

5th March u10 and u12 Tournaments

To summarise the County Championships at King's Lynn...

U10 girls - 3rd
U12 girls - 3rd
U10 boys - 1st
U12 boys - 1st

And the results of the B and C team tournaments at Magpies...

Boys U10s

1st Norwich dragons
2nd Norwich City
3rd Harleston Magpies

Boys U12s

1st Norwich City Saxons
Joint 2nd - Magpies Stripes and Norwich City Vikings
4th Norwich Dragons
5th Magpies Red

Girls U10 Gold

1st Norwich City Yellow
2nd Magpies White
3rd Green Dragons
4th Norwich City Green

Girls U10 Silver

1st Norwich City Pink
2nd Red Dragons
3rd Magpies Red
4th Norwich City Orange

Girls U12 Gold

1st Magpies Red
2nd Norwich City Lions
3rd Norwich Dragons

Girls U12 Silver

1st Magpies White
2nd Magpies Blue
3rd Norwich Dragons
4th Norwich City Tigers

U10 Girls 10's County Tournament at Pelicans

Amalie Finch (Gk)

Keira Hardiman

Sophie Reynolds

Isobel Waller

Ivy Hodds

Chloe Holmes

Annabelle Royall

Libby Ong

Claudia Pymm

Manager: David Pentin

First match. 9:45 Dragons vs Norwich City

Lost 0-1

Dragons started well against the City team, who were dangerous on the attack. A slightly slow start whilst the team bedded in. Some good tackling by the team in defence, with Sophie and Keira and Ivy all being busy. Amalie made some good saves, but City broke clear to score the decisive goal.

Second match 10:45 Dragons vs Pelicans

Won 1-0

A great result as Dragons put together some solid attacking play and pressure, holding their shape better in attack and defending well. A good move where Claudia passed inside to Annabelle, Annabelle's attempted shot fell to Izzy who swept in past the keeper at the near post to score! More pressure from the Dragons who were unlucky not to score again.

Third match 11:15 Dragons vs Magpies

Lost 0-2

Magpies proved to be the strongest team on the day and in truth the Dragons did very well to hold them out for long periods of the game. Amalie made some great saves in goal to keep the team in it and the battled hard to the end, but the Magpies were just too strong.

Fourth match 11:45 Dragons vs Dereham

Draw 0-0

The last match was a good one for the Dragons who were very unlucky not to score as the girls played very well as a team and were on top for much of the game. Unfortunately if you don't score, you can't win, and so with the defence holding solid, the match ended in a draw.

Overall Dragons finished third, and Annabelle collected a trophy and certificate on behalf of the team. A very good effort in terrible weather - wind and rain and cold - not very spring like! Special mention to Amalie who stepped up to be in goal on short notice and kept the team in a couple of games with some really good saves.



U10 Girls – Green Team at Magpies

Annie Ong(Gk)
Louisa Hibbin
Arya Puvachandra
Sruthi Santhosh
Estelle Widdows
Imogen Dolding
Millie Lake
Jaimie Sisterson
Freya Osborne

Game 1 – Dragons Green 0 - Norwich City Yellow 1

Despite an early goal from Norwich City Yellows the girls got their heads down and battled hard against this strong Norwich City Yellow team. Imogen and Estelle both dropping back from midfield to help clear the ball from the D. Millie took the hit-outs quickly passing the ball wide to Imogen. Imogen took a tumble but was soon on her feet again and taking the ball up the pitch. Louisa did a great job picking up the ball in midfield and driving the ball up the pitch. Norwich found the back of the goal again but the bell had already sounded so final score 1-0 to Norwich City Yellow.

Game 2 – Dragons Green 2 - Magpies 2

The game started quickly with a hit from Freya to Imogen who drove the ball all the way into the D and took a shot, putting the ball to the side of the Magpies keeper to make it 1-0 to Dragons! Play then switched and Magpies had soon pulled a goal back making it 1-1. Magpies were awarded a short corner but Dragons defended well with Imogen sending the ball up the pitch to Freya. Dragons scored a second goal from a short corner – Imogen hit a strong ball out to Freya who brought the ball in and crossed to Jamie who scored.

