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HIGHLIGHTS in this issue are ● Rebecca runs in International Cross Country
● Pupil selected for U16 England squad

RUGBY



Saturday 17 January

v St Edward's College

1stXV	won	35-7
2ndXV	won	31-5
U15	won	53-0
U14A	won	33-26
U14B	won	35-10
U13A	won	36-0
U13B	won	26-14
U12A	won	14-0
U12B	won	29-0

A fantastic set of results with victories all round. U15A, U13A, U12A and U12B all managed wins without conceding any points; showing their competence in defence as well as attack.

Saturday 26 January

v Merchant Taylors'

1stXV	won	32-26
2ndXV	won	32-0
U16	won	39-0
U15A	won	17-15
U15B	draw	12-12
U14A	lost	10-22
U13A	lost	10-30



U13B	won	27-5
U12A	lost	0-5
U12B	won	27-7

Another good set of results. Excellent performances by the three senior sides and another good win for the Under 15's.

Wednesday 28 January

v The Manchester Grammar School

U12A	won	29-12
U12B	won	17-15

Two closely contested fixtures. The U12A side managed to edge in front during the second half after a tight opening half. On the other hand the B side went out all guns blazing, scoring three early tries but narrowly holding on to their slender lead during the second half.

Friday 30 January

v Royal Lancaster Grammar School

U12A	won	12-5
U12B	won	15-10
U12C	lost	10-30

Games were played under difficult conditions. Strong winds played havoc with the kicking and passing of both



sides. Lancaster were very physical and the score lines reflect the dogged nature of the victories. The C team gave a good account of themselves despite the score line. Their U12 coach added "Lancaster's most competitive C fixture of the season!"

Saturday 31 January

v Stockport Grammar School

1stXV	won	20-8
2ndXV	lost	24-43
U16	won	47-5
U15A	won	45-5
U14A	lost	14-27
U13A	won	17-0
U13B	won	33-12
U12A	lost	5-15
U12B	won	12-10

Strong winds for both U16 and U15A sides this week.



There were only three losses, most notably the U12A side playing against a strong, athletic and well drilled side. Possibly a 'bridge too far' following mid week victories versus MGS and RGS Lancaster.

Saturday 28 February

Junior Rugby Festival

U12 v Lymm in the final lost 0-5

U13 v St Ambrose semi final lost

Thank you for your support for the Junior Festival.

The competition was a success, although as you may have heard Harry Webb unfortunately broke his leg during a freak occurrence.

The eventual winners were:

U12 Cup Lymm High School

U12 Plate Bridgewater High School

U13 Cup Bridgewater High School

U13 Plate Audenshaw High School.

Peter Allen

Wednesday 25 February

North of England Sevens

The Under 13A and U13B Sevens teams competed in the North of England Sevens at Stonyhurst College. This is a good tournament mainly because many of the prep schools that feed the prestigious rugby playing boarding school market play, in addition to the day schools. These teams are invariably highly organised and well coached as the boys have played from a young age.

U13A lost their first group game to the eventual winners, The Oratory School, 7-12 and the second group game to Sedbergh 0-19. They then beat Arnold and went on to win their next two group games including a notable victory against hosts Stonyhurst to finish third in the group and qualify for the plate semi final where they defeated St Olave's. An excellent final saw the Y11 lose to a very good Calicott side four tries to one in an excellent final for a plate competition.

The 13B meanwhile swept all before them in their four group games without conceding a point to be drawn again against St Olave's in the semi-final and then Calicott in the final, winning 19-0.

The 2nd VII as tournament winners receive an impressive trophy each and the 1st VII plate runners up individual plaques.

AR

Thursday 5 March

Solihull Sevens Under 14 Tournament

King's U14 Sevens team won the Solihull School Tournament. We beat six teams in total, scoring nearly 200 points and beating Warwick by 20 points in the final. The final score was King's 27 Warwick 7, we lost narrowly in the final to this team last year.

Well done!

