

**County Championships**

**King's Lynn**

**28 February 2016**

**U10 girls**

Manager: Simon Mitchell and David Pentin

Nola Mitchell( Gk)  
Ellie Wagstaff  
Freya Staham  
Nellie Ong (Capt)  
Livi Tighe

Evie Marlee  
Kaitlin Wolmarans  
Freya Dolding  
Isobelle Woolley

Overall a good day for the U10 girls coming a very creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in the county championships with lots of positives to take forward for future matches.

**Norwich City 3 – Dragons 0**

The first match was a tough encounter against Norwich City. In the first half of the match we showed good defensive skills in our own half, but prevented Norwich from breaking through. Eventually Norwich forced 2 short corners in a row, and a good shot from the edge of the D took the lead. Norwich showed some more good attacking play, but Dragons also showed more good defence, and some excellent saves. Finally Norwich managed to scramble two more goals late on to finish the match 3 – 0.

**Dragons 0 – Pelicans 0**

Match 2 was a very positive display by Dragons, who must have had 70% of the possession and spent most of the time in the Pelicans half. Although we managed to win 3 short corners, and had many good shots, including hitting the post, we could not quite find the winning goal. An excellent performance nonetheless.

**Magpies 6 – Dragons 0**

This was always going to be a very difficult challenge against the eventual tournament winners. Once again we showed lots of good defensive skills, and we had a couple of good attacking moments in the opposition half. However, it has to be said that Magpies were a very good team, and with some good dribbling skills and strong shooting managed to win the game well.

**Dereham 0 – Dragons 1**

Another good performance by Dragons. Similar to our match against Pelicans we spent lots of time attacking in the opposition half, with notable dribbling skills on the right wing on more than one occasion. Halfway through the match we managed to get free in the Dereham D and get a low shot into the bottom left hand corner to take the lead. Although we continued to pressure in the game, we could not find a second goal, but the match was full of positives to take forward, and ensured that we ended up 3<sup>rd</sup> in the tournament.

**U12 Girls**

Manager: Rob Wagstaff

Tilly Connors Beckett (GK)  
Maddie Gibbs  
Orla Hartiman  
Maddie Reynolds  
Francesca Sabberton  
Mima Watson  
Saskia Williams  
Stella Windsor-Waite (captain)

U12 girls results from today: Drew 0-0 with City, lost 4-2 to Pelicans (we came back from 2-0 down to 2-2 before they went on to win), lost 4-0 to magpies and beat Dereham 4-0. The girls played really well and showed great determination (especially against Pelicans). Finished 4th one point behind city.

## U10 boys

Manager: Crossy

Finn Pond – GK  
Edward Cross – Capt  
Harvey Nkrumah  
Dylan Smith  
Laurie Williams  
Sam Reyholds  
Oliver Rudling  
Sam Hancock  
Will Panter

Dragons U10's were crowned Norfolk Champions on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The team played City, Dereham & Magpies winning all their games to keep the unbeaten run going – I forget the last time the U10A team lost.....

First game was against City (1-0) - Dragons had much of the pressure but struggle to find their normal rhythm, Following a surging run forward from Laurie the ball broke to Harvey who scored what turned out to be the winning goal. Sam & Laurie looked solid at the back and on the odd occasion he was called into action Finn cleared his lines with ease.

Game two was against a young Dereham side, we eventually ran out 3-0 winners. Dereham were tricky to break down as they defended in numbers. Finally we broke them down, Sam Hancock & Oliver Rudling worked well down the flanks before the ball was played across to Harvey to slot home. The 2<sup>nd</sup> game from a solid short corner strike from Edward, straight into the corner. Will Panter (age 7) – showed his stick skills by beating a couple of players before firing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal.

The last game was against the unbeaten Magpies, they had the exact same record as ourselves – the organisers were sure how the teams would be separated in the event of a draw! Finn kept Dragons in the game with a couple of fine stops. Eventually Dragons extra strength told & Harvey slotted home the winner for a 1-0 victory.



## **U12 boys**

Manager: Owain Diver hall

William Bowman  
James Cross  
Arjuna Puvanachandra  
Bobby Stuart Shepherd  
Theo Korn GK  
Issac Diver Hall  
Jonny Taylor  
Casper Lind

Dragons u12's completed the double for Dragons Boys at the County event.

The other teams competing were City, Magpies, Pelicans and Dereham.

Game 1 saw Dragons fall behind to City before goals from Isaac and two from Johnny secured a comfortably victory.

Game 2 was against Pelicans – again the team dominated securing victory with goals from Isaac & Johnny. Theo proving his worth by keeping Pelicans at bay when he was called upon.

Game 3 was the title decider v Magpies. Again Dragons were the stronger side but found it difficult to break down a good Magpies team. Bobby in his first tournament in defence did a good job keeping Magpies at bay. Finally the breakthrough came – James picking up the ball in midfield before running through to beat the keeper and secure a 1-0 victory.

Game 4 was against a stubborn Dereham side – Dereham offered little to trouble a solid Theo....but we struggled to score. William Bowman scored the winner when he latched on to a loose ball at the back post, firing home first time to seal victory.

A very good all round team performance..... Onwards to the regional finals!

