

Alex Hill Dereham Tournament
19 March 2017

U12 Girls A Team

Dragons A – Managed by Rob Wagstaff

Red Shirts & Green Socks

Mia Somers (GK)

Hannah Marjoram

Freya Statham

Mima Watson

Lilli Ballard

Piper Hempsall

Honey Wells (Kit Washer)

Hattie Stuart

Freya Dolding

Rosie Smith

Our 1st match was against Magpies A's, an early goal scored by Mima but we couldn't get back in time to save a lucky goal, the score ended up 1-1. Our next game was against Norwich City Lions, we scored another early goal which was scored by Rosie. Our defence kept strong and Mia made some amazing saves, but finally they scored a goal. The final result was 1-1. Our 3rd game was against Magpies B, our attack pressed the opposition, fighting for each chance of the ball we could get and that ended up with Lily scoring. We did the same again and that led to another goal scored by Lily. The final score was 2-0. Our next game was against Dereham, our attack pressed the ball and kept most of the possession. Mima dribbled it into the opposition's foot which left us with a short corner. Piper injected and hit it out to Mima, who took a shot and scored in the corner of the goal. We kept playing our best and it ended up in a goal in between the goalies legs scored by Mima. The final result was 2-0. Our final game was against Dragons B and it was the one we needed to win to win the tournament. Our attacking was strong but just couldn't get a shot on goal. Until Mima dribbled in and took a shot and scored. We held our heads up high and stayed strong and gave resulted in a goal from Piper. The final result was 2-0. We won the tournament and we deserved it because of how well we played. Well played everyone!

From Mima Watson



U10 boys Fire breathers

Team Manager: Martin Taylor

Charlie Squires

Ayrton Rant (Capt)

Max Taylor

Finn Taylor

Stanley Hodds

William O'Rourke

Milo Nicholls

Adam Kelsall

Sam Kassulke (Goal-keeper) + Barney

Dragon's Firebreathers travelled to a busy Dereham Hockey tournament with a young and inexperienced side many of whom had not played a tournament before (and one never having donned goal-keeping kit before). Despite this, they played battling and proud hockey against some much bigger, taller and more experienced sides. Everybody contributed to the team and the behaviour was exceptional as usual. Dragons Firebreathers came a creditable 5th out of 6 teams and could have come much higher if we had scored some of our well engineered chances.

Match 1. Vs Dereham Blue (Draw 0-0)

Dragon's first match was against Dereham Blue team. This was a really solid display with Milo finding a lot of space to run into from right back and Ayrton putting in a solid display at centre half. Finn put in some nice runs on the left wing, linking well with Charlie and Ayrton. Dragons were unlucky not to score. Sam turned in a clean sheet for his first goal-keeping experience!

Match 2 Watton (lost 1-0)

Despite a really good performance from Dragons, we somehow lost this game. Lots of really good tackles and clearances were put in by Max and William at the back, with Finn putting in a tireless display at centre half. The forwards were very threatening with Adam and Ayton making nice runs on the wings and Stanley through the middle. Dragons had several good chances to score in one-on-one

situations with either the goalkeeper or last defender. In the last of these Stanley penetrated the D with a strong run only to be felled by an outrageous stick-tackle (which would have been a penalty flick in any other game). Firebreathers were unlucky to lose this game with the goal coming from a bit of defensive mix-up.

Match 3. Pelicans (Draw 0-0)

In a fine defensive display, Dragons managed to secure a well-earned draw. Great tackling from Ayrton, Adam and Stanley kept the Pelicans at bay, with the forwards doing what they could with little ball. Charlie and Milo worked hard on the wings and William ran hard at centre forward popping up all over the pitch. Sam again kept a clean sheet in goal with some solid clearances.

Match 4. Magpies Purple (Draw 0-0)

This was Dragons most accomplished performance of the day and was a close fought game. All the boys played really well, putting in good passes and runs. Finn was all over the pitch at centre forward, with Adam and William sharing centre half duties both with assured displays.

Match 5 Norwich Wizards (Lost 3-0)

Dragons were outgunned in this game by a bigger and more experienced team. However, there were battling performances all over the pitch and heads didn't go down at all during the game. Barney played really well in goal making a number of crucial saves and keeping the scoreline respectable. Despite the pressure, Dragons still managed to string some good forward play together with Adam marshalling the midfield and Milo, Ayrton and Finn combining for several near misses on goal.

