

**U10 and U12 Girls and Boys
Dereham Tournament Report
17 April 2016**

U12 Girls A Team

Manager: Rob Wagstaff

Tilly Connors-Beckett(GK)

Orla Hardiman

Connie Harris

Isabelle Harris

Simran Rai

Francesca Sabberton

Lizzie Collinson

Piper Hemsall

After a frosty and chilly start the sun shone and a warm welcome was waiting for us at Dereham Hockey Club for our final tournament of the season.



Match 1 – Dereham. We swung into early attacking mode taking Dereham by surprise which led to 2 goals – the 1st scored by Lizzie and the second, after a corner, by Orla. Final score Win 2 nil

Match 2 – Dragons B. We wondered what it would be like playing against our team mates. Both teams fought hard; several long corners in our favour resulted in Lizzie managing a reverse stick shot into the net. Great play from both teams. Final score Win 1 nil

Match 3 – Norwich B. We again played an attacking game which resulted in an early first goal. Norwich B played a strong defensive game which kept us on our toes in midfield. We had several near misses but finally were rewarded with a 2nd goal. Final score 2 nil goals scored by Isabelle and Connie.

Match 4 – Magpies B. We showed great attacking style again with a great goal from Lizzie and a second goal from a short corner by Orla. We kept their goalie on her toes and she made some fantastic saves. Final score Win 2 nil

Match 5 - Magpies A. Magpies attacked aggressively from the start which took us a bit by surprise and we conceded an early goal. From then on we tightened up and played defensively with great credit to Tilly who was put to the test and made several great saves and Piper and Francesca for some tenacious tackling. Final score Loss 0 – 1

Match 6 – Norwich A. For some of us this was our last under 12 match and we knew it would be tough. It did not take long for City to be awarded the first of many short corners. The defenders worked hard to save the ball and Tilly made some great saves and together our players made some great passes out but City never gave up and were awarded with 2 goals. Final score 0 -2.

Final Results we were placed 3rd overall a fantastic way to end our season. Thanks to Rob , Persy and all the coaches for helping and guiding us over the season.



U10 Girls A Team

Manager: Simon Mitchell

Nola Mitchell (Gk)
Freya Statham (Capt)
Freya Dolding
Kaitlin Woolmarans
Nellie Ong
Evie Marlee
Mia Norris

Jemima Hill
Livi Tighe



The girls finished the season on a high with second place overall.

Dereham 0-0 Dragons A

Lots of good play in the middle and going forward. The team defended well when clearing the ball out, with some good runs down the wings and a couple of near misses.
Good team effort by all.

Norwich A 3-0 Dragons A

For the first few minutes the girls held Norwich well with the ball mostly in the centre, Norwich broke and got their first 1-0
Good play by Mia sweeping the ball away in front of the defenders to hold Norwich at bay, Norwich sneak another 2-0
Good running by jemima and livi to get the ball into the D with some good defending by Freya S & Freya D and a brilliant save by Nola.
With a unfortunate deflection from a stick Norwich got another 3-0.

Dragons A 1-0 Norwich B

Dragons had most of the possession in this game, Nellie made a great run with a near miss from Livi. Norwich B made a run on goal with the defence stepping up to clear.
Dragons soon got their momentum with great passing from Evie to Nellie and then on the rebound, Kaitlin made it 1-0 (good goal)
Dragons had some more good chances with Norwich B keeping them at bay, deserved win girls.

Dragons A 2-0 Dragons B

The team started well with good passing into the goal area with dragons B defending well, a run from Nellie saw a pass to Livi and a goal 1-0.

Good play by Dragons B into the D with our defenders clearing out.
Short corner was won with Mia taking the ball in & passing to Kaitlin for her to score on the final whistle 2-0.

