There was a greater level of match success in hockey where the team won the majority of its games. Beetle Gage made some inspired saves in goal, ably assisted by defenders Rosie Nicolson and Lucy Baker. Once again the mid field attack was led by Harriette Blackstone with Marie Cotten Rhein, Alexandra McIntyre and Eleanor Hazael on the wings. Louise Garner and Sophie Oulton also played.

**J Gorrie**



## U10 Girls' Hockey

Played 6, Won 4, Lost 2, Drew 0

The U10s had a successful and exciting hockey season losing just two matches to St. Andrews and Marlborough House. Vinehall were unlucky to be defeated by Marlborough House, letting in a last minute winner having led until the final 5 minutes. Great determination was shown by all the regular team members who were: Kirstin Mair, Lily Canetty Clarke, Lucy Blackstone, Dodie James, Alice Reid, Imogen Moore, Isobel Wingrad, Harriet Green and Olivia Thompson.

**A Cheevers**





# Boys' Hockey

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## First XI hockey report

A fair amount of preparation went into the First XI's all-too-brief season. The crashing about in the sports hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings provided a healthy number of the boys (and girls) with a chance to develop their vision and close control skills. Playing under pressure and at pace within such a confined area meant that rapid decision making became a valuable feature of the children's play, which was carried into the inter-school fixtures.

The boys conceded one goal this season (in the final fixture against St Ronan's) and won all of their fixtures. More significantly, they played an expansive, attacking game in which communication and early passing were regarded with paramount importance. The defeats of Holmewood House, St Andrew's and St Bede's were characterised by dominance through possession; the boys were less concerned about territory and more by keeping control of the ball. Early passing and less dribbling or carrying of the ball allowed us to detract from the great disadvantage of not having a suitable outdoor facility on which to train. By the end of the season the boys had proven that, through very hard work, they could return results of which any well appointed club engaged in a full season's hockey would be proud. And I was very proud of their determination, attention and commitment!

### Results

Played: 5      Won: 5      Lost: 0      Drew: 0      Goals for: 22      Goals against: 1

### Squad

Stuart Flint (captain)	<i>Sussex Under 13 (captain) SE England U13</i>
	<i>England Valkens (Canada 2004)</i>
William Wheeler	<i>Sussex Under 13 SE England U13 SE England U14</i>
Robert Perry	<i>Sussex Under 13 SE England U13</i>
	<i>England Valkens (Canada 2004)</i>
Ben Wright	<i>Sussex Under 13 SE England U13</i>
Max Weston	<i>Sussex Under 13 SE England U13</i>
Max Spedding	<i>Sussex Under 13 SE England U13</i>
Hamish Auld	<i>Sussex Under 13</i>
Ewen Cameron; Louis Yeung; Dilip Varma;	Imran Iqbal; Keith Yeung
Kevin Doble	





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**2<sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Hockey Team enjoyed a variety of surfaces for their brief season, from the bumps of the Sunken Fence Pitch to the full size Astro in Eastbourne the lads played their best. The results did not go in our favour but this does not take away the good passages of play that were evident in every game. Players improved their skill and understanding of the game and will have benefited from the experience of having played for the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI.

**NJ Butcher**



**3<sup>rd</sup> XI Hockey**

## U10 Boys Hockey

There is great potential in this year group and it was a pleasure to watch the progress made by the boys in the course of the short 4 week season. The A Team did extremely well in their 2 matches, drawing 2-2 with St. Andrews and defeating St. Bedes 2-0. The B Team also drew with St. Andrews 1-1 and defeated St. Bedes 3-0.

The most promising forward in the squad was probably Alex Mackwood using his deadly size 28 inch yellow mini stick to great effect. Chris Boshier proved a very capable goalkeeper and can now get into the required kit before most of the lesson has finished! A final mention for two real hockey enthusiasts, James Exley and Oliver Bensted-Smith; both boys play club hockey outside the school and they added an extra dimension to the training with their well advanced stick skills.

**NWB**



**U10 A**



**U9 A**



**Colts A**



**Colts B**