

Rounders



Under 13 IAPS Rounders

The tournament was held at Holmewood House again this year, and we were very fortunate that the weather was dry following thunder storms the previous evening. The Under 13s were drawn in a tough group with the eventual winners (Holmewood House), and the runners up in the plate competition (St. Andrew's) as our opposition. The girls played with enthusiasm, but we were outplayed on what was a very enjoyable day for the girls and, I hope, for the parents who came to support us. *Linda Callard.*

Under 13

All the girls in Year 8 played in matches this term, even Ana Gonzalo who started the term with a fractured right arm and quickly became a competent scorer. The girls took part in six matches and two tournaments during a very busy term due to C.E. exams, IAPS swimming finals, a trip to the Lake District, and, the small matter of an end-of-term production. I am happy to say that we also managed to fit in the annual 'Mothers Match' and ask the Mums of girls in the current Year 7 to start preparing, next summer term will soon be here.

Whilst the weather has not been good for outdoor sport we lost only one game to rain and the rest of the matches to better performing teams on the day. We played competitively in most matches with our closest result against Claremont, where, after holding a potentially winning hand in the second innings, we had three run outs in quick succession at third post, and lost the game by one rounder.

Highlights of the season included Harriet's bowling, Eliza's catching at 4th post, Patti's courage when stumping out at 3rd post, good decision making from Izy at backstop, some excellent returning from deep fielding by Dodie, improving performances from Chananda at 1st post, and Ellie, Valeria, Olivia, Victoria and Ana when deep fielding, and amazing performances from Lily C-C at 2nd post; her skills being recognised by teachers from other schools when she was nominated for, and received, the fielders cup at the St. Bede's tournament.

From this report you should be able to tell that our strengths were evident when we were fielding, but that is not to say that we couldn't hit the ball, just that we didn't hit it very far in matches, so found it hard to amass large totals.

I hope the girls have enjoyed their rounders this term. I have several memories which will stay with me for quite some time not all of them from the Mothers Match - but of girls who grew in confidence and developed their skills and, above all, had some FUN. *Linda Callard.*

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U12

The Under 12 rounders team, captained by Annie Caffyn, continued to improve as the season progressed. A healthy team spirit grew with their enthusiasm and willingness to listen and learn and it was very apparent in their last few matches that they were fielding with greater thought, skill and determination, in order to stop the opposition from scoring or maximizing on their batting prowess.

Annie was the top scorer of the season, closely followed by Lilian Hazael whose placement of the ball improved a great deal this term. Rebecca Ingrouille, Romilly Ellis and Eleanor Judd also scored consistently in all their matches. There were many good catches during the season, another aspect of the game in which most of the players became more able and confident.

Although the team only managed one win against Burgess Hill during the U12 tournament, they were greatly encouraged by this and it was good to see them uplifted and motivated enough to organise extra practices in their free time. They managed some really close matches in the second half of term. I have really enjoyed teaching the U12 team this year. Their enthusiasm has been uplifting. *Dalene Viljoen*



U11

The Under 11 teams had a busy and mainly successful season, winning the majority of their matches. All girls in the year had at least two opportunities to represent the school in a match which they did with great enthusiasm. It was encouraging to see how the teams improved during the term, playing with greater confidence and skill and exhibiting good teamwork.

The A IX took part in the IAPS Rounders Tournament at Holmewood House in June. They found themselves in a very strong section, from which the overall winners and the Plate Competition winners emerged, but they did well to gain a creditable third place behind these two schools.

The highest scoring batswoman was Madeleine Kowitz, closely followed by Jessica Exley and both of these girls were awarded Junior Colours, whilst the Junior Rounders Cup was awarded to Molly Nicolson who bowled consistently for the A team throughout the term and whose cool, calm decision-making helped the team to do so well.

It has been a pleasure to teach such a receptive and lively group this year.

U10

The Under 10s have enjoyed their rounders season with lots of exciting, close matches. We were lucky to have so many A and B team fixtures with the whole year playing on most Wednesdays.

Top scorers for the As were Isabelle Powell, Sophia Carr and Isabella Bearcroft; and for the B's, Charlotte Ward, Niamh Johnson and Layla Hayes. Everyone fielded with great enthusiasm and both teams had some excellent matches.

Isabelle Powell and Aneesa Zaidi were excellent bowlers as were Claire Hunt and Kajal Radia at backstop. *A Cheevers*