Thank you to all the coaches & girls for working hard this season

U10 Boys B Team

Manager: Sean Holt

Freddie Smith
Edgar Alston (GK)
Toby Jeckells
Thomas Robson
Adam Robson (Captain)
Connor Kerrigan
Harry Skoulding



What a very exciting afternoon the Dragon B's had. The first match kicked off against Norwich A's. (The eventual winners of the under 10's). All the boys did fantastically well defending against this very good team and the score ended 3-0 to Norwich. It was a hard first match but they worked well together as a team. Our goalie was Edgar Alston and it was his first time in this position. Edgar did the team proud saving some very tricky shots. The second match was against Magpies and the score ended 1-0 to dragons, yay! Adam Robson (captain) scored the winning shot. Connor Kerrigan did some amazing defending keeping the dragons in the lead. The third match was against Norwich B and the score was 1-1. This was a tough game and everyone did really well. Toby Jeckells scored a brilliant goal, well done Toby. Harry Skoulding had some amazing shots at goal but sadly the ball didn't go in. Harry's good dribbling gave us forward momentum. The fourth match was against the home team Dereham, another tough match. Dragons B did amazing well winning 1-0. Toby scored a fantastic goal from a very tight angle. Freddie Smith was quick running down the lines and had a few chances on goal but unluckily the

ball just didn't go in. The fifth match was against our fellow Dragon A's. Sadly we were beaten 2-0. The final match was against Watton, a 0-0 draw. Thomas Robson stopped them from breaking through the defence and set a few of his team mates up for a chance on goal. The day ended with Dragons B coming third place overall. Thank you to Shaun, the coach for all his encouragement and positivity. A fantastic achievement by all.

U12 Boys A Team

Manager: Owain Diver-Hall

Casper Lind (Captain)

Isaac Diver-Hall

Jonny Taylor

Tommy Chambers

Alex Brooks

Charlie Cook

Tom Jackson

Jacob Reynolds

Alex Wolfe (GK)



Dragons A v Dereham (won 1-0)

The opening game against a strong Dereham side was always going to be close and it was only a piece of magic that broke the deadlock. Following some early surging runs from Jake that came to nothing it was only some fine defending from Alex and Alex that kept the score level. With time running out Jonny picked up the ball on the half way line dribbled past several defenders before nonchalantly scoring past the keeper to win the game at the hooter.

Dragons A v Norwich City A (won 1-0)

The next game was against City A and was again a very close encounter. Fine runs from Tom and Charlie created chances but they couldn't be finished off. Tommy and Casper stood firm in defence to keep City at

bay. It was only some fine interplay between Jonny and Isaac that lead to Isaac nicking the goal to win again at the final whistle.

Dragons A v Norwich City B (won 3-0)

Dragons started strongly and pressured the City goal but were repelled by some fine defending by their young lady defender. The pressure finally told though with Jake scoring two goals and Jonny a sublime reverse hit into the top corner. City always poised a threat on the break with a slippery "goal hanger" but the defence of Casper, Tommy and the Alex's managed to keep another clean sheet.

Dragons A v Dragons B (won 6-0)

Dragons A came out of the blocks quickly and immediately put the B's under pressure and scored through Jake. Great interplay from the whole team lead to 3 further goals for Jake and one each for Casper and Jonny. Hats off to the B's for fighting right to the end.

Dragons A v Harleston (won 2-0)

The final game was against Harleston. Again Dragons started brightly with some fine runs from Tom, Isaac and Jonny creating chances but the Harleston keeper held firm. The pressure finally told with two quick fire goals from Jake and Charlie . Even when Harleston did attack the defensive effort of Tommy, Alex and Casper kept them at bay to record another clean sheet.

Well played everyone and a great way to finish the season. Special mention to Alex Wolfe for not conceding any goals.

U10 girls B Team

Manager: Mel Widdows

Rosemary Sheppard

Ella Peart

Ellie Wagstaff

Isobel Waller

Estelle Widdows

Keira Hardiman

Harriet Pymm

Amalie Finch (Capt)

Caitlyn Hernon



City A

The girls found themselves with a difficult first match against Norwich City A's, fresh from their regional finals appearance on Saturday. There was good defending throughout and effective clearances especially from our line. We conceded 3 goals from well organised City short corners. City were very attacking and put some strong shots on goal.

6-0

City B

The girls showed better attacking and defending throughout this game and showed some good team work linking passes and competing throughout the game. We conceded 2 goals with slight lapses of concentration but Dragons ran some good lines, running with the ball. Much improved performance. Well done.

2-0

Dereham A

Good attacking throughout the game and we put pressure on Dereham. Good defence from all the girls and clearance from our lines.

