

Norwich City Tournament
U10 and U12 Girls and Boys
31 January 2016

U12 Boys A team

Manager Owain Diver Hall

Alexander Wolfe (GK)

Ben Panter

Isaac Diver-Hall

James Cross

Jonny Taylor (captain)

Arjuna Puvanachandra

Bobby Sheppard

Casper Lind

William Bowman

Game 1: Harleston Magpies (Loss 2:1)

Magpies started strong and got an early scrappy goal. Johnny did a good run before being stopped in his way by the keeper leading to a short corner where Isaac put a ball through to James who took it wide and did a reverse hit to equalize.

Good defending from Arj in the face of strong opposition. Late on Magpies broke and following a goal mouth scramble managed to poke the ball over the line. Final score was 2:1. Well done to Alex who did well to put up with the strong Magpie attacks and keep us in the game.

Game 2: Norwich City (Win 3:1)

Playing the hosts after a difficult first game we knew we had to raise our game.

Good early pressure from Dragons with a number of efforts coming close. But with both teams making good attacking moves it was Norwich City that drew first blood with an effective attacking move well finished.

James played some great creative play in midfield. And it wasn't long before it paid off when James played an aerial ball to JT who knocked it on to Isaac who hit it straight into the bottom corner which gave the Dragons some spirit and belief. Not long after this the pressure was all Dragons and it wasn't long before Dragons got a second after a well worked team goal where it fell to JT in the middle of the box. At this point we were absorbing the pressure and after a few City attacks we hit them on the break and James passed to Isaac who comfortably passed it in. A great 3-1 victory for Dragons!

Game 3: Pelicans (Win 2:0)

Good early pressure down the right with solid defending from Bobby at the back. Arj created a great run to open up the midfield and put the ball through to Isaac who slotted the ball through to James who drove the ball home for the first goal. Casper dribbled through the middle to get a second. Sustained pressure from Dragons saw a number of short corners. Good efforts from Arj, Bobby, Ben and James. Despite being camped in the Pelicans half, that's how the game ended: 2:0. An unlucky game for the Dragons. Well done to Casper who scored despite being a defender.

Game 4: Dereham (Win 2:1)

Good pressure early on giving Dragons a number of short corners but despite the strong pressure, the goal was always looking elusive. With doubt creeping in Dereham managed to create a few breaks of their own requiring alert defending and a few good saves from the keeper. Eventually the pressure was too much for Dereham with Arj doing some great work on the right and cutting the ball across the goal for Johnny to sweep the ball in. Not long afterwards Arj turned in again to slide the ball through to Will who took the ball through and finished nicely to give the Dragons a 2-0 lead. Dereham had a late attack and scored to give them some hope of getting back into the game.

The remainder of the game was Dragons pressurizing with shots from Isaac, Arj, and Johnny, but that was how it ended: 2-1 to Dragons. Well done to Ben for his excellent defending to keep us at 2-1.

Summary: Overall in the tournament we came 2nd. We were unlucky not to win as 3 teams all ended with 9 points which led to goal difference being the deciding factor where Norwich city were announced winners. We will console ourselves with the fact that we actually beat the winners (Norwich City) 3-1 . Overall a very good team effort.

By Johnny Taylor



U12 boys B team

Manager Tracy Stuart Shepherd

Theo Korn (GK)
Oliver Moore (captain)
Tommy Chambers
Freddie Royall
Toby Finch
Jack Foulger-Wills
Jacob Hallett
Charlie Cook
Alexander Brooks

We won!

We won all of our games securely. The boys played in great spirit and very much as a team. They all played incredibly well. A couple of our boys were new to playing in matches so we were thrilled that they were able to get a chance to have a competitive game too.

Some super passing into the space down the wing and hitting across the goal won us a number of goals as well as some great drives forward with good passing to spaces and open sticks in the D.

A massive thank you to Theo who was our goalie who kept us a clean sheet for the whole of the afternoon with 3 amazing saves amongst many others. He also kept for the C team and helped them to secure a 3rd place too.

All boys had a couple of halves off but even in the rain and wind didn't complain, rather they supported each other 100%. Another great afternoon for the U12 boys. Very well done one and all.