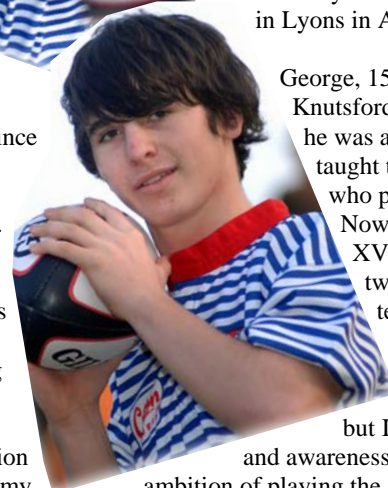
R Rule



George selected for U16 squad

King's School rugby star George Drury has been selected for the England Under-16 elite squad. George's elevation to the top level of the game at his age group places him in the top three scrum-halves in the country and he now has every chance of playing in the Four Nations youth tournament in Lyons in April.

playing rugby since six-years-old, his dad Tom Bowdon RUFC. the King's First though he is younger than his George said: passing, kicking general play is developing well work on my vision I am to achieve my professional level".



George, 15, from Knutsford, has been he was aged just taught the game by who played for Now a regular in XV, even two years team mates, "My and

but I've got to and awareness of space if ambition of playing the game at a scrum half and Luke McAllister at centre and hope I can bring some of their explosive play into my own game". George is the second King's scrum-half to make the England side with David Williams, who is now at Cardiff University, also making the top grade. King's Head of Rugby, Andy Rice, said: "George has a tremendous natural talent, he's a wonderful ball player, but the professional game makes immense physical demands and George knows he will have to train hard to realise his full potential."

George's success come at the same time that former King's First XV stalwart Alex Waddingham, from Congleton, has been elevated to the 39 strong England Students' Squad. Andy Rice, who was formerly in the Students' Squad, said: "This is also a fantastic achievement. The Students' Squad used to be thought of as England B and all the top clubs will be looking to recruit from this pool of talented players."

HOCKEY

Boys' Hockey

Tuesday 16 December

v Sandbach School

U15 lost 2-3

Wednesday 17 December

v Birkenhead School

1stXI draw 4-4

Scorers: Mike Dodd, Francis Bryant, James Burke 2

Wednesday 14 January

v Wirral Grammar School

1st XI won 7-0

The King's 1st XI quickly got into their stride in their first game after Christmas and played some of their best passing hockey of the season. They scored four excellent goals in a ten minute purple patch in the first half. The second half followed a similar pattern with 3 more goals being scored.



Scorers: Mike Dodd 3, Francis Bryant 2, Matt Wreglesworth, Emile Broome.

Wednesday 21 January

v Newcastle-under-Lyme

1stXI won 3-1

The King's team were slowly into their stride, passing being below par and sharpness lacking early on. As the game progressed, the pattern of play improved and a well deserved goal was justly rewarded following a sharp passing move.

The second half started brightly and King's should have added to their lead. Newcastle gradually grew in confidence



and equalised midway through the half. This spurred the King's team on and following a swift break, Emile Broome scored from a narrow angle. As the game neared its conclusion, Emile scored again to complete his well deserved hat-trick.

JAD

Monday 26 January

v Sandbach

U16 won 1-0

Tuesday 27 January

v St Anselm's

U15 won 3-0

Wednesday 28 January

v Birkenhead School

1stXI won 3-2

There were periods of impressive play in this well deserved victory. An early goal from Mike Dodd was cancelled out just before half time whic a Birkenhead short corner. After the half time team talk, some basic errors were eradicated and following a fine passing move a sweet reverse stick shot from James Gibson found the net. A wavy run and crisp finish from Emile Broome created a two goal cushion. A late consolation goal flattered Birkenhead in this emphatic victory.



Saturday 31 January

v Elizabeth College (Guernsey)

U15 lost 4-2

The King's U15 hosted Elizabeth College (Guernsey) for their tour of the North West. In the game King's got off to a fantastic start with Harry Stewart scoring after thirty-one seconds!. The Guernsey team then got into their rhythm and scored from well worked short corners to lead 3-1 at half time. A dubious goal put them 4-1 up early in the second half before the King's players finally started to exert themselves on the game. Greg Eyre came close but the Guernsey defence held firm. Greg finally pierced their line with a sharply taken strike, but it was too late to affect the outcome.

