

**Norwich Dragons
Under 8 Tournament
Sunday 24th April**

Despite wind, rain and hail 11 teams of under 8s took part in the Dragons' Quick Sticks-ish tournament. Results below.

Thanks to...

Aditi, JCB and RCB for umpiring.

Esme ME, Freddie Roques and Tommy Chapman for scoring and spotting.

David Pentin for supervising the umpires

Amy Forse for being tournament director

Jemima Williams for being chief timer

Ellie Wagstaff for being on the tuck shop all the time (with lots of help from other youngsters and parents) which raised £70!

Pete Thomas, Sarah Sarah Wagstaff, Simon Mitchell and Ally Windsor Waite for managing.

Results...

1: Bury St Edmunds A

2: Bury St Edmunds B

3: City A

4: City C

5: Dereham A

6: Dragons A

7: Dragons B

8: City B

9: Dragons D

=10th: Dragons C and Dereham B



Dragons A (Red Shirts, Orange Socks)	Dragons B (Green Shirts, Multi-Colour Socks)
Angus – Captain	Sam H – Captain
Joe	Tallis
Freddie	Ella
Sophie R	Arya
Hollie	Georgia
Manager – Ali	Thomas
	Manager – Simon
Dragons C (Red Shirts – Purple Socks)	Dragons D (Red Shirts, Green Socks)
Imogen T – Captain	Priyanka – Captain
William	Joseph
Seth	Imogen D
Kitty	Eva
Emily	Sophia
Perdie	Olivia
Manager – Pete	Manager - Sarah

Norwich Dragons under 8s Team A

Results from 1st round:

v. Dereham - 2-0 win, and 1-1 (GS - Jo 2, Angus x1, sophie x1)

v. Norwich City - 0-5 lost, and 1-1 (GS -Freddie x 1)

Results from 2nd round:

v. dragons B - 4-1 win (GS - Angus x 2, Sophie x 2)

v. Norwich city - 2-5 lost (GS - Angus x 2)

v. Dereham - 1-0 win (GS - Sophie x1)

Finishing in 6th place.

This group of U8's have been training with us for the last few years, and it was great to see them playing, and enjoying and competing as a team. I was so proud of their encouragement to each other, and their enthusiasm on the pitch. All of them worked so hard and played some excellent hockey. I was most impressed with their passing, and how they looked for each other to move the ball forward. Despite the very cold weather conditions they still battled on, and even after a short weather break they were all keen to return onto the pitch. Well done Dragons A and look forward to seeing you all next season. (at U.10's).

By Ali Windsor Waite and Angus



Norwich Dragons under 8 Team B

The weather threw its worst this morning with the hail stones, rain and bitter cold yet Tallis, Ella, Arya, Georgia and Sam H remained enthusiastic throughout the U8 Tournament which was amazing. They played 6 challenging games with the results not always unfortunately reflecting their valiant efforts: winning one, drawing another and losing four.

Sam and Georgia helped ensure we bagged goals against all of the opposition teams with the exception of Norwich City B team.

Ella consistently demonstrated good quality last chance saves and showed strong clearance when pushing the ball back out again - away from our net. We (particularly Georgia) set up so many goal attempts where the ball would land just outside the goal.

In game 3, against Norwich City B, Arya showed some lovely footwork to ensure the opposition couldn't get hold of the ball in field by delicately dancing the ball away from the opposition. Tallis was unable to play in game 4 due to a hand injury received at the end of the previous match but her determination to come back and play saw her coming back in game 5 and she jumped straight back into being a solid defender.

Report by Sam Himpleman



Norwich Dragons under 8 Team C

It was off to the Den that I went,
To Captain my team in the Tournament,

The all girl Team of Dragon C,
Kitty, Anna, Perdie, Emily and me.

We played well against Dereham and Norwch City,
But just lost both, what a pity.

Then it was Bury who went on to win,
They were too good for us, but we didn't give in.

So in the next round we had some fun,
Through rain, hail and then some sun,

We scored some goals and the games were tight,
we worked very hard and played with all our might,

Once again we just lost each one,
But we all smiled and had great fun.

Thanks to Jess and all the Dragons for the day,
Mums and Dads who cheered us all the way.

Our final position we were tied in ten,
So ends the report from Imogen.

Dragons D Tournament Report

The D's were pitched in a mini league comprising the Dragons B's, Bury St Edmunds B and Norwich City B. They got off to a hesitant start losing to City B but it was clear that they were finding their way around a bit. This was evidenced with the next game which was back to back against Dragons B against whom they drew 1-1 and were looking good for additional goals. By this time, they all looked much more comfortable with some strong performances from all the girls and with Joseph using his strength and hockey guile to drive forward and repel attacks. In their final group match they faced a very well organised Bury St Edmunds B team who ran out convincing winners (and to eventual second place overall only behind the Bury St Edmunds B team).

The team then proceeded through to the second phase having lost one member due to illness. In this phase of games they beat Dragons C but lost the other two games. The final game against one of the City teams was a very competitive game with end to end hockey with our young depleted Dragons showing some fantastic passing and positional play which belied their years. City pinched two late goals very much against the run of the game.

The D's were very unlucky not to have won a few of the games which were drawn and finished a very commendable 9th overall. They each enjoyed the day and the team spirit was evident from very early on. Considerable credit should go to them all and also to Sarah, the coach, for enabling such a lovely occasion for them in what were really awful weather conditions.