U12 boys c team

Manager Caroline Wolfe

Samuel Archer (captain)

Billy Hall

William Skipp

Daniel Shirley

Elijah Elwell

Noah Bradbury

William Bartram

Jacob Reynolds

Bertie Piching

Game 1 vs Magpies B

Dragon's u12 C team started the silver tournament at Taverham with good positive movement. Despite being without keeper for the first three minutes (Theo Korn, who was being borrowed from the B team, had temporarily gone AWOL!), the defence of Bill Skipp and Daniel Shirley worked well to ensure the D was not troubled. Loose balls were collected and transferred out wide to safety. Magpies were awarded a short corner, now with Theo between the posts, which was defended successfully. Dragons gained a turnover ball, and pressed the Magpies' defence. The attacking play resulted in some short sharp passing in the D, with Jacob Reynolds sweeping the ball to score the winner.

Game 2 vs Norwich City B

The team worked really hard in this game and soaked up a lot of pressure from the City side. Midfielders William Bartram and Elijah Elwell chased back tirelessly with their players. Unfortunately, the direct play by the opposition forwards on the break proved too much, and they scored with a lovely hit from the top of the D.

Game 3 vs Norwich City C

Dragons came back with purpose in this game, with captain Sam Archer stretching out play up front. Lovely linking play from the midfield players Noah Bradbury, Bertie Piching and Jacob soon had the ball in the City D, and after lots of rebounds Sam slotted the ball into the net within 60 seconds of play. Dragons won possession back quickly from the restart and after a similar pattern of play, Bertie scored from a super reverse stick sweep. Sam bagged his second

following lovely interchange play with Jacob. Then Jacob, at the other end of the pitch, made a terrific goal line save whilst defending a short corner just before the final whistle blew.

Game 4 Norwich Dragon's B

Dragons borrowed u10 keeper Max for this final game as Theo was now on the opposition. Max made plenty of good saves with Billy Hall in front of him clearing the rebounds from the Dragons' D. The B team, however, were stronger and more confident with their play, with Freddie scoring both goals.

With two wins and two losses, Dragon's C came 3rd overall in the silver competition. Well done boys!



U10 Boys A Team

Manager: Crossy

Max Nicholls - gk
Sam Reynolds - capt
Edward cross
Dylan smith
Harvey Nkrumah
Sam Hancock
Oliver Rudling
Laurie Williams
Sam Davey
William Panter

U10 boys A team maintained their unbeaten run this season, winning today at the Norwich City tournament. Scores of 1-0, 1-0, 1-0 & 3-1. Great team performance , dominating every game...



U10 Boys B Team

Manager: Paul Kassulke

Finn Pond - gk
Blade Earley - capt
Barney Berridge
Duncan Macpherson Stewart
Monty Patel
Oscar Holt
Rahul Kaushal
Sam Kassluke
Sam Leeming
William Bailey

1st match v Magpies B

Considering this was the first match of the tournament and the boys haven't played together very much they started very strong with some great teamwork between them.

After just 4 minutes Magpies gained a short corner - but with Sam K and Monty straight in to clear the ball Magpies didn't stand a chance.

With some great passing from the Max, William and good play intercepting in the mid field by Rahul, the ball soon travelled towards the goal and we won a short corner. The corner was taken, William collected the ball and scored from just inside the 'D'.

There was only a couple of minutes to go and unfortunately Magpies won a short corner but their luck ran out when they came up against Fin and his persistent pressure, and great defensive skills by Blade and Oscar cleared the ball moments before the final whistle giving us a 1-0 win.

2nd match v Jets

Our goalie, Fin, had an early touch at the beginning of the match only then to send the ball down the pitch for Monty to control and take a shot at goal, but Monty was not happy with one shot at goal and attempted another only to be saved by the goal keeper, but in the process of their defence trying to clear the ball they gave away a corner. The ball bounced around in the goal area before being cleared away by their defence.

There was some good play in mid field by Max and Sam L never stopping in making a difference to the dragons teams persistence.

There was some good defensive skills by Blade, Duncan and Oscar refusing to let the ball past them, even to the point that Blade felt he had to use his head to stop the ball - fortunately he survived the experience.

The game ended 0-0

3rd match v Watton

This match started well for dragons winning a short corner after the ball was lifted hitting Monty's legs, with that in mind Monty was spurred on to make it his best shot and hopefully take the lead in the match, and he didn't disappoint - goal!

Following this confident start there were some lovely stick work skills by Rahul and William helped closely by Duncan, and some good interceptions by Barnaby. This match saw some great attacks on the goal with the boys desperate for more goals. But alas Watton won a corner, the corner was taken only to hit a dragons foot and Watton had another chance, but that was short lived with the skills of Fin and the boys clearing the ball away up the pitch to be collected by Sam.K with his amazing skills, speed, and spacial awareness.

We won a short corner which went to Monty then Rahul and a goal was scored.

