



Vinehall School

ANNUAL REVIEW 2006/07 - SPORT

Athletics (boys)

Our annual Head to Head v Dulwich Prep got our season going. At Hurstpierpoint where we had two wins: Edward Rogers in the U12 shot put and Daniel Hotz in the U10 high jump. Alexander Moore came 2nd in the U14 long jump and was selected for Sussex along with Edward Rogers to compete at the Nationals. We also competed for the Tonbridge Trophy against twelve other schools and our U14 relay team achieved third place.

Athletics colours have been awarded to Alex Moore and Edward Rogers. Perry Andrews achieved colours last year.

Athletics (girls)

Amongst the highlights of the IAPS Athletics competition were 3rd places for Isabelle Powell in hurdles and rounders ball, for Hannah Manton in the 200m and for Lily Canetty–Clarke in high jump, a highly commendable 1st place for Isabella Bearcroft in high jump and a 2nd place for Heloise Buxton in the shot put qualifying her to go on to the finals at Birmingham where she achieved an excellent bronze medal place.

Cricket

The season started with a very successful cricket course in April in unusually balmy weather. The 1st XI have played well as a team and have been delighted with their wins against St. Andrew's, Yardley Court and Great Walstead. The batting has been a little shaky at times, but both James Stork and James Harmer have made strong contributions. The bowling has been spearheaded by seamers James Harmer and Jamie Johnson. William Furlong caused quite a stir with a wonderful century for the U.12 XI against Marlborough House. The 2nd XI started the season well with three consecutive victories.

The 3rd XI have enjoyed their cricket and have relished playing at Robertsbridge Cricket Club on Tuesday afternoons. The 4th XI will have fond memories of their confident win against St. Ronans with Edward Jeremy top scoring with 48 runs.

The Colts A have performed well recording 4 victories, including impressive wins against St. Andrew's and Sevenoaks Prep. The drawn match against St. Bedes was a highlight for Rory Cramp (35) and Alexander Coombes (42) and Freddie Stork scored an excellent fifty against Yardley Court. In the final match against Claremont, Peter Stollery(53) and Peter Dunn shared a match winning partnership as Vinehall won by an impressive margin of 75 runs. The U10's have improved over the course of the season thanks principally to the efforts of all-rounder, Daniel Hutt, and batsman, William Collier. The U9's have struggled for form but were thrilled to eventually record a win against Great Walstead. Jasper Piper has been the most impressive according to coach Mr Gibson.

Cross-Country

The teams have taken part in three competitions this term. Towards the end of September the Under 9 and Under 11 girls' teams took part in the Woodmansee trophy at Derwent Lodge. Maddalena Cottrell had a great run, finishing 2nd in the U9s while Helen Butcher did well to come 5th in the Under 11s. The Under 9 team was 4th overall, the Under 11 team 3rd and the combined scores gave us a creditable 3rd place in the Trophy event. Both the boys and the girls entered the Thomas Trophy at Sevenoaks and there were some notable performances: Patrick Dunn finished 27th in a strong U13 field while, in the Under 11s, Gregory Morley came 15th, Helen Butcher 18th and Jemma Cleary 19th and Maddalena Cottrell and Jasper Piper were 8th and 10th respectively in the Under 9 races. At the end of the afternoon Under 9 girls gained 6th place and

the Under 9 boys a convincing 3rd place, the three boys' teams finishing in an excellent 3rd position. The senior boys then took part in Ardingly College's Relay Championships. We were represented by two teams of six runners; the A team did well to finish 2nd and the B team 6th out of 13.

Golf

This year all of our golf events have enjoyed pleasant weather. At the very beginning of this academic year on a sunny September morning, the Parent and Child competition was won by Bobby MacLean and his father who romped home with a terrific 42 points. Just two weeks ago in the summer event Mr Hooper and Dominic Williamson were the clear winners with the added bonus of being "nearest the pin" on the ninth.

For the second year and with a much larger field, we keen golfers celebrated June 21st with an Early-bird Midsummer Madness competition. At 6.00 a.m. a motley selection of staff and boarders ambled off to their respective tees and at the sound of the school bell swung into action. Bedazzled by the bright morning sun and in some cases a little disorientated having been woken considerably earlier than normal, the scores ranged between embarrassingly high and amazingly low. The outright winning team by a margin of 11 strokes no less was William Furlong, Archie Todd and Mr Judd. The reward for all the competitors was a full English breakfast superbly cooked and presented by our kitchen staff.

On the afternoon of the same day Early-birds William and Archie, supported by Peter Dunn, Finnbar Dexter, Ben Simmons and James Harmer represented the school in the Kentish Prep Schools Pair Competition at The Hythe Imperial Golf Course. The weather was warm and sunny, not too windy this year and all three pairs gave a good account of themselves in this hotly contested competition.

