

Watton Minis Tournament
25 January 2015
Tournament Report

U10 Boys A Team

Manager: Crossy

Theo Korn (GK)
Ben Panter
Edward Cross
James Cross (captain)
Jake Reynolds
Raphie Connors Beckett
Tom Jackson
Freddie Royall

Dragons U10 A team played their first tournament in the new Dragons Red kit & did it proud. First game was against Magpies. Dragons were camped in the Magpies half. Dragons maintained a good shape, Ben Panter and Jake Reynolds stayed wide, Freddie Royal played high leaving James Cross the space to play in the middle of the pitch.

Eventually the pressure told as James scored from a short corner strike, to open Dragons account. The points were secured when Ben Panter added a 2nd. Any brief movement forward from Magpies was snuffed out by Tom Jackson and Edward Cross.

In the 2nd game the team played their main rivals from last season Norwich City – yet again the defence never looked like being troubled, the team kept their shape and kept moving forward time after time. They were rewarded with 3 goals, one each from James, Jake & Freddie. Jake in particular had a lot of joy down the left.

The final game was the icing on the cake, the team were now in their stride, the ball was moved round with great efficiency, Ben & Tom had endless joy down the right with James in complete control down the middle. Following a pre match promise, once the team were 3-0 up, Edward was release forward to roam! Despite 3 very good short corner strikes he was unable to open his account. The team romped to a 7-1 success, two goals each for Ben, Jake & Freddie plus one for James.



Under 10 Boys B Team

Manager: Rob Panter

Alexander Marjoram
Bertie Pinching
Finn Blazer
Jack Foulger Wills
Monty Patel (captain)
Oscar Holt
Rahul Kaushal
Sam Reynolds
Will Panter
William Waller (GK)



- Watton – Dragons U10B – 0-1

The first game was against the well supported Tournament hosts, Watton. The hosts enjoyed some early possession but Sam was resolute in defence and spoiling their forward adventures. Our young Dragons grew into the game with

some eye-catching passing between Sam, Will and Finn with Bertie and Monty joining in to spoil Watton advances. As our possession grew so did our comfort on the ball with a terrific passage involving a missile-like pass from Sam to Alex who went on to score a well taken and deserved goal into the corner. The Young Dragons enjoyed a lot of possession with Watton not being able to break through the interchanging defences of Monty, Bertie and Oscar. We had three short corners and arguably deserved more out of the game but for the Watton goalkeeper who had a good day at the office repelling attempts by Sam and Rahul.

- Norwich City– Dragons U10B – 0-1

The next game was against a much fancied City team and the boys were clearly up for it. Jack had a good early attempt which set the tone for the young Dragons. It was closely followed by some fantastic work from Bertie having won the tackle to pass on to Jack who went on to score against an advancing keeper. Thereafter in a very closely contested match there was some good tackling by Monty and Oscar and Will. Alex and Bertie were very resolute in their defensive work in front of Will in goal. There was some creative passing by Finn and good spaces found by Will. When called upon at the death Will W made a fantastic save to preserve the points with Rahul closing in on a 1-1 with the keeper but just missing getting a shot off before the final hooter.

- Pelicans– Dragons U10B – 0-0

The final game was against a very strong Pelicans team and after an early Dragons attempt we were very much under the cosh for the rest of the game with Will W in goal called upon to make some early saves. All the boys were very hardworking and had to display strong defensive skills to repel the waves of Pelican advances with Jack and Bertie particularly determined. There was the occasional Dragon breakaway initiated by Oscar, Alex, Will and Rahul but this was a game in which the team were indebted to our goalkeeper who made a string of fine saves with one in particular being applauded by both sets of supporters.

All in all the whole team performed terrifically well, being unbeaten and just missed out on winning their part of the tournament on goal difference to the very strong Pelicans.

Under 12 Boys A Team

Manager: Jason Wolfe

Alex Wolfe (GK)
Angus Blazer
Cameron Tasker
Daniel Murphy
Edward Taylor
Isaac Diver Hall
Tom Bailey
William Bowman (Captain)



On a very cold afternoon Dragons under 12A team travelled to Watton for their winter tournament. Four games were played in total with the Dragons remaining unbeaten all afternoon with 2 wins and 2 draws against some tough opposition.

It would be a tough opener for the Dragons as it was Magpies who they faced for the first game of the tournament. Magpies put Dragons under pressure in this game but the defence held firm with good performances from Cameron Tasker, Edward Taylor and Angus Blazer. There were also a number of good stops by Alex Wolfe in goal. A few breakaways by Dragons nearly led to a goal but in the end a 0-0 draw was a pleasing start to the tournament.

The second game saw Dereham as the next opposition for Dragons. This game saw Dragons play some really attacking hockey with Daniel Murphy and Isaac Diver-Hall scoring 2 well taken goals for Dragons in a 2-0 win.

After a long break between the second and third games Dragons played their third game against Pelicans. In an end to end game, Dragons scored first with Tom Bailey crossing the ball from the left to find Will Bowman who slotted the ball home. Against the run of play Pelicans then equalised late on in the game. It looked like the game was heading for a draw but good work again by Tom Bailey down the left saw another cross that was finished by Will Bowman at the far post.

In the fourth and final game Dragons faced Norwich City. It was another close game which saw Dragons attacking the City goal but they found the City defence and goal keeper in good form. City broke away on a number of occasions but also found the Dragons defence and goalkeeper in good form. The end of the game saw dragons on the attack but the goal their efforts deserved just would not come.

The final game of the tournament saw Magpies beat Dereham 2-0. This victory put them on the same points as Dragons and meant that Magpies had narrowly won the tournament on goal difference by one goal.