U10 Girls A Team

Isobel Waller (Capt)

Romilly McLaggan (GK)

Amalie Finch

Chloe Holmes

Claudia Pymm

Keira Hardiman

Sophie Reynolds

Annabelle Royall

Ivy Hodds

Manager: David Pentin

All the girls showed great determination as we got off to a fantastic start. Some confident tackling and clearing by Keira, Sophie and Amalie kept the ball well away from Romilly's goal and led to some superb open passing from Ivy and Annabelle. We really showed how using the width of the pitch creates spaces and this enabled Chloe and Claudia to have some superb runs down the wing, cutting in to pass some great balls into the D for Izzy to slot away. (Dragons 2, Magpies White 0)

With the first win under our belt, we really started to believe in ourselves and built on our initial success. Our defending became even more tenacious and some great attacking passes were put firmly away by Izzy. (Dragons 2, Watton 0)

In our third match against Magpies A, we were oozing confidence and showing great resilience. Romilly made some excellent saves, coming off her line to control her area and a last minute goal slotted home by Claudia gave us our first ever win against Magpies A – a huge achievement, mentally and physically. (Dragons 1, Magpies 0)

In our fourth match against Dereham, we were unfortunate to go a goal down but showed real determination and scored to get back to 1-1 with some super midfield play by Ivy and Annabelle leading to excellent runs down the wing by Chloe and Claudia. Amalie, Keira and Sophie dug deep with some great defending and Romilly made a superb last minute save which kept us in the game. (Dragons 1, Dereham White 1)

Going into our last game, we needed just a draw to win the competition. All our earlier efforts had taken their toll and we were obviously tired. Claudia and Izzy were unlucky with their early breaks away. City marked us very closely and despite some good defending by the whole team, their best player managed to break away into space which enabled her to score 2 goals. Romilly made some great saves once again, one in particular which she turned around the post with her shin pad. (Dragons 0, Norwich City Yellow 2)

A FANTASTIC TEAM PERFORMANCE – EVERYONE GAVE 150% AND WORKED INCREDIBLY WELL AS A TEAM.

Well done to Amelie for the bravery she showed when a ball rebounded off a stick into her face and to Sophie when she was hit by the ball on her hand.

A special thank you to David and Suzie for their coaching on the day and to Nats and all the coaches for working so hard with us on Tuesday evenings – it really has made a huge difference.

Thank you also to all our parents who definitely won the competition for being the most vocal!

Results:

Dragons A v Magpies White	Won 2-0 (Izzy x 2)
Dragons A v Watton	Won 2-0 (Izzy x 2)
Dragons A v Magpies A	Won 1-0 (Claudia)
Dragons A v Dereham White	Drew 1-1 (Izzy)
Dragons A v Norwich City Yellow	Lost 0-2

Final Table: We came 2nd and won our first ever medals!



Under 10 Girls B Team

Imogen Thomas (Gk)

Arya Puvanachandra (Capt)

Louisa Hibbin

Jaimie Sisterson

Imogen Dolding

Rosie Pank

Estelle Widdows

Josie Kell

Manager:Pete Thomas

Assistant:Aaron Widdows

Match Report by Arya Puvanachandra

Match 1: Dragons White vs Watton

1-0 to Dragons White

Dragons started very brightly. Estelle scored after some constant pressure from Dragons, who worked well as a team. Watton nearly scored but Louisa defended superbly.

Match 2 : Dragons White vs Magpies Red

0-0

It was a tight match that could have gone either way. Arya cleared the ball in defence a few times. Dragons nearly squeezed the ball in but annoyingly it ended goalless.

Match 3 : Dragons White vs Norwich City Orange

0-0

The derby match was as close as it could ever be. Imogen D was busy snatching the ball off the opposition and passing it out well and Imogen T made some crucial saves in goal. Dragons kept a third clean sheet and were the only team that Norwich City did not beat at the tournament.

Match 4 : Dragons White vs Pelicans

0-2 to Pelicans

Dragons absorbed a lot of pressure. Rosie did a lot of tackling and passing. Eventually, we unfortunately let in our only two goals of the entire tournament.

Match 5 : Dragons White vs Dragons Black

2-0 to Dragons White

Josie scored twice. Both Dragons teams played very well and Dragons Blacks came close to scoring, but it ended 2-0 to the White team.

Match 6 : Dragons White vs Dereham Red

1-0 to Dragons White

It was a really tense match that basically decided who came 3rd and 4th . Despite back to back matches, none of our team complained of tiredness. Jamie took the ball from her own half and scored before the whistle went, to give Dragons a well deserved win.

Overall Dragons White came 3rd out of 7 and should be very proud of their best result of the year.