Many thanks go to the parents who hosted the Guernsey players.

JAD

Saturday 28 February

v Birkenhead School

U15 drew 3-3

U14 lost 3-0

Saturday 7 March

v Merchant Taylors' School

U15 won 3-0

U14 lost 5-0

Monday 9 March

U16 lost 2-1

Wednesday 11 March

1stXI lost 4-3

Thursday 12 March

U13 drew 3-3

Saturday 14 March

v Rossall School

U14 lost 9-0

U13 lost 1-0

Wednesday 18 March

v Calday Grange

1stXI won 5-0

This was the 1stXI's most impressive performance of the year and was a measure of the progress the team has made of late having lost to Calday in the first term. From the outset, King's dominated the play imposing their energetic, fast passing and direct pattern of play on the game. A scoreline of 4-0 at half time flattered Calday. The second half continued to be one sided with the Calday goalkeeper making some superb saves and thus keeping the score respectable. It is true to say that every player contributed to this display, except goalkeeper Andy Parton who only touched the ball once and that was a kick to one of his own team, he did not have a shot to stop at all. The fifth goal summed up the King's teams quality of hockey with a passing move involving five players resulting in Frankie Bryant passing the ball into an empty net with Matt Wreglesworth on hand to finish should that have been needed. The 1stXI now move on to two tours, Taunton and South Africa. A repetition of this performance will see them compete against the best at home and abroad.

Girls' Hockey



Saturday 24 January

v Liverpool College

U12 lost 0-7
U13 drew 4-4
U14 won 1-0

Our Under 14 team dominated their game and had many opportunities to score but couldn't find the goal! The score should have been 6-0!



Wednesday 28 January

v Lymm High School

1stXI lost 2-0

The result was a disappointing loss but it was a great game of hockey with a particularly creditable performance in midfield from Rebecca Bamford. Due to injury captain Katherine Baker gave good constructive support from the sideline.

DMB

Saturday 31 January

v Wilmslow High School

U12A lost 6-0
U12B lost 7-1

There were some very encouraging moments of play particularly during the first half of each game. The passing and spacing of the forwards is much improved. They now have to recognise the urgency to make the most of every opportunity when in or near the circle. The defensive players were worked hard and learned a great deal about marking and distribution of the ball. The results were disappointing particularly as some of the goals came much against the run of play.

DMB

Wednesday 25 February

v Cheadle

1st XI lost 4-0

Great play against a very strong Cheadle team who are in the National games this coming week.

King's held them to a 0-0 draw up to half time and well into the second half. Cheadle definitely had strength in numbers and a goal about 15 minutes into the second half quickly turned into 4 by the end of the half. Despite the score there were many reasons to praise the King's team.

Saturday 28 February

v The Boys!!

As expected the U12 boys were very keen and eager, faster, stronger and more spatially aware. The boys' football/rugby experience is most definitely transferred to their hockey. The resulting games were consequently rather one sided but it was a HUGE learning curve for the girls (lovely stick skills but more assertiveness required). It will not have done them any harm and they probably quite enjoyed the challenge.

With the U13's it was quite a different story. The boys didn't have it all their own way in fact the score was 3—2 to the boys. A re-match would be in order at some stage!
DMB

Saturday 28 February

U14 County Hockey Tournament— First Round

v Queen's Chester Won 2-0 Lara Knowles x 2
v Holmes Chapel Won 3-0 Lara Knowles,
Holly Smith, Rafia Aslam
v Wilmslow High Won 1-0 Rafia Aslam

The team played some excellent hockey against Queen's Chester. They were determined to get as many goals as possible in the short 15min games but not having played Queen's this season they were surprised that we dominated the game from the start. Two great goals from Lara Knowles put them ahead and on a high for the rest of the tournament.

