

**Dragons u10 and u12 Tournament**  
**15 March**  
**Tournament Report**

Under 10 Boys A Team



Norwich Dragons U10's won their 3rd tournament in a row.

The team was Edward Cross (Capt) Theo Korn (Gk) James Cross, Harvey Nkrumah, Freddie Royal, Tom Jackson, Ben Panter, Sam Reynolds & Jake Reynolds.

The manager was Crossy.

The team played four and won four.

First game v Magpies. The team won 5-0 - Goals scored by Freddie Royal \*2 plus one each for James, Edward and Harvey - Edward & Harvey scoring their first goals for the U10 A team. Highlight from the first game was an excellent run and cross from Ben Panter that was expertly deflected home by chief poacher Freddie.

Game 2 was a 5-1 win v Dereham - goals from James \*2, Jake \*2 and another one for Harvey. Another game where we were camped in the oppositions half.

Game 3 saw 4-0 win v Pelicans - featuring a Hatrick for Freddie and one more for James.

Game 4 was closer a 1-0 win v City with James scoring the winning goal. Another game where we were camped in their half but just couldn't find the right pass to open the floodgates.

Overall another excellent team performance, everyone knows their job and sticks to it well. Ben and Jake give the team great width allowing James more space in the middle of the pitch. Once the ball get near the goal Poacher Freddie comes to life. Any breaks forward were easily stopped but the quiet and efficient Tom or the solid tackling of Edward. Sam & Harvey played in various positions throughout the games and slotted in without any trouble. The odd time the ball did get through towards our goal, Theo was on hand to kick it away. Roll on the County Championship on Sunday 22nd.

## U12 Girls A Team

Charlotte Knight  
Harriet Marlee  
Lucy Buxton (captain)  
maddy reynolds  
Nicky Dawson  
Orla Hardiman  
Annabelle Hodgson  
Stella W W  
Tilly Connors Beckett (GK)

### MATCH 1 v MAGPIES A

This was a very close match. Harriet Marlee did an amazing dive to save the ball, even with two fractured fingers! Tilly Connors Beckett did some great saves and great defence by everyone!  
The end score was 0-1

### MATCH 2 v NORWICH CITY A

Maddy Reynolds ran up the ball well with a super shot into the D but their goalie cleared the ball away before we could get a shot. Tilly Connors Beckett (goalie), Nicky Dawson, Stella WW and Annabelle Hodgson kept the ball away from the goal.  
The end score was 0-0

### MATCH 3 v DEREHAM A

It was a good match and we had a good start which gave us a goal but Dereham came back fighting and levelled it to 1-1 and unfortunately they broke through our defence and scored another goal.  
Orla Hardiman and Charlotte Knight did well carrying the ball up the field.  
The end score was 1-2

### MATCH 4 v PELICANS

We tried our hardest but Pelicans were putting pressure on us throughout the match. They scored a few goals but our defence were working well trying their hardest to stop the Pelicans attack.  
The end score was 0-5

Although we came 5th we played very well!

by Lucy Buxton

## U10 Boys B Team

Alex Marjoram  
Bertie Pinching  
Ethan Wood  
Finn Blazer  
Max Nicholls (GK)  
Monty Patel (captain)  
Oliver Ruddling  
Oscar Holt  
Rahul Kaushal  
Will Panter

The first game was against Watton who thwarted the young Dragons at their own recent home tournament to pip them to top spot on goal difference, so there was much to play for in the first rubber. The game started off badly for both teams because there was not a ball to be seen. Notwithstanding this false start, Dragons displayed some attacking intention with some good stick work from Rahul and driving forward from Bertie. However this was a tight and congested game and we relied on Max in goal to make a good save. The team had earned a hard fought draw but they all knew there was more in them after this slow start.

#### **Dragons 0 –v- Watton 0**

The second game was against Norwich City and all nine outfield players were looking a much more confident and focused team. Will showed some good early defensive plays and Bertie continued his attacking mode. Oscar broke up a City attack and found Bertie with his pass who ran three quarters of the length of the pitch down the left to slip a pass on to Rahul who flicked on to a well-positioned Alex who scored deftly past an advancing goalkeeper at close range. Another similar run by Bertie nearly led to a second but on this occasion Oliver was tackled well just as he was taking a position for a shot. There was more good work by Alex who was causing the City defence some discomfort. This paid off with a short corner played to Bertie who struck well to score a second goal. Dragons were good for the score and the lead and the defence dealt with the City attacks well.

#### **Dragons 2 –v- Norwich City 0**

Dragons stayed on for their second game against Watton. Clearly, they were confident from the previous win and they started in much brighter fashion than their first encounter against Watton. The initial defensive pairing of Will and Oscar were dealing with the Watton attacks well and from one break down Will found Oscar who passed to Alex who went on to score a well taken goal. Dragons clearly feeling more confident were prepared to take the game to their opponents. Bertie dribbled through a number of tackles and advanced on to an advancing keeper to score a very good goal. The game was being played in the Watton half with all the young Dragons keen to receive and move the ball onwards. Watton did show some attacking intent and after one of these breakdowns Bertie carried the ball all the way to score a Dragon's third. At the death, Watton advanced but were met by a good tackle from Monty and another good save from Max to earn Dragons a third clean sheet of the day.