In the first half of the summer term 24 pupils received golf coaching from Matthew Holland, the assistant professional at Rye Golf Club. We have some very, very promising young golfers in the making, so keep practising in the holidays.

Thanks to the hard work of our grounds staff our golf course is receiving a great deal of care and attention and we are especially grateful to Henry Clark and his father for repainting and naming the sign boards for the course.

Gymnastics

The Vinehall gymnasts competed in the IAPS and GISGA championships and achieved some very good team and individual positions.

U11 gymnast Jessica Exley was consistent with her performance and came top of her team in both competitions with Madeleine Kowitz close behind. Top of the U10 team this year was Isabelle Powell who also achieved good individual positions.

In April U10 gymnast Charlotte Ward was presented with the Kathryn Finch Plate which was donated by the British school in the Netherlands. It is awarded to a gymnast who has overcome long term illness or injury to compete in the GISGA Championships. Nominations were put forward from schools if they felt they had a gymnast fitting this criterion. A committee headed by the GISGA chairman chose Charlotte for this special award.

Hockey (girls)

The hockey teams had a busy season winning the majority of their matches. The 1st XI grew steadily in confidence under Miss Viljoen's guidance, improving both individual skills and teamwork and playing in some close matches. The highlight of the season was undoubtedly the success of the 1st VII at the East Grinstead Tournament, where Vinehall was 2nd in the Plate competition. The Under 11 A team lost only one game, playing as a cohesive and mutually supportive unit throughout. The Under10s had an excellent season, finishing undefeated in hockey and winning Silver medals in the St Andrews tournament.

Hockey (boys)

This was a season of good progress for hockey at Vinehall. There were more matches than ever before including additional matches for the 3rd XI against St. Ronan's and the U10A & B's against Holmewood House. The U8 and U9 tournament saw Vinehall probably winning the majority of the mini matches for the first time.

The 1st team performed well in draws against St. Ronan's and Marlborough House and in their 2-1 win against St. Andrew's. The U.10 A & B's played 10 matches in all; winning five and losing just three. The U9's won both their matches against St. Ronan's convincingly.

Mr Larkin ran a successful Thursday evening training group all winter. Following this year's season 3 boys were put forward for Sussex trials; Jamie Stork, William Furlong and Oliver Giles.

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Netball

The netball season saw some mixed results with all teams improving as the season progressed. Friday, 2nd March saw us head for Roedean to take part in the regional rounds of the IAPS Netball Tournament. Lily Canetty-Clarke did a superb job as captain, ensuring the team was on the right court at the right time and playing all nine members of the squad throughout a very long day.

The U12 team was ably captained by Claire Macfadyen. A weakened U12 team (2 of their strongest players were in the U13 squad) contested all their games with spirit and a desire to improve. Despite not gaining a W in the win column, the U12 squad performances were a credit to the school.

Following the IAPS Tournament the U13s played a team from Sutton Valence School and in a one-sided game won 4 – 20. Having experienced this success they decided to win the next game against Benenden (18 – 12) having drawn earlier in the year (11 – 11). By playing positively, and with skill the girls rounded off their netball season well and in high spirits. The U12's, not to be outdone, pulled their first win of the season together (16 – 10) showing good passing, spacing and movement. An excellent result for them as their determination and perseverance paid off.

The U9, U10 and U11 squads participated with enthusiasm throughout the season. Both have had a number of matches, the B squad winning the majority of theirs. The U11s gained valuable experience at the IAPS tournament at Roedean on March 1st, where they demonstrated some excellent defending. The U10s had a successful season, winning the majority of their games. Their losses were close matches, keenly fought, right to the last whistle. All matches were played in excellent sporting spirit.

Rounders

The rounders teams got off to a good start in the April sunshine, later dodging the showers of May and June. The teams were mainly successful in their matches, the U13s and the U11s gaining good experience at the IAPS tournament. Both teams were in strong sections containing the winning side but both acquitted themselves well.

Rugby

There has been plenty of cause for encouragement with the performances of the rugby teams this year. The 2nd XV were undoubtedly the most successful side as they won 7 of their 8 matches. The team was very ably led by scrum-half, Archie Todd; William Furlong and Oliver Giles also performed consistently well in the backline. The Colts A team also recorded some impressive results winning 5 of their 8 games. The fly-half, Alec Coombes, was a consistent try scorer and he was given excellent service by forwards, Rory Cramp and Tobias Maltman.

The 1st XV had a disappointing season in terms of results, but they showed lots of spirit in all of their games. The Captain William Colderick and No.8, James Mannion, were probably the most effective contributors. There were two sizeable victories recorded against St. Ronan's (41-0) and Heathfield RFC (31-5).

