

Boy's Hockey

2007/8



1st XI Hockey 2008



Another season has come and gone. This year I have to report we have had a very successful one, playing six matches, winning five and drawing one. We have used fifteen players and all have contributed very well to the team effort. Two games stand out: our first against Holmewood saw us emerge 2 - 1 winners and this set the tone for the rest of the season. Our individual skills and team play just got better and better as the term progressed. The boys were delighted with their wins against DPS (2 - 0) and Marlborough House (5 - 0). The last game of the season against St Ronan's showed our "never say die" attitude. One nil down at half time, demanded a good talking to at the break. This kick started a recovery which saw the boys play flowing hockey to run out 3 - 1 winners.

Colours this season have been awarded to our Captain, Will Furlong who has had an outstanding year leading the team, Harry Coombes, Jamie Wardle and Archie Todd, all for achieving beyond expectations. Finally I would like to thank all the parents who have supported the team so enthusiastically throughout the season.



2nd XI Hockey 2008

Played 4 Won 4

The opening match of the brief season v Holmewood House away on their new astro pitch seemed quite an obstacle after our all too little practice on the bumps and in the mud of the Cornfield but..... a dogged team effort saw us win 2 - 1. Even if the winning goal was a mistake from their goalie who watched the ball trickle in the goal rather than out of play, it was a winning start to the campaign.

A great display of hockey away at St Andrews saw us win 5 - 0. The boys relished the opportunity to show off their skills on a flat grass pitch and man for man we were by far the better team. Two out of two and looking good for the money!

Whilst I was in France a win v St Bedes made it a hat trick of victories with only St Ronans preventing us from a clean sweep. It was not their day and a convincing win on the vast Horntye Astro completed an undefeated season for the gallant 2nd XI.

Captain Ben Simmons can feel justly proud of his and his team's efforts. They voted Asis De la Maza as their Player of the Season. *N J Butcher*



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3rd XI Hockey 2008



Though the hockey season proved to be too short for a group of very promising players, the team put in a lot of effort and enthusiasm which helped carry us to an undefeated season. Unfortunately this statistic is a slight fallacy due to our low number of matches. However in the matches we did play against Holmewood House, St Andrew's and St Bede's were enough to show a high calibre of hockey running all the way through the senior years of the school.

We had an early scare at Holmewood, who had been playing hockey since early February in comparison to us only starting after half term. We managed to come away with a 2 - 2 draw, having taken the lead in the first half. From there, we progressed on to St Andrew's who proved to be no match for our solid defence and merciless counter attack as we beat them 5 - 0. Next we were met with the daunting task of having to overcome what had been rumoured to be a strong St Bede's team. However after a close first half which left us 2 - 1 ahead, we soon proved too strong and pulled away 5 - 1 winners.

While we saw some amazing individual performances through the season notably from Rory Cramp, Dom Williamson, Felix Wells and Radley Troy, we functioned best when thinking as a team with strong characters like Will Barrington, Angus Berkeley and Julian Serra guiding the team with their intelligent play.

Congratulations to all who played in Game 2, it has been a pleasure coaching you all and I wish you all the best with your future hockey endeavours.

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Opposition	As	Bs
Holmewood	W 4-3	L 2 - 4
St Andrew's	L 1 - 0	D 0 - 0
DPS	L 4 - 0	
Malborough H	D 0 - 0	
St Bede's	L 5 - 2	L 7 - 0
St Ronan's	L 4 - 2	W9- 2

W	1	1
D	1	1
L	4	2

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A team

Player of the Season: Dominic Simmons
Colours: William Collier, Zak Keeling,

The season started off with lots of potential shared amongst the individuals in the squad, all that was needed was team work. Sadly, this took time to materialise but in our last game against St Ronan's it all came together. Everyone worked as hard as they could and worked well together; on the day we were beaten by a team that managed to convert their chances more effectively than us, but they had to work hard to get the win. Both Zak Keeling and William Collier have had fine seasons working hard every moment they have had on the pitch. Zak has proved to be a good goalie and William has captained us through most of the season. We have played on a range of surfaces and in a range of formations which has demanded a degree of adaptability from such young players. The enthusiasm for their hockey has been infectious and it was good to finish off the season on what was our best performance when Dominic Simmons came into his own. I would like to thank Mr Newman and Mr Walter for their help in training, refereeing and organising the squad.

B Team

Player of the Season: Oscar Cotting-Macmillan
Colours: Oscar Cotting-Macmillan, James McNeilly

It has been good to see the B team coming into their own this year. They have gelled as a team and a number of boys who have never played before have had a chance to show that they have some real potential in the game. James McNeilly has been a strong captain and has lead by example. Sam Buchanan in goal has also had a very good season. We have now a strong core of players from which to move on.



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The A team had a very successful season. There were fine wins against St Andrews (6 - 1), St Ronans (7 - 1) and St Bedes (7 - 1). Our only defeat came in the first match against Holmewood House (3 - 1). The team was fortunate to have the excellent shooting of 'Player of the Season', Tom Winchester at centre-forward. Jasper Piper was a very sound defender alongside James Moug and Daniel Hotz. Ryan Mc Williams displayed the best stick work on the move: he has a fine future playing this sport. Anthony Dunn and Matthew Thomas also played their part in the team's success.

The B team lost their first game (6 - 0) at Holmewood House and then recovered to win their next three matches. The tight victories against St Ronans (3 - 2) and St Bedes (3 - 2) were the highlights. George Birrell was the most prolific scorer and was voted joint Player of the Season with Oliver Flood.