#### **Dragons 3 –v- Watton 0**

In the final game the Norwich City team were intent on showing their capabilities after the first rubber. They posed a threat from the outset but all the Dragons team defended well from their individual positions and carried a good threat themselves with a lot of pressure on their opponents. This was a very good team performance with every player playing their part and a late good save by Max earning Dragons a point and their second tournament in recent months in which they didn't concede any goals.

#### **Dragons 0 –v- Norwich City 0**

Dragons u10 B team won the tournament.

U10 girls B team



Ella Peart  
Ellie Wagstaff  
Honey Wells  
Isobelle Woolley  
Maya Peart  
Nellie Ong  
Rosemary Sheppard – Captain

Game 1 - Magpies came out and attacked assertively, earning their 4 – win. We defended tirelessly and Rosemary saved many shots on goal but with numerous rebounds the Magpies kept focus and earned their 4 – 0 win.

Game 2 – A well organised City team moved the ball around well creating themselves opportunities to score 4 well struck goals and winning the game 4 – 0. With Ellie in goal, Dragons left a gap in defence although we did fight well further up the pitch in this game and began to move the ball out wider. Maya, Honey and Nellie each took opportunities to make forward runs up the pitch.

Game 3 – Facing the Magpies again, Dragons defenders Ellie and Ella came out strong and with Ellie in goal we kept the Magpies score down to 3 – 0. Joining Ella and Ellie in defence, Rosemary and Isobel began to pass the balls out wide and our forwards began to move up the pitch to create a stronger formation. During this period of attacking play the team managed to earn a short corner and though they attempted one of the routines a shot could not be got away.

Game 4 – Norwich City B came out organised and strong again to win 3 – 0. By this time however, our girls were far more confident and organised too and we certainly made City work for harder for the win. Our girls defended well with some great tackling by defenders Ellie and Rosemary, moved the ball out wider to Isobelle and Ella creating some of their own attacking opportunities too.

The girls supported each other very well and as a result improved their performance with every game they played. This was the first tournament for our young Under 10 girls B team they clearly thoroughly enjoyed.

Thanks to all parents for bringing the girls and their vocal support of the team during matches particularly the Mums who gave up their Mother's day to brave the cool breezy Den.

Many thanks to David Pentin for managing the team with such good humour and relentless positivity. Also to Nola Mitchell for going in goal for us for our last game.

### U12 Boys C Team



Alexander Brooks (captain)  
Bobby Sheppard  
Charlie Cook  
Harry Fuller  
Nikolas  
Sam Archer  
Tommy Chambers  
Theo Korn (GK)  
Ezra Kahn

1st match score:  
Norwich Dragons C 0  
vs  
Norwich Dragon B 2

The first game of the tournament, during the game the boys showed excellent passing and defending skills. They were a few unlucky tries for goals, the boys continued to battle on throughout the game.

2nd match score:  
Norwich Dragons C 0  
vs



Norwich City B 0

This was a well balanced game between both teams, the boys really worked hard preventing the ball getting to the goal. Excellent goalie skills during this game.

3rd match score:

Norwich Dragons C 2

vs

Norwich Magpies B 1

Good defending and passing resulted in an early lead for the Dragons, followed by a second goal.

4th match score:

Norwich Dragons C 6

vs

Norwich Barbarians B 0

Well what can we say apart from Goal, Goal, Goal, Goal, Goal and Goal. We done boys a great final game.

U12 girls B (red)



Beatrice Harrison  
Francesca Sabberton  
Isobel Hipper (captain)  
Maddie Gibbs  
Poppy Heeds (GK)  
Simran Rai  
Sophie Barrow  
Niamh Somers

Our home tournament!

Dragons u12 girls divided into an A team and two B teams. B team (red) took to the pitch with red shirts and bright pink socks.

Our first game was a derby match against Dragons B team (green). We went 1 goal down early in the game but equalised and dominated the game. We could have won but in the end the game was a 1-1 draw.

Next, we played Norwich City B team. They were a good team and we lost the game 1-0. We had our chances but were unable to score the crucial goal that we needed.

Watton had to go early so, in a rescheduled match, we played them next. The game was very even and the hockey was end to end. Unfortunately, the only goal of the game was at our end and we lost the game 1-0.

The last game was against a strong Magpies B team. We worked hard but eventually lost 2-0.

So, a draw and 3 losses. But we had a good time and enjoyed the competition (and the cup cakes)! Rob was a great manager and the sun even came out by the end of the tournament. I am sure that we are all looking forward to the next one.