The game carried on with some great drive from Sam.K and William and dragons claimed another short corner, this was cleared but intercepted by Oscar of which he went on to take a shot at goal which rebounded back to Rahul then eventually Sam.K scored this gave us an amazing 2-0 win.

4th final game v Dereham

As the tournament went on the boys got stronger, confident and determined to keep their lead in the tournament. Dragons gained a short corner quite quickly and Monty showed us what he could do with his great tactics by winning another short corner after hitting the opponents foot, this then lead to Monty scoring our goal of the last game with the help and fab passing by Rahul and William. The passing continued to impress us between William, Rahul, Sam.K and Monty. There was some great clearance by Sam.L, Barnaby came on to help with the mid field and there was some strong defending by Blade. Final whistle with a 1-0 win.

The U10 dragons B team worked tremendously well and came 1st in their group and came back with medals that the boys should be very proud of, and proud of themselves.

These boys worked hard to commit to their games, with such brilliant teamwork, skills and drive, their persistent pressure gave them the result they deserved.

Well done boys!



U10 girls a team

Manager: Ally Windsor-Waite

Nola Mitchell (GK)
Ellie Wagstaff
Nellie Ong (Captain)
Isabelle Woolley
Livi Tighe
Kaitlin Wolmarans
Freya Dolding
Evie Marlee
Freya Statham

Dragons V Norwich City

We started well, passing the ball but City tackled us, started to attack, came into our circle and scored. It was just so quick. We were much better at the restart but City intercepted, our defenders got it out of the circle quickly. We got tackled again the ball came back into the circle and they scored.

Final score 0-2

Dragons V Watton

We started strongly, passing well and broke through. Their goalkeeper made a massive save. They came back at us and scored. We started again strongly, working our way towards the D. We tried to score, their goalkeeper pushed it out. We're kept on pushing and Evie slyly hit the goal when the goalkeeper wasn't looking.

Final score 1-1

Dragons V Dereham

We played well and won

Final score 1-0

Dragons A V Dragons B

They started well and got into our D, the defenders hit it out with their sticks and Livvy took it, carried it on, passing to Evie who scored. Evie scored a second later on. We kept pushing but they defended well.

Dragons V Harleston

The worst game of all but it made us better. They hit the ball really hard and in the first couple of minutes got the ball into the D and scored with a sharp hit slicing into the goal. We carried on trying our hardest, defending better and bringing it more towards their D. They tackled us, pushed on and scored a goal over our heads. We still carried on, getting closer to their D and getting a short-corner but we let our guard down so they took the ball and scored another goal.

Final score 0-3

We came 4th but it was very close.

If I had 3 things to sum it up today: amazing team, unlucky on many occasions and we carried on tough with our heads held high.

Thanks to Ally for coaching us and supporting us and one big thank you to the team for trying their hardest.

Well Done Team

U10 Girls B team

Managers: Simon Mitchell assisted by Aaron and Eleanor Widdows

Rosemary Sheppard (Captain)

Ella Peart

Crista Lilli Creus

Libby Ong

Amalie Finch

Isobel Waller

Caitlyn Hernon

Estelle Widdows

Millie Lake

Dragons B girls played in the Gold tournament at Norwich City today facing 6 tough games against all A teams from the other clubs. This was the 1st for many and ^{at} best the 3rd tournament for these Dragons girls. Superbly managed by Simon, the ever hopeful and holder of moral boosting sweets and team talks, all of the girls played in tremendous spirit and kept their heads high, improving their performance with every game they played.

Dragons B 0 – Magpies A 8

Magpies were an accomplished team who played excellent hockey. We did very well to keep the score so low. Despite wearing a huge kit Estelle was hardly able to move without toppling over, our goalkeeper gave a brave performance. Ella defended extremely well as Centre mid and Isobel was quick to take our 16 yard hits out to the wing giving us some opportunities which we were unfortunate not to convert.

Dragons B 0 – NCHC A – 4

Halving the score against another accomplished team, Amelie was player of the game here making 3 great saves as goalie.

Dragons B 0 – Watton A 0

Dragons held Watton A to a draw thanks to superb defending by Crista, Rosemary and Millie who made 3 great saves in goal.

Dragons B - 0 Dragons A – 2

We created many more chances at goal in this game and with Ella Peart making numerous defensive blocks and with Caitlyn tracking their attacking players and clearing out wide we were pleased with our performance against a strong Dragons A team.

