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Dragons U10 Girls A team – Gold Tournament



The under 10 girls Dragons A team played 6 games in total against Magpies A, City A and Dereham A team (all twice).

Throughout all matches the girls showed determination and perseverance and by the end of the tournament there was huge improvement. Kiera was a super star goalkeeper saving numerous goals in every game. Louisa, Issy and Freya did some great defence playing clearing the balls and Amalie hit several balls wide to Annabelle who took the ball up the pitch. Issy scored a fantastic goal against Magpies which increased team morale. Poppy, Ivy and Sophie also made some persistent tackles

and tried scoring several times. Dragons came out strong in our final match against Dereham and won with another cracking goal by Issy. The team (& team supporters) ended on a high; hopefully something to aim for at the next tournament!

Norwich Dragons U10 Girls B Team – Silver Tournament

Norwich Dragons B vs Magpies - 0-4

It was a tough first game! Saoirse, playing in goal for the first time, made two fine saves. Annie and Arya tried their best in defence, but the Magpies attacked in constant waves. With some good finishing the Magpies won with four goals.

Norwich Dragons B vs Watton - 1-3

Perdie and Imogen did some very good tackling Claudia dribbled the ball from the centre of the pitch into the D and shot at the goal. Even though Watton's goalkeeper saved it, Claudia was so determined she kept on trying and finally scored the first Dragons' goal of the tournament!

Norwich Dragons B vs Norwich City Greens - 0-3

It was a challenging third game. Bria and Kitty played very well and we spread out more as a team. We had a few chances to score but we couldn't keep up with City, who scored three goals.

Norwich Dragons B vs Norwich City Yellows - 0-0

Another hard game for the fourth match. Millie dribbled well and Jennifer worked very hard. Claudia nearly scored again having dribbled the ball nearly the whole length of the pitch! We kept our first clean sheet, which we should be really pleased about.

The team captain (Arya) thought everyone played really well as a team and worked hard for each other. She was really proud to play with supportive and kind-hearted friends and is looking forward to the next tournament!



Dragons U12 Girls - Bray - Gold Tournament

The Bray team had a good time at the Dragon's tournament on Sunday. In the first match against City Tigers they drew 0-0 with lots opportunities but not being able to get the ball in the back of the goal unfortunately. In the second match against Dragons Hinch, Dragons Bray won 2-0 with Jemima scoring the first goal in the first 2 minutes and Ava scoring after 6 minutes the game was mostly taken up by short corners awarded to Dragons Bray! The third match was against City Lions and was unfortunately lost 2-0 with City Lions getting a couple of lucky goals. Dragons Bray's fourth match was against Magpies A in the rain, although getting an early opportunity they couldn't score and the final score was 2-0.

Despite some of the unfortunate scores Dragons Bray played some outstanding hockey throughout the tournament!

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Dragons U12 Girls Hinch - Gold Tournament



Dragons Hinch v City Tigers - 0-0

Great defensive performance to draw against a team who beat the team 1-0 at the previous tournament. Dragons Hinch got plenty of opportunity to practice short corner defence and not only stopped them but sent the ball up the pitch in many counter attacks. Freya S, Freya D and Kaitlin linked up for some lovely mid field dribbling and passing and Evie made some great clearances.

Dragons Hinch v Magpies A - 0-5

Dragons Hinch were under pressure right from the start. Nola was brilliant in goal, making at least half a dozen really tricky saves. Mia, Alice and Freya S worked tirelessly, blocking and clearing. Livi was superb on the wing, in both

running the ball down and getting into space. Rosemary, Livi and a Kaitlin even tried a couple of cheeky attacks!

Dragons Bray v Dragons Hinch - 0-2

Lots more short corner practice early on in this game! Alice, Freya S and Freya D hassled the Bray forwards really well, stopping some strong attacks. Evie and Livi intercepted and counter attacked well. Some more great kicking from Nola & sweeping out to the wings from Mia helped keep the ball away from the Dragons Hinch goal for most of the match. Rosemary ran like the wind chasing some creative forward passes.

Dragons Hinch v City Lions - 1-0

What a dramatic final game. The team put in an awesome team performance to beat the overall tournament winners by a single goal. Nola made a beautiful save early on, and was really well supported by Mia and Alice who blocked attack after attack. Freya S's speedy run outs on short corners really stopped City in their tracks. Freya D, Evie, Livi and Kaitlin were assertive in mid field, winning the ball from City when City thought it was theirs, and their passes were fast and on target. Livi and Rosemary kept possession by getting into space out on the wings, allowing Rosemary to run down the right and sneak a goal across the D and past their keeper. Play continued end to end after the Dragons Hinch goal, with more great attacking & defending. Every single player gave their best performance of the tournament and thoroughly deserved the win.

Dragons U12 Girls Dragons Quek - Silver Tournament



The first game against Dereham was a great attacking start. Although Harriet saved several goals and Ella played well taking the ball all way up the length of the pitch, we just couldn't quite find the opportunity to score and were defeated 1-0. Great defence though from Dragons.

The second game saw City Panthers score quickly and continue on to win 4-0. There was a great attempt at last minute shot at goal from Dragons, but it went just wide.