Next Magpies were awarded a short corner, Anna stopped the ball well and Louisa then cleared it to the wing and out of danger. Magpies launched a strong attack and the ball slipped through the Dragons defence and rolled into the goal. Next an excellent save off the line by Estelle. Good effort from all the team, they really benefitted from using the full width of the pitch throughout the game.

Game 3 – Dragons 0 - Norwich City Green 1

The defence worked hard with Millie's strong hit finding Imogen on the wing. Great clearance from Arya sending the ball wide to Millie. Estelle also dropped back to help the defenders. Eventually Norwich City made it through our defence and scored. Excellent work on the right from Sruthi and Jamie working the ball up the line. A hit taken in midfield passed up to Freya who drove the ball into the D but the shot when wide of the post. Then Imogen's hit found Sruthi who moved into the D and passed to Freya, unfortunately the ball ran off the back line. Brilliant effort from the whole team who fought right up until the bell sounded.

Game 4 – Dragons 0 - Norwich City Yellow 4

Norwich City scored 2 early goals. Arya cleared the ball well to the wing to stop Norwich City's next attack. Estelle picked up the ball in defence and drove all the way up the pitch to the D where Freya took over and headed for goal. Play switched but Millie and Imogen worked well together to clear the ball out of the D. A strong attack by Norwich City broke through our defence despite a determined effort by Millie, another goal for Norwich City. Again a strong hit from Millie found Sruthi in a perfect position on the wing who passed up the line to Louisa, ball was then turned around by Norwich City and another goal scored. Norwich City attacked again but Estelle cleared the ball.

A well spirited effort from all the team on a cold and wet Sunday morning. Every member of the team supported one another and gave an excellent performance which reflected in the final position3rd place in the Gold Tournament! Well done girls! Many thanks to Stuart for supporting the girls throughout the morning.



U10 girls Red Team - Magpies

Imogen Thomas (Gk)

Annie Gill

Imogen Thomas

Perdie Finch

Mae Hollis

Georgiou Demetriou

Kitty Evernett Greenland

Tabitha Hill

Pepper Fothergill
Jennifer Markellos

Manager: Richard Gill and Pete Thomas

The Dragons Red team played three games in what was an extremely cold, wet and windy Sunday morning at Harleston Magpies. They played Norwich City Pink, Norwich City Orange and Harleston Magpies.

All the girls showed great team spirit and determination throughout the three matches and grew in confidence as the morning progressed.

The first match was against Norwich City Pink, the teams were very closely matched throughout the game, we fought hard and Imogen showed some great goalkeeping skills saving a couple of shots early in the game. We had a couple of attempts at goal which were defended well but unfortunately, we conceded a sloppy goal in the final few minutes of the match.

The second match was against Norwich Orange and we definitely improved our play, although we were still crowding the ball at times we did make more space and when Georgia came off the subs bench she scored with her first touch of the ball. This really improved team morale and we seemed to work more as a team!

The final game was against Magpies and we saved our best performance until last and fought hard, with quite a few attacking periods of play. Georgia's determination paid off and she scored an excellent worked goal running through from half way, the team were elated as by now they were very wet and cold!!

Annie played well in defence and did a good job stopping and clearing the ball. Perdie did some excellent tackling and clearing and tackled consistently well throughout all three games and proved she is a safe pair of hands at the back. Mae showed good stamina working hard both defending and attacking and Kitty and Pepper both made some very accurate passes and strong tackles. Tabitha really improved throughout the three games making some great tackles, passing down the line and also assisting in one of the goals. Georgia played her first game for the under 10's and as Captain she thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience and worked hard in all three games, she showed real commitment.

The defence coped well only conceding one goal in three matches.

The teams were meant to play four games each (the Dragons Red team were meant to play Norwich Orange twice). Due to such horrendous weather conditions, Norwich Orange did not want to play the final match against us.