U10 girls C Team

Kitty Evernett-Greenland(Gk)

Georgia Demetriou

Ella Creasy

Perdie Finch

Mae Hollis

Pepper Fothergill

Annie Gill (Capt)

Manager: Richard Gill.

This proved to be the best tournament so far for the Dragons Black team. Six games were played across the morning, and with no substitutes all of the girls ran, tackled and passed their hearts out.

Kitty was amazing in goal, making super saves in each of the games (she didn't let in any goals in four of them!). Some of the saves were from hard shots, and others were from close range when she had to be brave and stand in the way when the attackers ran through.

Annie (captain for the day) was rock-solid in defence, even playing as the only defender in the game against Watton, which Dragons won 2-0! Georgia scored both of the goals - the first one was pushed past the goalkeeper after she won the ball in the 'D' and the second was a brilliant shot right into the corner that didn't give the Watton players any chance to get close to the ball.

Mae showed great versatility by playing well in defence, midfield and attack in different games and Pepper was at her best as a centre forward when she worked hard to win the ball and pass to her team mates.

Perdie was great at receiving the ball on her open stick as well as her 'reverse' stick, and ran so much over the six games! Ella showed that she could read the game very well by always managing to be in the right place at the right time, stopping lots of the opposition passes and playing the ball forwards to start attacks.

Overall, the team won one (v Watton), drew three (v Dereham, Magpies and Pelicans) and lost two of the games (v. Norwich City and Norwich Dragons Whites) - coming 5th overall. The coaches and parents were all very proud of how the girls tried so hard and improved over the morning. They were all an absolute credit to Norwich Dragons Hockey Club.



U12 Girls B team

Dragons B – Managed By Simon Mitchell

Nola Mitchell (GK)

Ellie Wagstaff

Mia Norris

Ella Peart (Kit Washer)

Evie Marlee (Capt)

Rosemary Sheppard

Jemima Hill

Harriet Pymm

Kaitlin Wolmarans

Taylor Sisterson

Dragons B v Magpies Red 0-1

The team played confidently and comfortably but after mounting pressure the opposition just scored. Great play from team orange and heads were deservedly high.

Dragons v Dereham 0-1

Dragons had a strong start but unfortunately Dereham scored and despite 2 near misses , dragons couldn't draw. The result didn't reflect the balance of play.

Dragons v Norwich Lions. 0-0

Unfortunately despite a short corner Dragons failed to convert . Dragons played confidently and kept up the pressure.

Dragons v Magpies A 0-0

The opposition were on the attack and despite a strong shot at goal Mia put in a great save. Defending brilliantly Dragons held them off.

Dragons v Dragons Pink.

Dragons A scored Harriet fantastic now in goal. Mima Watson pelted another in but the Dragons orange were certainly not over run by the As .

Great team work girls you held your own in a challenging gold tournament!!



U12 girls C team

Rhianna Green (GK)

Poppy Hewitt (Capt)

Caitlyn Hernon

Lara King

Anushka Damodar

Hollie Willeard

Grace Pank

Laura Williamson

Alice Cotton (Kit Washer)

Mia Rutterford

On Sunday Team C played in the Silver Tournament at Dereham Hockey Club. Our first match was against Magpies Blue we played well all-round with good attacking runs from Grace, solid tackling in defence from Caitlyn, with an excellent goal from Laura, resulting in a 1-1 draw.

Our second match was against Magpies White where there was some superb early defending against short corners and lots of Magpie pressure which eventually lead to a Magpie goal. After back and forth attacks by Dragons and Magpies with superb defensive tackling by Anushka, unfortunately we lost this match 0-1.

This leads on to our third match against Norwich City Leopards early pressure was from City, but then Dragons began to pressure and got a penalty corner but could not convert it. Again our defence was really strong and Goalie Rhianna pulled of a couple of great saves, one at the death to result in a 0-0 draw.

Next we were against Watton where Dragons had much of the play and created pressure including two penalty corners. We were near to getting a goal and the attacks were well directed with Alice

bringing the ball forward strongly, and Mia, Lara and Grace all having attacking chances. Watton attacked back and after a bit of a defensive lapse scored. We attacked again got another penalty corner but could not score, and the game ended with a one-on-one save from Rhianna, the score was 0-1 to Watton.

Our final match was against Norwich City Tigers, there was good early pressure from Grace and Mia, and Laura battled well. Hollie and Anushka held up the defence, and two saves from Rhianna kept the score down, and we lost this match 1-3.

With a couple of girls from our team falling ill during the tournament, a brilliant effort from all the Team C players.