In the junior ranks the U.10's were a small group and were often up against it when playing larger opponents. The A's did win two matches against St. Ronan's and Claremont and the Bs had successes in two of their four matches; Holmewood House (15-0) and Ashdown House (20-15). The U.9s showed signs of real progress and were delighted with their wins against Claremont, St. Ronan's and Ashdown House. The majority of tries were scored by the deadly trio, Anthony Dunn, Jasper Piper and Ryan McWilliams.

Soccer

The soccer season started with a very successful pre-term coaching course. We were fortunate to have the assistance of Barry Cooper from Brighton and Hove Albion FC and following his visit, Jasper Piper, Edward Mannion, Jamie Mackwood have attended further training with the club. Fred Buchanan has represented Brighton teams this season and attended a trial for their centre of excellence.

The 1st XI have had a tough season, but the boys have improved their play and enjoyed their training. The final victory against Yardley Court caused great celebration and brought the season to a positive finish. The 2nd XI had a fine season scoring over 40 goals in their 9 matches and recording 5 wins. The U.10 A team also had a successful playing record, winning 4 of their 8 matches and scoring 17 goals in the process.

This season it is true to say that all boys have been given opportunities to play in matches. All boys in Year 3 and 4 enjoyed taking part in two soccer tournaments with Marlborough House and St.Andrew's.

Sports Day

This year's Sports Day was held on a rather chilly day, but we were lucky to escape the local downpours which occurred all around Sussex. This year there were even more names on the programme as almost everybody had three events on the day itself.

There were several notable achievements:

Alexander Moore became the best high jumper in Vinehall's recent history with 1.46m.

Hannah Manton set a new record in the Middle girls 100m (14.67)

Dong Kang (14.10) beat a longstanding record in the Boys Year 7 100m.

The Saxton Middle Girls 4 x 100m Relay team set a new record(63.64)

There were also new B event records in the 50m achieved by: Gemma Taylor, Ignacio Martinez-Fresneda, Dominic Williamson, Ignacio Moreno, Eleanor Judd and Roberta Whittaker

The Victor and Victrix Ludorum Cups were won by:

Juniors: George Mannion and Madeleine Cottrell

Middle: Hannan Manton, Alec Coombes/Zarina Olujobi

Seniors: Alexander Moore, Lily Canetty-Clarke

The overall winner of the House event was Saxton.

Swimming

We had a record number of children, 14 girls and 14 boys, competing in the IAPS National finals. We achieved a number of top six places, Lily Canetty-Clarke 5th in the U13 Butterfly, Boys squadron relay 5th and the Girls squadron 6th.

The boys' squad won the St Andrew's cup for the second year running, beating St Andrew's and St Bede's. In the St Andrew's Girls' Cup we came a very good second behind Moira House, with St Andrew's third and St Bede's fourth. We had two wins against Bodiam Manor, home and away. The girls had close galas against Benenden and Moira House, coming just second in both. The Senior boys and girls came third in the St Bede's prep gala, with Brighton College winning. The inter-house result was a win for Saxton.

Tennis

We had two matches this summer, the first at Marlborough House played on Astroturf, a surface we have not played on, which proved difficult to adapt to but all credit to Alex Mackwood and Bobby MacLean who had a close first match which they lost but came back to win their second. The under 11's also struggled in their first matches but improved to run the opposition very close in their second.

The second fixture was at home against Yardley Court. In the under 13's we played three pairs which turned out to be a winning card as Yardley had a very good first pair but we managed to win four of the six sets played, well played Marcus Rowe and Fred Buchanan who stepped in at the last moment and won both their sets. Unfortunately the under 11's were up against it again but with a swirling wind on the old courts did improve in their second matches winning several games with some good doubles play. Have a good summer and keep practising.

The two parent and child tennis tournaments were hotly contested as usual with the senior competition being won by the Rowes, with the Mackwoods taking second place. The junior competition saw the Mackwoods being victorious in their final with the Keelings.

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Year 3 Girls Singles	Runner-up Winner	Emily Gray Perdita Knight
Middle Girls Singles	Runner-up Winner	Isabelle Powell Chloe Jeremy
Middle Boys Singles	Runner-up Winner	Peter Stollery Freddie Stork
Middle Girls Doubles	Runners-up Fleming Winners	Madeleine Kowitz & Ella Willis- Chloe Jeremy & Isabelle Powell
Senior Boys Singles	Runner-up Winner	Alex Pugh Bobby MacLean
Senior Boys Doubles	Runners-up Winners	Jamie Johnson & Alex Moore Tom Grant & Alex Mackwood

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All the Year 3 and 4 girls took part with enthusiasm in Festivals against St Andrews in netball, hockey and rounders.

The teams have been really inclusive with every girl throughout the school this year having had the chance to represent Vinehall in at least one sport.