The majority of our team did want to continue despite the weather which showed great grit and enthusiasm. The outcome would not have affected the overall result as we had lost against Norwich Pink who won all of their matches and therefore won the tournament, this meant that Dragons Red team were deserved runners up! It was a real shame they did not get to play the final game or get to collect their runners up medals as they all showed real team spirit playing in terrible conditions, however, I am sure they will take great pride in their performances. Well done girls!

Results: Dragons Red v Norwich City Pink Lost 0-1
Dragons Red v Norwich Orange Won 1-0

Dragons v Magpies Won 1-0



U12 girls county tournament - Pelicans

Amy Beadman
Ava Carrara
Hannah Marjoram
Hattie Stuart
Isabelle Harris
Jemima Watson
Lilli Ballard
Mia Somers (GK)
Nellie Ong

Manager: Rob Wagstaff



Despite the atrocious weather we played very well finishing in 3rd place, just missing out on getting through to Regionals. Our first game was one of our toughest games, against Norwich City. We drew 0-0 which was a brilliant result. We didn't get many chances on goal, but we defended extremely

well. They had many chances on goal but our defense kept up and we didn't let a goal in. Our second game was against Pelicans and the score was 3-1 following some really solid attacking by the team., our goal scorers were : Ava, Mima and Nelly. Our third game was against Magpies and we knew that it was going to be tough. Our defence remained strong but in the last few minutes Magpies scored a lucky goal which meant, unfortunately, we lost 1-0. Our final game was against Dereham. We kept the majority of the possession, and had many shots on goal but were struggling to actually score but, we won a short corner which Mima slapped and it eventually went in meaning we won 1-0. The team worked really hard all day. Well played everyone!

U12 boys County team at Pelicans.

Finn Pond – GK

James Cross

Ben Panter

Tom Jackson

Edward Cross

Alex Marjoram

Freddie Royall

Jake Reynolds

Manager: Andrew Cross



First game v Magpies, Dragons led 1-0 following a crisp short corner strike from James. Against the run of play Magpies were awarded a late short corner, which they scored from to snatch a draw.

Game 2 v Pelicans was a comfortable 3-0 win. Freddie opened the scoring from close range before James added a drag flick. Ben completed the victory with a follow up following a save from Edwards short corner strike, Alex was a constant threat with his runs down the right, Tom and Jake between them kept the let quiet.

Game 3 v City ended 0-0 we had the better of the opportunities and had chances to win short corners.....opting instead to go alone. Dragons had more of the attaching chances , the team were grateful to Finn for a flying save late on to keep the score 0-0....a score line Dragons knew would see them emerge as victors....

U12 girls – at Magpies

Nola Mitchell (GK)
Freya Dolding
Freya Statham
Harriet Pymm
Caitlyn Hernon
Rosemary Sheppard
Rosie Smith
Evie Marlee
Taylor Sisterson

Manager: Simon Mitchell

Despite the lashing rain and harsh winds we came out every game with commitment to play our best. As a relatively new team we had to gel quickly and with Simons encouragement we managed this. It was an enjoyable morning despite the weather. Results were:

V magpies lost 1-0

V Norwich city won 2-0 Rosie scored both. Both goals scored after fast breaks from defensive turnover.

V magpies- lost just on the whistle 1-0

V magpies lost 2-0

U12 girls U12 Girls Gold Tournament Team at Magpies

Rhianna Green
Poppy Hewitt
Rowan Hewitt
Ellie Wagstaff
Charlotte Richardson
Lara King
Anushka Damodar
Hollie Willeard
Alice Cotton

Manager: Tracy Stuart Sheppard

Our first match was against Norwich city. We lost 1-0. We had a strong defence throughout the game and in the last minute unfortunately conceded a goal. After the goal we were strong in attack and got the ball into the opposition's D, sadly the whistle blew and that was the end of the game.