U10 Boys – Dragons Destroyers

v. Magpies Blue

A great game to start the tournament, the team played well with some excellent passing between Deeran and Austin and some good defence work. Then some great attacking to get the ball down the Magpies' end, resulting in a cracker of a goal from George!

Score 1 - 0

v. Norwich Knights

This was a tough game, the Knights kept the pace fast but Casper and Austin were efficient with the defence helping to cover Sam in goal. Sam made three great saves but sadly one got past.

Score 0 - 1

v. Dereham Reds

Another tough game, but the Destroyers worked very hard to keep the Reds from scoring. Some great teamwork, especially passes between Edgar and George and determined and brave defence work by Deeran. The Reds kept working the ball towards our goal and although Barney made some great saves, we were overpowered!

Score 0 - 2

v. Magpies Blue

The team worked really hard to keep possession of the ball, with some excellent passing between Angus and Patrick and lots of running by Austin and Caspar! Barney made an heroic save kicking away a powerful goal attempt, keeping us from a loss.

Score 0 - 0

v. Norwich Knights

Knowing that the Knights were strong, the Destroyers went out with a determined attitude. This was shown particularly by Austin, hit hard on the hand soon into the game, but he carried on bravely. Although there was little opportunity to attack the Knights goal, George nearly got there! And there was a tremendous effort in defence by Edgar and Angus, supporting Sam in goal.

Score 0 - 0

v. Dereham Reds

The last game of the tournament, the team were determined to finish with a win! The pace was fast and the ball was exchanged many times, with Caspar and Patrick kept particularly busy. Again, more efficient defence work kept the Reds working hard before they managed to score. However, Deeran got the ball back down towards the Red goal and the Destroyers were on course to get level, just as the klaxon sounded!

Score 0 – 1

U10 Boys A team 0 taking part in u12 boys B team tournament

This afternoon at the Alex Hill tournament in Dereham, the UNDER 10 Dragon County champions boys team came first in the UNDER 12 silver tournament!!!!!!!

They had 5 wins and 1 defeat (at the hand of U12 Dragon B) conceding only a single goal. Great attacking play down the right by Monty Patel (PoM) and great defensive work by Sam Reynolds, Rahul Kaushal and Oscar Holt, but the whole team played their best hockey today in preparation for East Regional finals in April. Competition came down to last match U10 A v U12 B Dragons teams, U12 B needing only a draw and U10 needing a win. It was a closely fought battle U12 desperate not to be outdone by next years U12 boys!!! But U10 scored an early but deserved goal which scrambled over the line by Sam Reynolds after a penetrating attack. U10 defended with great composure and could have added to their lead but some panic in front of goal. U10 boys held on to get revenge for the earlier defeat at the hands of U12 B's. Well done to both teams with U12 finishing in 2nd place. Very proud of my boys!!!!

U12 Boys B team

GK – Finn Pond

Archie Grieg

Bertie Pinching

Connor Kerrigan

Harvey Nkrumah

Oliver Rudling

Raul Wigglesworth

Theo Korn

William Bailey

Zak Jones

Manager: Johanne Steward

On what was a fine but blustery afternoon, the boys fought like dragons, in the silver category, winning their first 4 out of 6 games without conceding a goal. Just 2 games to play and it looked like the boys had it in the bag - just Magpies and Dragons U10 boys to play. Tiredness appeared to kick in as they drew 0-0 with Magpies. They only had to draw the last game and it was personal - neither me or the boys wanted to lose to Dragons U10s. Unfortunately, with the only goal scored against us in the whole tournament - Dragons U10s beat us to the gold medal position. Unlucky boys. Silver medals it is then.



U12 Boys A team

Max Nicholls (GK)

James Cross

Edward Cross

Ben Panter

Alex Marjoram

Jack Blackham

Tom Jackson

Jake Reynolds

Manager: Rich Smith

The Under 12 Dragons Red Boys team were crowned champions in the Alex Hill Gold Tournament hosted by Dereham Hockey Club.

Despite applying constant pressure on the opposition, the opening game against Norwich Romans ended 0-0. Dragons won the next game 1-0 against a Magpies team with Jake Reynolds scoring the goal. Chances again couldn't be converted against Norwich Saxons resulting in another 0-0 score but the boys team beat Norwich Romans 1-0 with Ben Panter scoring. James Cross and Jack Blackham gave the team a 2-0 win against Magpies before the Dragons finished the tournament with a 1-0 win over Norwich Saxons with James Cross scoring the winner. Alert goalkeeping throughout from Max Nicholls and strong all round play from Edward Cross and Alex Marjoram helped the team finish undefeated without conceding a single goal.