

Netball

2007/8



The IAPS Netball Tournament.

For the first time since joining the school, I was unable to take the senior team to this tournament. Miss Viljoen reports that the girls played positively in some hard fought games. Rebecca Ingrouille was an organised and committed captain ensuring the girls played with determination. I hope the girls have good memories of this special event, and remember that the teams who consistently win the tournament are all from this corner of the country, indicating that our normal fixtures are always played against the strongest teams in the country. It would be remiss of me not to finish with my usual line, so here goes. Remember girls, NETBALL is about having FUN!
Linda Callard

Senior Girls Netball

This year's senior girls (Years 7 & 8) were small in number, and with the odd exception, small in stature. Whenever possible fixtures were arranged to allow all 26 girls to represent the school, the teams arranged as U13, U12 and a mixed 12/13 team. The U13 team finding it particularly tough when they lost Romilly to her equestrian events and Claire to her musical scholarship activities.

The first netball matches of the school year were played in October, against St. Ronan's. Two under 12 teams, despite losing, enjoyed the matches and quickly realised that they would need to become more competitive in order to gain the results they hoped for. Our next fixtures, two weeks later, saw all three senior teams lose to D.P.S. The first team losing out in the battle for 50/50 balls, but Juliet Birrell shot with great accuracy whenever the second team got the ball to her. The third team were outplayed by taller girls on the day.

In the middle of November we played Benenden, but were unable to break our losing streak. Annie Caffyn made several outstanding interceptions to help us keep possession and Hannah Manton was solid in defence for the first team. The Under 12's played more competitively, with Polly Gregory and Ella Willis-Fleming moving forward for the ball, and in the 12/13 team game, Isabelle Thomas fed the circle well with Cecilia Gray strong in centre court.

We recorded our first winning result in the game against Newlands - our mixed 12/13 team narrowly winning 8-7, due to some good court play and Isabelle Thomas and Juliet Birrell being on form in the shooting circle.

The Lent Term saw us play three sides against St Bede's, but we were outplayed in all three matches. At the end of January we played a triangular fixture with D.P.S. and Marlborough House. The first team drew 10-10 with D.P.S and lost 15-4 against Marlborough House. The second team lost both their matches, and the mixed team lost to D.P.S but went on to win against MHS.

In competitive games against Ashdown House, all three teams displayed good skill levels. Heloise Buxton played 'up' in the first team giving a creditable performance. The scores in these games did not reflect the play and we recorded more losses. The same outcome faced us against three strong Holmewood House sides despite playing well, and against St Andrews the following week.

Into March, and we finally recorded a win by playing to our full potential in the return fixture against a team from Benenden. Giving a really strong team performance, the U13's won 19-8, and went on to play well and win their last match, against Claremont, 14 10, as their skills, at last, brought out a team performance. The U12's lost to Claremont, and in their last game the mixed team scored really well to win 22 5.

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Senior Girls Netball (cont'd.)

U13 Team: Rebecca Ingrouille (Capt.), Annie Caffyn, Romilly Ellis, Charlotte Thompson, Claire Macfadyen, Lilian Hazael, Ellie Judd, Sigi Koerner, Roo Whittaker.

U12 Team: Juliet Birrell, Heloise Buxton, Ella Willis-Fleming, Pim Canetty-Clarke, Maddie Kowitz, Hannah Manton, Freya Maynard, Gemma Taylor, Polly Gregory

U12/13 Mixed Team: Isabelle Thomas, Lucy Rausing, Helen Butcher, Cecilia Gray, Philippa Moore, Giorgia Rowe, Shona Wedner-Ross, Florence Flood
Linda Callard.

Under 11 Netball

The U11 netball teams had an active season culminating for the A squad, as usual, at the IAPS tournament at Roedean in March. As the season progressed the girls developed their understanding of the game and began to play with greater tactical awareness and with improved speed and flow. Match results were mixed for both the A and the B squads but enthusiasm was undimmed throughout and each game was contested with a real sense of enjoyment and determination.

JA Gorrie

A Squad: P. Baker, I Bearcroft, A. Harriman, C. Hunt, C. Jeremy, I. Powell, C. Ward, A. Zaidi.



Under 10 A



Under 10 B

Under 10 Girls' Netball Report

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The girls had an extremely successful season conceding only one defeat. Jesse O'Shaughnessy and India Condon had a very good shooting partnership backed up by fine attacking play from Freddy Condon (W.A) and Lydia Butler (C). Sound defending by Katie Orr, Ruby Russell and Yolanda Morley made up a winning team. Well Done Everyone

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