Our second match was against Magpies. Once again we lost. Within the first 5 minutes we had conceded a goal. There were beautiful saves from Rhiannon who was in goal for the first time, but unfortunately they managed to score goals. Our defence was strong and we tried our best at attacking, we got it up the pitch a few times but once again the whistle blew and that was the end of the game.

We then played Norwich city again and had another loss. We got some good saves in though, and Ellie was really good in defence and managed to smack a few balls past them. The weather was horrible and everyone played really well considering the rain and wind.

Our fourth and final match was against Magpies again. We lost, but managed to get a few balls up the pitch. Unfortunately halfway through the hit one of our players, Alice, on the bone of her ankle, so she had to come off. One of the goals we “conceded” was hit off before coming into the goal, and was disappointingly counted which added to their score.

Altogether we had a good run and played really well. The team played excellently and all of them represented us really well. The four main players that I thought really stood out were Rhiannon for coming into goal for the first time and making some really good saves, Ellie for having some amazing hits at defence, Alice for playing really well even though she was hit in the ankle, and Poppy for being really supportive of the team and not giving up on us.

Thank you to Tracy for managing us and also the staff we all had a great time.

U10 boys County team at Pelicans

Archie Legg (GK)
Barney Berridge (GK)
Sam Reynolds
Rahul Kaushal
Lawrence Williams (Capt)
Samuel Kassulke
William Panter
Sam Leeming
Blade Earley
Ethan Ashton

Manager: Paul Kassulke



Well done to all the boys who played there socks off today to win and retain the county championship and an extra thank you to all travelling parents for their support in the rain and wind. I believe we had better weather than the girls though.

Results

v Magpies won 2-0 (goals Lawry 2)

v Norwich City won 1-0 (goal Lawry 1)

v Pelicans won 2-0 (goals Lawry 1, Will 1(although Blade might want to claim it touching it on line but it was going in anyway))
v North Norfolk won 3-0 (Lawry 2, Blade 1)
v Dereham won 4-0 (Blade 3, Lawry 1)

We should all be very proud of the quality of hockey that is being played throughout Dragons U10 this year by all boys. Today was the culmination of all the hard work and practice so far this season and it was enjoyable to watch (albeit frustrating as coach at times).

I think parents watching would agree that our U10 County Champions really were a class above all the other teams in the competition, the speed on the ball, the quality of passing, the movement off the ball, solid defending and the team work was excellent, even with a couple of the boys suffering from colds and viruses. We had to fill Sam K up with Nurofen and cough medicine just to make it out the door this morning.....

Probably most impressive today was how solid and dependable both Sam Reynolds and Rahul Kaushal played in defence. Strong tackling, good channelling and sensible decision-making on their passes, allowed Lawry Williams in central midfield and the forwards to constantly pressure the opponents goal. It was especially great to see Sam Reynolds back fit after so long off due to injury at the beginning of the season. Well done to Sam for being voted 'Player of the Tournament' by your fellow team mates.

In addition Rahul was awarded the 'Managers Award' for best player (even though I know he doesn't like chocolate as the prize.....so come and see me Tuesday for something different)

I think I lost count on how many chances we had to score today, but it was certainly encouraging that we gave ourselves so many opportunities - I think Lawry will want to forget a couple of the misses.....doh!! But we'll let him off given that he was our top scorer with 7 goals! We will need to convert them more often in the Regional Finals though.....

The boys dominated the opposition by playing the ball out wide (once our wingers remembered to stay out wide after coach's shouting) and running behind the defence, passing the balls across the face of the goal several times. It was great to see new boys to the team Ethan Ashton and Blade Earley improving and gaining confidence throughout the tournament and combining for the best goal (in my opinion) in match against Dereham, which saw Ethan receive the ball out on the right wing and race around the defence and hit a cross off his right foot along the base line, for Blade to step in front of the defender and deflect the ball straight passed the keeper for one of his 4 goals. It was class!! I may have even cracked a smile at that point....

What was good to witness was the boys ability to attack effectively down both the right and the left. Left winger Sam Leeming played an outstanding game, getting into great positions to receive the ball and very unselfishly making some quality passes to set up a couple of goals when he could have scored himself.