#### U12 Boys 'B' Team



Angus Reid Edwards (GK)

Arjuna

Blue Hemsall

Casper Lind

Matthew Burton

Joe Beadman

Jonny Taylor (captain)

Xander Wimmer

Toby Drake

**Dragons b 2 v Dragons c 0**

Very good goal-keeping skills by Angus and solid defending from Xander and Toby. Early goal by Johnny following a great cross from Casper. Second goal was well-taken by Joe B. Overall Well-organised at the back with some good pressure from the opposition.

### **Dragons 3 v Barbarians 0**

Well-organised display with some strong performances across the pitch. A great goal by Casper with some well worked play by Arj who put the ball through to Mat. Good play by Arj and Johnny down the wing before crossing to Mat for a goal. A really solid performance with a score line reflecting the flow of the game.

### **Dragons b 2 v Magpies b 0**

Relentless pressure but with some resolute defending from the opposition meant this game was in the balance for the most part. There were lots of short corners and shots which finally resulted in a goal for Joe B followed by a beautifully dispatched shot from Blue which put the game beyond doubt. The boys played fantastically well!

### **Dragons b 0 v Norwich city b 2**

The cold and the long break between games meant a slow start that saw Norwich City take advantage with two goals in very quick succession. Dragons struggled to find a footing in the game until the very end when Johnny was only denied by a great save from the Norwich City keeper. Final position: Dragons 'B' team finished second to Norwich City B.

“Well done to everyone who played and especially well done to Toby and Xander for playing so well in their first Dragons tournament.” Johnny Taylor, Captain.

### U12 boys A team



Alex Wolfe (GK)  
Angus Blazer (captain)  
Daniel Murphy



Edward Taylor  
Isaac Diver Hall  
Tom Bailey  
William Bowman  
Sam Jackson  
Harry Nunn

Norwich Dragons hosted this Sunday's tournament at the Den in Norwich. The weather was cold but bright. The Tuck Shop provided hot drinks and lots of cakes/treats. Thank you to all the parents who manned the Tuck Shop and baked lots of fabulous cakes.

The Under 12 Boys came out in red shirts and green socks, with a very experienced Natalie Beal as their Manager, and Angus Blazer wearing the captain's badge for the first time this season. Their first match was against a very strong Magpies team. Magpies took the lead in the first few minutes with a cracking goal and then went on to score a second a few minutes later. The Dragons fought back hard, with Will Bowman passing the ball across the goal and Tom Bailey hitting it home. The final score was 2-1 to Magpies.

The second game was against Dereham. Dragons were the stronger side for this game, putting together a string of attacks. Harry Nunn got the first goal, and also scored the second. Dragons defended well, but Dereham nipped in for a well taken goal. The final score was 2-1 to Dragons.

The last match for Dragons was against Norwich City. Both teams kept things tight and were evenly matched. However, as we neared the final few minutes of the game Norwich got a break and scored the only goal. Dragons fought hard but couldn't bring the game back. The final score was 1-0 to Norwich.

The final result for the U12 Boys tournament was:

1st place - Magpies  
2nd place - Norwich  
3rd place - Dragons  
4th place - Dereham

#### U12 girls b green



Sasha Armstrong  
Charlotte Carr (captain)  
Elissa Wood  
Emily Hooper  
Jemima Easter  
Jennifer Cox Kersley  
Yllandah Brown  
Zarina Duffield

Game 1 against Dragons Red 1:1. Goal scored by Charlotte Carr with fantastic play from everyone.

Game 2 against Watton 0:1. A close game and we were unlucky to lose.

Game 3 against Magpies 0:0. Fantastic Defending and loads of great saves by Tilly.

Game 4 against Norwich City lost 3:0. Well played by Dragons but Norwich City were very good.

#### U10 Girls A Team



Team: Amy Beadman, Kaitlin Wolmarans, Lilli Ballard, Nola Mitchell (GK), Olivia Tighe, Piper Hemsall (C), Saskia Lee Williams

#### Match 1 Dragons A v Magpies

Dragons girls found themselves unfortunately stuck defending their half throughout the match. Strong and robust defending gave Magpies only one opportunity, but the opposition took it defeating Dragons A 1:0

#### Match 2 Dragons A v Pelicans A

Dragons girls really showed us what the team was made of in this high scoring match. The girls took turns to run to victory with goals from Kaitlin, Saskia, Piper, Olivia and Amy.

#### Match 3 Dragons A v Dereham

Another beautiful match with some great goals from Piper, Saskia and Lilli. So wonderful to see all girls on the team getting an opportunity to score, showing that NDHC really develops each and every player's abilities and skills. 3:0

#### Match 4 Dragons A v Norwich City A

Norwich City have proven worthy opponents in the past, but Saskia and Piper helped seal the deal with goals each. 2:0.

The girls finished second in the tournament.