The third match was against Magpies. Lilly scored a great goal against them first... Unfortunately Magpies went on to win 2-1. Lilly almost scored again for Dragons, followed by a great attempt on goal by Hatty, saved off the line by the Magpies keeper.

The final match. Dragons Quek v Dragons Cullen saw a great goal scored by Lilly for Quek. Quek scored again through Hatty, to finish 2-0 to Quek.

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Dragons U10 Boys A - Gold Tournament

NDHC-v Magpies – 1:0

A bit of early pressure led to a couple of short corners which the opposition repelled. Archie left his line to kick clear a couple of attempts at the home goal. The home side attack paid off after pressure from Will and a 1-2 with Lawrie resulted in a well taken goal by Will. The A's held on to the lead for a 1-0 win which they deserved over the course of the game

NDHC A – v - NDHC B - 3-1

The B's were clearly up for this and after a great save from Barnaby in their goal and a rare lapse in the A's defence, Blade ran in to score a good goal for the B team. This galvanised the A team who started to make some good passing moves from the wings into the centre, with a two good goals from Lawrie. Further pressure resulted in a short corner and a shot, which deflected off one of the opposition players into the goal.

NDHC -v Norwich City - 3-0

From a short corner Lawrie scored. Archie made a good save at the opposite end. From a long corner, a pass was made to the top of the D and Lawrie slotted it away into the opposite corner. Further pressure from Will and Lawrie lead to an interception in the D by Lawrie, for his hat-trick goal in similar fashion to his second.

NDHC-v Magpies - 4:0

Facing some early pressure, there was good defensive work from Rahul and Johnny. After some good work from Sam K on the right, the ball was passed to Will, who laid off for Lawrie to score. From a long corner Will controlled the ball in the air and made a deft lay off for Sam L, who was running on to score the second. For their third goal Sam L carried the ball up field and passes to Will who scored well, and from a Lawrie strike which deflected off an opponent's stick, Dragons scored their fourth.

NDHC A - v - NDHC B - 2-0

Again the Bs played very strongly, forcing Archie to make a good save. Following some good work on the right Monty pulled the ball back for Lawrie to score. Another goal from Lawrie secured the win.

NDHC -v Norwich City – 0:1

This was a very strong performance from the home team who were largely camped in the opposition's final third and peppered their goal, but all attempts were blocked by the numbers in defence and good goalkeeping. At the death, City broke away to score a well taken goal with no time left for a reply.

Dragons U10 Boys – Green – Gold Tournament

City Knights vs Green Dragons - 1-0

Dragons started well playing the channels well and some good attempts at goal. An end to end match, with Barnaby pulling off some great saves but Green Dragons were unlikely in the final minute, when City Knights took the advantage.

Red Dragons vs Green Dragons - 4-1

Green Dragons put in some spirited defensive play. Blade managed to equalise at 1-1, but the Greens were unfortunate when a second goal from the Reds rebounded off the post to make it 2-1. With the Reds gaining the upper hand towards the end, the Greens demonstrated their tenacity with a good attempt at a second goal in the last few seconds.

Green Dragons vs Magpies A 1-1

A short corner to the Greens sparked an attack on the Magpies goal with both Blade and Oscar having good shooting attempts. Austin showed remarkable resilience coming back from injury just in time for Blade to score to go 1:0 up. Against the run of play, Magpies A just managed to come back in the final moments of the game to make the final score 1-1.

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City Knights vs Green Dragons - 0-0

In arguably the best performance of the tournament for the Green Dragons, the team focussed on a spirited defence against a very strong Norwich City team. Again Barnaby pulled off some great saves and deflected the ball well around the post, which made it very difficult for City Knights to score. The team used the space and each other well to have some good chances on goal, a really enjoyable match for the spectator and a well deserved point!

Red Dragons vs Green Dragons - 2-0

Improving with every match, the Green Dragons started well. The Red's were particularly strong on set pieces, scoring two goals but the highlight of the match was some great deflections from Barnaby and a strong shot on goal at the end of match from Blade

Dragons vs Magpies A - 2-0

Despite reduced energy levels, the Green Dragons rounded off the tournament with a good win. The team managed to retain shape and communicated as a team well throughout the match to allow both Blade and Joe to score two good goals.

Dragons U10 Boys - Brown - Silver Tournament

Dragons v Dereham - 0:1

The inexperienced Dragons side found it hard going to begin with whilst learning their positions, but through hard work and good keeping they managed to keep Dereham out until a late goal won it for the visitors.

Dragons v City – 0:2

Dogged defending kept the score to 0-0 until late on when goals from a short corner and a counter-attack gave City's second team a 2-0 win

Dragons v Magpies - 1:0

Dominating from the off Dragons best performance of the day kept Magpies pinned back for large spells, before a great goal from Ed after the keeper had saved from Angus gave us the 1-0 win

Dragons v Pelicans - 0 0

In our last game Dragons began well but couldn't find a way past the Pelicans defence and in the end a draw was a fair result

In summary, Dragons Brown team played four matches in the silver tournament finishing third out of five teams following two defeats, one win and a draw. All the boys improved as the games progressed and showed the more games they can play the better. Thanks go to Ally for managing and encouraging the team and giving all the boys game time.

U12 Boys A