In most games we had much of the possession due to Will Panter and Sam Kassulke, who shared the centre forward spot, putting constant pressure on all opponent free hits with 2 man presses, which resulted in the opponents giving the ball away or being tackled. Their pressure paying dividends both for Will P to snatch a well deserved goal against Pelicans to extend the lead in that match and for Sam K to steal the ball and run round the back of the Norwich City defence to set up Lawry for the only goal of that game. Lawry's fist-pumping celebration demonstrating how important he knew that goal was!!!!

We had both our goal keepers at the tournament as both thoroughly deserved to represent their club given their devotion to training and playing in matches this season. This did worryingly leave our other team playing at Harleston today without a keeper, but we needn't have worried as they won their tournament and didn't concede a goal.

GK Archie Legg looked every bit in charge of his goal in his 3 games but due to the strong defence wasn't able to even get a kicker on the ball!! But he looks good in the photos (on Norwich Dragons facebook page)!! Likewise Barney Berridge saw very little of the ball, only called into action on a single occasion, but it required a diving save to his right and a jump back onto his feet to cover the rebound to keep Norwich City out and prevent them from taking the lead in a very tightly contested game.

I know I am biased, being manager and coach, but genuinely I think our boys have the makings of being able to win the Regionals in April. So let's bring that one home to 'The Den' too!!!

Well done boys!!

Paul K
Manager U10 Boys

U10 boys – Magpies team

Austin Kennard (Vice Captain)

Oscar Holt (Captain)

Kasper Holt

Deeran Jayapragash

Ed Marlee

Tommy Cahir

Finn Taylor

Max Taylor

Angus Windsor-Waite

Ayrton Rant

Team Manager: Martin Taylor

Amid truly awful conditions, Dragon's U10 boys showed their skills, character and determination and pulled off a remarkable **tournament victory** going unbeaten in their four games and winning three of them. They didn't concede a single goal despite playing with a kicking back which demonstrates the tenacity of their defensive efforts and team play. The attitudes and spirit of all the boys was excellent – a real credit to Dragons.

Match 1. Norwich City (Won 1-0)

The first match was against familiar rivals Norwich City who played with a goalkeeper (which Dragons lacked). Confident possession from Dragon's and some excellent passing to space allowed Oscar to put Dragons into a 1 - 0 lead. Tommy and Arton ran good channels on the wings causing City's defence problems all match. Austin played a storming game as centre half distributing well and tackling back when required to regain possession. A well deserved win.

Match 2 Harleston Magpies (Draw 0-0)

This was again against a Magpies side again with a goalkeeper. This was a closely pitched battle with a lot of chances generated by both sides. Dragons won a succession of attacking corners but were repelled by some stout Magpies defending. Dragons probably deserved to win this match on the balance of play, but could also have lost it were it not for an excellent off the line clearance by Angus maintaining Dragon's defensive record.

Match 3. Norwich City (won 2-0)

A real battling display from Dragons was too much for City. Goals from Deeran and Tommy in open play were just reward for a fantastic display. The defence was well marshalled by Arton, Tommy and Finn who stopped City having any chances at the Dragons goal.

Match 4. Harlestone Magpies (Won 2-0)

The final match showcased a very powerful performance from Dragons who dominated possession. Deeran scored for the second game running with Ed adding a second after a period of sustained pressure. Dragons could have had more goals, but did well to convert the two they did. The defence of Austin, Kaspar and Finn/Max was barely troubled in this game.



U12 Boys B team – Magpies

U12 boys B team also braved the elements at their tournament down at Harlestone. The boys showed fantastic work ethic, teamwork and determination despite the appalling conditions. Such a lovely group of mature young boys - an absolute credit to the club! They won one, drew one and lost two but thoroughly enjoyed themselves - even though their hands were red raw! Thanks especially to parents for their support on the side line - always the worst job in those conditions! Hot baths all round and something strong for me! By Johnanne Steward