3-0

Dragons A

Our final game. Looked more comfortable on the ball and made many strong pushes forward. We were keen to work the ball into the D but couldn't quite get our shots to the goal! In defence there was more strong clearing from the line. A good goal from a short corner right on the whistle secured Dragons A's their win but Dragons B's made them really work for this all the way through the game and showed quite how much they had improved as a team over the tournament.

2-0

U10 Boys A Team

Manager: Paul Kassulke

Archie Legg (GK, Captain),
Monty Patel,
Sam Kassulke,
Blade Early,
William Bailey,
Oscar Holt,
Rahul Kashaul.



Dragons A, 1 v Dereham A, 0

The dragons got off to a great start with lots of possession and early pressure. This led to a move from the back resulting in a long corner. Good work down the right allowed Rahul to cross for Blade to flick in for the first goal of the day. Dragons kept the pressure on with several further chances and short corners, followed up with some solid defending towards the end of the match to hold on for the win.

Dragons A, 3 v Watton A, 0

Fast Start for the dragons again, great work around the edge of the Watton D, Rahul stealing possession , his saved shot falling for Blade to finish. Further great possession by the boys gained first short corner. Rahul finding Sam who controlled well and followed up with a great finish for 2-0. Another Short corner after another good spell of pressure led to a further short corner, well worked by the boys with the final cross in front of goal turned in by Watton defender, for an OG! 3-0.

Dragons A, 0 v Norwich A, 2

A strong Norwich team were on the attack very early on, putting the dragons under real pressure in the midfield and keeping them pegged back and winning an early short corner, they got off a good shot that was deflected up and past Archie in goal for 1-0. Dragons came back and tried hard to break out but struggled to break through a well organized Norwich side, who were able to keep good attacks on both wings from blade and Monty. Norwich came back with a left wing attack, Archie managing to save at his near post, only for Norwich to switch play to the right and score for 2-0. An unfortunate scoreline, as the boys fought hard through this whole game.

Dragons A, 4 v Magpies A 0

Dragons quickly out of the blocks again with early pressure from blade on the left and Sam at the top of the D resulting in a very close long range shot. Monty Broke down the right and found Rahul, whos saved shot

was flicked in By blade for 1-0. Blade worked hard again for the second goal, starting a move with Rahul, who crossed again for blade to finish 2-0. Magpies Keeper played a great spell making several blocks and a triple save, but couldn't stop a move from blade who played a ball in for William to finish 3-0, a great performance was then closed out with a great finish from Sam for 4-0

Dragons A, 2 v Dragons B, 0

A well contested game between both dragons teams. A's applying early pressure winning short and long corners and forcing a save from Edgar in the B goal. Rahul breaks the deadlock, by stealing the ball in the D and scoring 1-0. Rahul followed this up with his second from a well worked short corner that he also flicked in. Good defensive work followed as the B's tried to get back in the game, but another clean sheet for the A's and Archie!

Dragons A, 4 v Norwich B, 0

Monty kicked off this performance down the right for Rahul to flick in for 1-0. This was soon followed by a very well worked Short Corner that resulted in another great flick in for Blade 2-0. Blade and Sam then linked up with some great passing into the D for Sam to score again, 3-0. Norwich pressed, but good defending by Oscar and William and a well defended short corner led to a fast break for the dragons out of defence, that won them a short corner that Sam finished with a great shot from the edge of the D 4-0. Dragons A finished 2nd overall behind the Norwich A team, but the boys should be very proud of a great overall performance, Archie was left with hardly anything to do, for all of the games, a good indication of how well they controlled possession in front of him. A great end to the season and Well done to all the boys who played!!!

U12 Boys B Team

Caroline Wolfe - Manager

Harry Fuller
Jacob Hallett
Bertie Pinching
Daniel S
Raul
Toby Finch
Elijah Ellwell
Sam Diaper
Oscar
Adam Jones



The u12 B boys did their best at the Dereham tournament, but sadly each of the opposition teams had the upper hand this time.

The first match againsts City B started a little late, as 30 seconds before the proposed start, a kicker strap broke for keeper Adam Jones. A mad dash to the spare kit 200 yards away, ensured that the kicker would stay on his foot. Dragons were pipped 1-0 with a break through goal fllicked up beyond Adam's reach.