In the game against Holmes Chapel, also an unknown quantity, it was clear from the start that King's were the better team. An opening goal from Lara Knowles and then a super set up to Holly Smith allowed a most impressive goal to follow. Later, Rafia Aslam found herself in a well practised situation on the post and swept a third goal in around the Keeper. King's were on a roll!

The third game, against Wilmslow was to prove our toughest. However Rafia managed to get a touch to a good strike from Lara Knowles from outside the D, and scored a lucky goal. The rest of the match was quite a battle with Wilmslow determined not to let us win. However, we

defended well and prevented them from evening out the score.

Defenders Chloe Abbott, Sophie Hurst and Amy Sanderson played especially well and grew in confidence throughout the tournament. Great support from mid field players Maddy Coutts and Rosie Christiansen allowed us to put pressure on the opposition and provide opportunities for attack.

King's were overall winners of the tournament and go through to the County Final on 21st March where they will face 5 other teams who also won their first round tournaments.

LB

Saturday 7 March 2009

v Mount St Mary's College Senior Girls' Hockey Sevens Tournament

Competing schools:

Mount St Mary's College A and B teams,
Pocklington School York A and B teams,
Silcoates School,
Stonyhurst,
Austin Friars St Monica's School
King's Macclesfield.

Team: Katherine Baker (Captain), Rebecca Bamford, Sarah Pickering, Sarah Gales, Emma Davies, Sophie Fox, Hatty Ravenscroft.

The standard at the tournament was quoted to be of the highest yet and many staff and spectators complimented the King's team on their quality of play.

Many commented on their fantastic teamwork and high skill level.

Umpires were asked to elect 'Player of the Match'; many nominated Katherine Baker for her commanding play. Much to the frustration of many teams including King's, the goal keeping was of the finest quality and, hence, player of the tournament went to the Mount St Mary's A team goalkeeper – who incidentally can be credited with preventing King's from winning the trophy.

First round scores:

- v Pocklington B Drew 0 – 0
- v Austin Friars Won 2 – 0 (Katherine Baker and Sarah Pickering)
- v Mount St Mary's Lost 0 – 1

Semi final result:

- v (Last 4 years Cup holders) Pocklington A,
King's Won 1 – 0 (Katherine Baker)

In the final King's met up with Mount St. Mary's A team again. The score after full time was 0 – 0. After a very 'nail biting' golden goal extra time, it was again 0 – 0 and so onto the dreaded penalty strokes. Despite a fantastic save made by Sarah Gales, the host school won the day by one penalty.

Wednesday 11 March

U19 County Hockey Finals

There were three teams in the finals, King's Chester, Lymm High School and King's Macclesfield. The teams were evenly matched, the standard was high and there was really only ever one goal in it.

Chester drew 1-1 with Lymm and then went on to beat Macclesfield 3-2 (Rebecca Bamford and Caroline Shoreland). What a shame the game didn't last longer the

outcome may have been very different. The last game was the decider for first place and Macclesfield holding Lymm to a 1-1 draw meant that Chester were the overall winners.

A great effort from everyone. Well tried!
DMB

Saturday 14 March

v Altrincham Girls' Grammar School

U15/16	lost	9-0
U14	won	4-2
U13	lost	7-1
U12	won	1-0

Altrincham have a considerable number of their girls who play regularly at Bowden Hockey club which is one of the top clubs in the country hence their strength and depth in school hockey.

One of their U16s is an England player so really despite, good effort from the King's girls, it was not a level playing field. In the U14 game King's fared much better and won, Rafia Aslam scored twice and Lara Knowles and Holly Smith once.

NETBALL

Saturday 17 January

Cheshire County Under 14 Tournament

The girls produced some great results

v Lymm	won	3-2
v Wilmslow	lost	5-2
v Hartford	won	12-0
v Bishop Heber	won	7-1
v Brine Leas	won	15-1

As a result of the above King's got through to the semi-finals v Upton (a strong well developed and organised team). King's lost to Upton 9-5. Obviously the girls were disappointed but I feel the girls have more to give, so back to the drawing board and let's go one better next time.
CJC

Saturday 31 January

Under 14 National Schools Tournament

North West Round

v Westholme	lost	13-3
v Hulme Grammar	lost	10-2
v QEGS Penrith	won	8-4
v Wirral Grammar	lost	6-1

King's were representing Cheshire and have done extremely well to have qualified for the North West round.

