

U8 Quicksticks Tournament

Taverham

22 March 2015

Under 8 Red Team

Managers: Mel Widdows and Jess Tye Leech

Hayden Bradley

Estelle Widdows

Patrick O'Rourke

Ellen Davies

Angus Windsor Waite (captain)

Sam Leeming

Hollie Blackham

Austin Kennard



The Dragons U8's red team played 4 games in Sunday's tournament at Taverham, winning the first three and drawing the last game. Overall the team came 2nd in their round robin narrowly missing out on 1st place due to goal difference.

All of the team played brilliantly together making accurate passes up and down the pitch and showing many skills that they have learnt throughout the season in training sessions.

Individually all members of the team were strong and brought different skills to all the matches.

- Austin, Angus, Sam and Haydon scored some excellent goals really putting pressure on the opposition's defence.
- Ellen and Patrick made some great tackles staying low and strong bringing some support into the mid field.
- Estelle and Hollie had some amazing defensive play both saving many shots that were made at the goal and then sweeping them back into the mid field.

I can easily say that the level of hockey shown by the team was far more mature than that of any of our opposition. I'm incredibly proud of all the team members and hope that they carry on playing in the seasons to come.

By Jess Tye-Leech

Under 8 Green Team

Managers: Pete Thomas and Polly Watson

Imogen Thomas

Sam Kassulke

Maya Peart

Keira Hardiman

Sam Himpleman (captain)

Sophia Pantazis

Millie Lake



With the U8 Dragons B team all warmed up with fire in their bellies, despite the cold weather, we played our first game against Norwich City Pink. With a slow start and no goals scored by either team in the first half, we came back and showed Norwich City what we were made of in the second half. Within the first two minutes, Sam K passed a lovely ball to

Keira who confidently dribbled and placed the ball in the back of the goal. The second and third goals then followed by Sam K.

Next we faced a strong Watton side. We were 1-0 down in the first half, but we kept fighting and managed to equal their score, with Millie getting her first goal. However, the Watton players seemed experienced and we couldn't fight them off, resulting in a 4-1 loss. Well done to Sam H for his consistently good passing throughout the game.

Our third game was against Norwich City Blue B. The Dragon's team looked ready to play some good hockey and Keira demonstrated this through her consistently successful tackling. Sophia also helped Sam K score his hat-trick with her clever passing throughout the game. Final score 3-3.

With the sun finally coming out to support us, Dragons were ready to go out and play our last game. Facing Norwich City Orange, we looked strong and focused. Our first three goals came from Sam K, taking his goal total up to 8 goals! We were 3-3 at half time, and after making some quick substitutions, we went back on with just as much roar. Maya looked extremely impressive in defence, making multiple saves close to the goal line, preventing the opposition from scoring again. In the final few minutes, Millie and Imogen fought hard, both scoring, taking the result to 5-3.

In the presentations, we were thrilled to discover that we had won the B tournament! Going up to collect our medals and certificate, we were smiling from ear to ear. A huge congratulations to every player in the team for an excellent effort throughout the morning, and thank you to Pete for managing and all the parents for your enthusiastic support.

By Pollyanna Watson