Dereham were very strong and worked very well as a team. Dragons learned the hard lesson that all players on the pitch need to run back and help defend. Toby and Oscar tried really hard at the back but were outnumbered. The final score was 0-4

The game against Magpies was probably the closest of the day, with Harry Fuller making most of good forward runs supported by midfielders Jacob, Raul and Bertie. Magpies scored early, then Dragons held most of the possession, but couldn't quite finish to get the equaliser.

Dragons A had a rout, scoring 6 against their friends. At the back Toby and Sam again worked really hard. Great work too came from newcomer Archie in midfield.

Finally, City A finished off the day winning 3-0 against our Dragons B.

Dragons B did really well to keep their heads up, and should remember that usually at a tournament, they would only be playing against other B teams rather than mainly A teams. There was a noticeable improvement throughout the day.

Thank you to the parents who brought their children to Dereham and supported throughout the day.

U12 Girls B Team

(Thanks to Saskia for joining our team at the last minute, and especially to Simran who volunteered to add her skills and experience to our defence from the Red Dragons team).

L-R (back row) Charlotte, Simran Rai, Mia Somers (GK), Saskia, Amy

L-R (front row) Lilli, Hannah



Magpies B – the girls got off to a great start, with some lovely calling for, and passing of, the ball and lots of movement down the lines. Both teams appeared evenly matched as attackers pressed forward and defenders blocked their path. Lilli worked her legs off in the centre of the field, and it looked like a nil-nil draw was in the bag when a chink in the armour of the Magpies defence opened up, and Hannah was in the right spot to slot the ball into the back of the net! Fantastic team play by all the girls, and a tidy 1-0 win to us!

Dragons A – our most feared rivals! The girls stood firm against an older and more experienced team, and again, the flow of play looked very evenly matched. There was some really impressive play from our midfield players with Saskia running up and down the pitch in support of both attackers and defenders, and Charlotte taking the ball off the opposition almost every time they tried to pass her! Neither team was able to push through an advantage, until the As spotted a momentary opportunity to slip past our defence, scoring a single goal against us. An incredibly commendable, well-fought and fun game resulting in a 0-1 loss for us.

Magpies A – having beaten the Magpies B team, and only narrowly lost to our own A team, the girls were in good spirits to take on the Magpies As! The girls played some really fantastic hockey, demonstrating in spades their improvement over the season – they looked like a sharp and polished squad. Opportunities to score were pursued by both teams, but neither could make it past the rock-solid defence (fabulous work by Amy and Simran throughout the tournament – they were a dream team in defence!). Really solid play, with lots of communication and team support resulted in the girls holding the Magpie As to a nil-nil draw.

City As – as the girls walked onto the pitch, the size difference between the teams was quite obvious, with City largely towering over our girls. The pace that City set was fast and furious, and they kept-up relentless attacks on our goal (great work under incredible pressure by Mia in goal). Our failure in this game to properly mark our opposition meant that we gave City chances for free runs at goal, for which we were duly punished with a 0-4 loss.

Dereham – the girls organised a de-brief after the punishment meted out to us by City As, and discussed tactics for the final two games. High on the agenda were marking the opposition, creating space on the wings, and moving in front of the ball to support attacking players. The girls re-entered the arena with renewed vigour, and putting all of their newly discussed tactics into play, secured us a safe 1-0 win.

City B - our final game, and still smarting from our other City match, the girls determined to end the season on a high note! Building on the confidence that they had regained in the previous match, and really capitalising on their revised tactics, the girls pushed forward their advantage, hitting a solid goal into the back of the net within a few minutes of play. With spirits duly lifted, it was not long before another goal followed – a goal that I would nominate for our ‘goal of the season’. Pure poetry in motion, the team came together like a well-oiled machine, passing diagonally up the left wing from the centre, and diagonally back into the awaiting attacker who sealed the deal with a solid goal. I could not have been more pleased and proud of the girls and their wonderful attitude to play and to the learning and development opportunities that they were presented with, and the cheers for the final goal from other U12 coaching staff present at the match echoed the pride that I felt!

What a way to finish the season and what a team the Green Dragons have become!
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