A fantastic effort by the Dragon team who had come so close to a tournament victory.

U12 Boys B Team

Manager: Owain Diver Hall

Joe Beadman (Captain)

Arjuna

Blue Hemsall

Casper Lind

Harry Nunn

Angus Reid-Edwards (Goalkeeper)

Gus Sanders

Bobby Sheppard

Jonny Taylor

- MATCH 1: DRAGONS B U12
v DRAGONS C U12



The first game in the Silver Group

saw Dragons B starting on the front-foot, with an early goal from Casper who flicked the ball in from close range. Good defensive work from Gus and Arjuna prevented Dragons C from gaining any foothold in the game and allowed Dragons B to push forward. The first short corner of the game was won by Dragons B, but a clear shot did not come from it. Then Joe fired in a shot from the edge of the D, which brought a good save from their goalkeeper. Dragons B won a second short corner, resulting in a shot from Arjuna, and then quickly a third short corner, when their goalkeeper made a good save from a Casper shot.

The pressure was building and it fell to Joe to score the 2nd goal. Jonny then made his first determined run down the right wing, something that would prove to be one of the features of the day, before testing their goalkeeper yet again. Joe then scored another goal.

This was a good start to the tournament for Dragons B, with some neat attacking play backed up by stout defence.

Final score: Dragons B 3-0 Dragons C

- MATCH 2: DRAGONS B U12 v DEREHAM B U12

Once again, Dragons B started the match in a very positive fashion. Jonny made a strong run down the right-hand side and two short corners were won in quick succession.

However, it needed a good clearance from Angus to keep the score at 0-0, before Dragons B began to exert some sustained pressure upon the Dereham goal. Jonny was exploiting the left side of the Dereham defence and made two strong runs into their territory. Dragons B gained another short corner and passed neatly in the D but without a goal being scored.

Angus made another good save, before the pressure finally told upon Dereham. A 4th short corner was won, following a run from Casper, and then Casper slotted home after further attacking work. Harry made a good attacking dribble, before the whistle blew for the end of the game.

Final score: Dragons B 1-0 Dereham B

- MATCH 3 : DRAGONS B U12 v MAGPIES B U12

Magpies began the match well and it needed solid tackling from Gus and Arjuna to prevent them getting into a scoring position. However, it was not long before Dragons B began to push Magpies back and score the vital opening goal. It started with a very good attacking run from Casper and was followed up by 2 short corners in succession. Then came the goal, scored by Jonny.

Dragons B continued to press forward. Casper made a good run on the left wing, Harry harried and tackled tirelessly, Jonny nearly scored a second, but the ball rolled just wide of the far post, and Casper made another great run into the D.

With the score at 1-0 to Dragons, there was still all to play for and it needed a good save from Angus to prevent Magpies from levelling the score. Bobby made a couple of good interceptions in midfield, before Magpies won a short corner, but a good defensive tackle from Joe snuffed out the danger.

The clock was ticking down, when Joe made a great pass from deep within his own half, but Jonny was just not quite able to gather it in and get a shot away. Harry continued to push forward, but no further goals came.

Final score: Dragons B 1-0 Magpies B

- MATCH 4: DRAGONS B U12 v CITY B U12

With three matches won, Dragons B knew that another victory in their last game of the tournament would see them overall winners. It needed one more team effort to get over the finishing line.

The game started with solid defensive play from Harry and Arjuna. Steadily, Dragons B gained the upper hand. Casper made another run up the left wing. Dragons B won the first short corner of the game and Joe sent in a good shot. Another short corner resulted in a good save by the City goalkeeper.

Blue made some good interceptions in midfield and Bobby hustled and chased to stop City getting any foothold in the game. Dragons B pushed forward again, with Jonny making a couple of strong runs on the right wing and being awarded another short corner. This spell of pressure resulted in the vital goal, scored by Harry. But Dragons B knew that one goal might not be enough, so continued to attack; Jonny forcing an excellent save from the City goalkeeper.

City attacked and Angus made a good save. City won a short corner but could not capitalise upon it. Dragons B finished the match on the attack, with the City goalkeeper having to make a double save just before the final whistle.

Final score: Dragons B 1-0 City B

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Dragons B played 4, won 4 and were worthy winners of the Silver Group of the Watton Tournament. Over the course of the afternoon, they displayed some good passing and very resolute work in defence and in all matches made the bulk of the attacking play. Every player worked hard and there was some excellent teamwork on display. The boys should be very proud of their efforts.

Thanks are also due to Owain Diver Hall, who coached the team, and the parents for their support. Finally, thanks also to Watton for hosting and all the teams who participated.

U12 Boys C Team

Manager: Tracy Stuart Sheppard

Alexander Brooks
Charlie Cook
Harry Fuller
Matthew
Burton
Oliver Delarue
Sam Archer (Captain)

DRAGONS B V DRAGONS C: SCORE 0 – 3

The boys worked really hard together during this game, showing good defending skills under pressure, with some great shots from Charlie and Oliver. The Goal Keeper worked really hard for us during this game.



DRAGONS C V MAGPIES B: SCORE 1 - 0

An evenly matched game between the two sides, with fantastic passing throughout, well done boys. A joint effort between Matthew and Sam secured a win for the Dragons.

DRAGONS C V CITY B: SCORE 1 - 0

Alex and Oliver showed excellent defending skills throughout the game. The boys work with their team to get the ball in position for Harry to score the winning goal for Dragons.

DRAGONS C V DEREHAM B: SCORE 2 - 0

A good win for the final match of the day. The boys really pulled together and showed their hockey skills, trying to push that ball into the goal. Great result to end the day.

Dragons C team would like to thank the goal keepers who helped them out during their matches today.