

County Championships

Pelicans

22 March 2015

U12 Girls

Manager: Ally Windsor Waite

Charlotte Carr
Charlotte Knight
Harriet Marlee
Lucy Buxton
Lucy Cox
Nicky Dawson
Orla Hardiman
Stella W W
Tilly Connors Beckett

Match 1 v Pelicans

We played well and improved from our last game against Pelicans, but couldn't quite get the last touch to get a goal. Charlotte Knight had a few brilliant attempts at goal, and great work from our defence. The end score was 0-3

Match 2 v Magpies

It was a close game with some excellent defending by Tilly C-B (goalie), Nicky Dawson and Stella WW. We played a very defensive game and we held Magpies up well, a brilliant game from everyone on the pitch. The end score was 0-1

Match 3 v Norwich City

We had a good start which led to a short corner and Harriet Marlee, as the injector, did a lovely sweep which was converted into a goal. Norwich City came back strong and went on to score 3 goals. The end score was 1-3

Match 4 v Dereham

A very exciting match with the ball coming back and forth. We had a few attempts at goal, and they nearly scored in ours but it didn't count because the ball was too high. Great defence by Charlotte Carr and Tilly C-B. Orla Hardiman did very well carrying the ball up the pitch and pacing into space. The end score was 0-0

U10 boys

Manager: Rob Panter

Ben Panter
Edward Cross
Freddie Royall
Harvey Nkrumah
Jake Reynolds
James Cross
Sam Reynolds
Theo Korn
Tom Jackson

Dragons 3 - Dereham 0

Our boys started the tournament very positively with lots of good attacking play. As was the trend with this event, the opposition were difficult to break down with plenty of defenders waiting for us! Once we broke the deadlock the goals came, with a Freddie Royall brace and topped off with a cool finish from Jake Reynolds. Some excellent holding play from James, very disciplined



defensive play from Edward, Tom and Sam, and crucial wide play from Ben Panter, Jake and Harvey. Theo wasn't required to touch the ball in goal, such was the Dragons dominance.

Dragons 0 - Pelicans 0

Again Dragons had the possession and dominated the game, but some excellent defending and superb goal keeping from Pelicans kept the scores level throughout. With games only 12 minutes long it can be difficult to break down a stubborn defence, and despite our guys best efforts Dragons just couldn't get the ball in the goal! Again some excellent high press defending from Edward, Tom and Sam ensured the ball stayed near the Pelicans D.

Dragons 0 - Norwich City 0

City were to be Dragons toughest test, with a strong mid-field and some skilful players, Dragons needed to defend very well. Sam Reynolds played exceptionally well in this match, timing his tackles well and keeping their attackers at bay. City again defending in numbers when we attacked and we found it difficult to play the fluent hockey we've been used to seeing this year. Frustratingly we hit the post in the dying minutes and came close to scoring on many occasions, only to be thwarted by the excellent City keeper and some stubborn defending. This result left us looking out for the other results to see what we needed in the last game.... The tension was building!!

Dragons 2 - Magpies 0

Going into the final match, Dragons needed to win to secure first place. A draw would then take the final standings to goal difference....

Again we dominated throughout, playing some good passing hockey. The standard of play was high and the boys were working very well together. The first goal came from a Ben thunderous cross which was met by our very own Gary Lineker, Freddie. Every team needs a feisty poacher. Freddie's movement around the D is excellent, which is how he creates his goal scoring opportunities. The second goal came from a slick move involving James, Jake and Freddie, with another cool finish. Again Theo had a very quiet match due to the composed defending taking place in front of him. Edward and Tom played the game with maturity way beyond their years, with Tom playing a stand out match.



This result meant that Dragons U10 were County Champions, and will represent Norfolk with Norwich City (2nd place) at the Regional event on 19th April.

Well done to all the boys (and parents!). The standard at this event was higher than at previous tournaments, and we needed to be at our very best.

Roll on the Regionals.



U12 boys

The team was Alex Wolfe (GK), Angus Blazer, Daniel Murphy, Edward Taylor, Harry Nunn (Captain), Isaac Diver Hall, Joe Beadman, Sam Jackson, Tom Bailey, William Bowman.

Manager: Natalie Beal



DRAGONS V MAGPIES

We started the game strongly with great defending from Tom and Joe, (who unfortunately picked up a nasty injury that ruled him out from the rest of the tournament). Magpies opened the scoring after a fluid attack, but Dragons worked hard and kept attacking. With a great strong pass across the goal from Daniel Murphy, it deflected off a defender to make the score 1-1.

DRAGONS V PELICANS

Pelicans came out playing very confidently. Angus and Dan worked hard at the back, but despite all the boys putting in a great shift Dragons couldn't get on the scoreboard. Pelicans won the game 3-0.

DRAGONS V NORWICH CITY

We came across a very strong Norwich team who scored three early goals in this match. We started slowly but found it hard to get back into the game. The boys showed real determination and kept Norwich at bay but chances were few and far between at the other end.

DRAGONS V DEREHAM

We started well and focused in this match. Isaac scored from a cross in from Daniel. We kept attacking, and great play from Harry to open up the Dereham defence leading to Isaac scoring his 2nd goal of the match. But Dereham were persistent and got through our defenders to score a goal. Final score 2-1

The boys played well and all put in a good effort. Man of the Match went to Isaac for his performance today.



U10 Girls

Manager: David Pentin

Amy Beadman
Hattie Stuart
Lilli Ballard
Mima Watson
Nola Mitchell
Olivia Tighe
Piper Hempsall
Saskia Lee Williams
Sophia K

Match 1 – Dragons vs Pelicans 1-0

Dragons dominated possession in this match, with some good early pressure and excellent passing. The team created many chances with good play by the forwards Olivia Tighe and Saskia Lee-Williams but the

Pelicans keeper was proving impossible to pass despite the team winning many short corners. The Dragons dominance was eventually rewarded when Jemima Watson scored the opening goal of the game. The Dragons held on quite comfortably to take the victory with good midfield play by Lilli Ballard and Hattie Stuart and Sofia coming on to add strength and pace to the team .



Match 2 – Dragons vs Norwich City 0-1

A strong early start by Norwich had the Dragons defending for much of the game. The Dragons defence of Amy Beadman and Piper Hempsall proved to be very robust with Nola Mitchell making some great saves however

eventually Norwich edged a late goal with only a few minutes before the end of the match. Despite a late chance for the Dragons on the break Norwich held on to take a narrow victory in a competitively fought match.

Match 3 – Dragons vs Magpies 0-2

The team went into the last match knowing they had to go out to win to overtake Magpies and secure second place. Magpies grabbed an early goal to take the lead. Strong defending by the defence held off further opportunities for Magpies. Dragons also had several shots at goal but were unable to close the gap despite committing all the outfield players forward in the attempt to score before Magpies increased their lead to 2 – 0 with just a few moments of the game left to play.

Many thanks to the parents for arranging to get the girls to Kings Lynn and for their support and encouragement from the side-lines and positivity and assistance to the coaching team.