Dragons B – 0 Dereham – 3

The cold and exhaustion appeared to take its toll on the girls in this, their final game. We began following the ball as a unit and forgot the need to defend tight and attack wide. Libby ran and drove down the wing creating some chances and all of the girls strove to keep the ball out of our goal.

We ended the mornings activities with a celebratory team selfie.

Well done girls. A superb team spirit. The only way is up....



U10 girls c team

Manager: David Pentin

Harriet Pymm (Captain)

Mia Norris

Freya Osborne

Keira Hardiman

Jess Sargent

Jemima Hill

Saoirse Lowe-Davies

Olivia Kazimierczak

Anabelle Royall

Today's tournament was a great success for the Dragons C team led by captain, Harriet Pymm. Scoring two wins and three draws, we came joint 2nd place. The girl of the match has to go to Saoirse Lowe-Davies who scored all of our winning goals! We also had some amazing defenders like, Mia Norris, Kiera Hardiman and Harriet Pymm who drove the ball into a lovely space. Harriet Pymm, Freya Osborne and Saoirse Lowe-Davies were the three goalies that did a great job of not letting it come anywhere near the goal! Midfielders were Jess Sargent, Jemina Hill and Oliva Kazimierczack. Those three did a great job of dribbling the ball and pacing to each other and they also did well tackling and trying to go to the other end to score some more goals. Finally we come other to Claudia Pymm who did really well in centre forward and who did some keen tackles and great running. Dragon C were presented with a box

of yummy treats witch were swiftly eaten and they will get their medals this week. A big thanks to coach David for great support.

U12 Girls A Team

Manager: Rob Wagstaff

Tilly Connors Beckett (GK)

Lizzie Collinson (captain)

Conne Harris

Simian Rai

Mima Watson

Saskia Williams

Stella W-W

A team finish 5th in the gold tournament after some very close games which just didn't quite fall our way today. Well played by all the girls, lots of improvement since the last tournament.



U12 girls b team

Manager: Persy De Magdelene

Piper Hempsall (GK)

Lilli Ballard

Amy Beadman

Isabel Harris

Orla Hardiman (Captain)

Hannah Marjoram

Hattie Stuart

Honey Wells

Game 1 Dragons B v Dereham

Score: 1-0

A very exciting start to the tournament with possession in the Dragons half for the majority of the game. Great playing on the wing by Hannah and Isabel with fast passing to the centres who made quick progress to shooting area. Orla had an attempt at goal but good defending from Dereham prevented the first score. The Dragons kept the pressure on and Isabelle kept control of the ball with a great pass to Hannah who scored the only goal of the match. Amy tried hard in the last couple of minutes to secure another goal but again good defending from Dereham meant the final score was 1-0.

Game 2 Dragons B v Norwich City leopards

Score 0- 0

This was a very tough game. Norwich city started well but great defending from Francesa and Hattie prevented any goal attempts in the opening stages. Isabelle had a good run down the wing and passed well to Hannah to provide a goal attempt but a great save from the goalkeeper foiled their efforts. Another opportunity arose with Amy making progress up the pitch shooting to Hannah but the shot at goal went wide. Another attempt at goal from Orla resulted in a short corner being taken but good defending from Norwich city got the ball back in their possession providing them with a chance to score but a great save was made by Piper. A great game of attack and defence from both sides resulted in no score.

Match 3 Dragons B v Norwich City panthers

Score 1-0

The Dragons quickly got possession at the start of the game with fast controlled play from the wing by Honey and Hattie but Norwich city fought back. Francesca & Amy defended well and a close attack at goal from Norwich City was foiled by another great save from Piper. The Dragons played hard and kept possession for most of the rest of the match but were unlucky with several failed attempts at scoring. They kept the pressure on and a short corner taken by Hattie, passed to Honey was hit just wide of the goal. Great play from Amy and Orla resulted in a free taken swiftly, passed to Francesca and then to Hattie. Good defence by Norwich City resulted in a short corner and a great goal was scored by Hattie!

Match 4 Dragons B v Magpies

Score 0-0

Again Dragons started attacked from the start. An early shot at goal by Hannah hit the post. A short corner taken by Hattie was well defended by the Magpies. Francesca attacked strongly but 2 attempts at goal were defended well. Again Dragons kept the pressure on throughout the whole game with great play by Orla Honey Isabel and Amy keeping possession up front and trying every chance at scoring in the closing minutes but it wasn't to be.

Overall Dragons B played exceptionally well as a team, keeping possession for the majority of their matches and they were consistent at attacking and defended well at every opportunity. Great managing by Persy!

They scored 8 points and won 1st prize in their league and even the rain couldn't put a damper on their smiles!