It was a huge learning curve for the girls and I feel they will go away and hopefully realise that there is huge potential within the squad and that they are capable of much more.

CJC

Wednesday 25 February

Macclesfield and District Netball League

v Fallibroome

Year		
7A	lost	7-17
7B	lost	0-20
8	lost	3-29
9	won	16-15
10	won	14-11
1stVII	lost	5-16

The Macclesfield and District League has re-started this half-term, with our first fixture against the very able Fallibroome.

Saturday 28 February

Under 15 Cheshire County Netball Tournament

v Bishops	won	9-2
v Lymm	lost	5-10
v Leftwich	lost	3-8
v Wilmslow	lost	6-15

Last year the girls came runners up in this tournament so my expectations were high. The girls had not had any match play since November so were a little rusty. We were disappointed with the results as they did not show the girls' true potential; they are capable of a higher standard of netball. Hopefully, the girls will learn from this tournament.

Wednesday 4 March

Macclesfield and District Netball League

v Alderley Edge

Year		
7A	lost	7-11
7B	lost	1-12
8	lost	9-12
9	won	19-3
1stVII	won	31-16

v Alderley Edge

U15 won 19-7

We are back to our winning ways, the girls played some fantastic netball.

Saturday 7 March

v Mount St Mary's

Netball Tournament Year 8

A great day at the Mount St Mary's Tournament. The team produced some fantastic Netball to get into the final where they lost 4-7 to Pocklington in a very close fought game.

v St Edward's College

U15	won	20-5
U16	won	16-6

Both teams produced a high standard of netball and really pulled together as a team. St Edward's are always a tenacious team and this can sometimes be detrimental to our girls but they really worked hard and didn't allow all St Edward's to put them off their rhythm.

Wednesday 11 March

Macclesfield and District League

v Knutsford

Year 7	won	11-5
1st VII	won	33-9

Saturday 16 March

Under 13 County Netball Tournament

The Under 13 County Netball Tournament took place at Fallibroome High School. The girls were feeling confident after the success of the previous Saturday, but were placed in a tough group. They won one, drew one and lost two; this wasn't enough to take them through to the final stages. Another good performance for a good up and coming year group.

GOLF

The golf team at King's has become increasingly successful over the past few years. The team consists of four from the Sixth Form and two from the Boys' Division. The team is very strong which is why we have had numerous victories over other schools. The current team consists of myself (handicap 9), James Spencer (Handicap 2), Sam

Howell (Handicap 5) the youngest member of the team, Sam Stockwin (Handicap 7), Nathan Rhodes (Handicap 11) and Tom Gilsenan (Handicap 11), the latest addition to the team.

We compete annually in the HMC Foursomes Cup. Last year we made the Northern Final where we were defeated by Loretto School (a golf academy in Scotland). This year we are heading to Bolton School to play the Northern Semi Final; having lost once over the past two years the team will be confident of pulling off a victory to reach the Northern Final again.

There are also events for players who are not part of the team. The Fallibroome Trophy takes place every year at Macclesfield Golf Club where we compete against Tytherington High School and Fallibroome. This year we sent sixteen players, four teams of four. The day always promises to be good fun and a chance to meet new people whilst competing for the trophy is a bonus.

I have really enjoyed playing golf at King's and would recommend that anyone who wishes to get involved in the game should keep an eye out for the Fallibroome Trophy event at Macclesfield next year. We are always looking for new players who could add something to the team. Hopefully now we can concentrate on winning at Bolton School later this term and progress to the final!

Tom Gradwell

ATHLETICS

Sunday 11 January

Rebecca Craigie was selected to represent England U20 Ladies in an International Cross Country fixture held in Elgoibar Northern Spain.

Saturday 31 January

Cheshire Cross Country Championships

Girls'

Year 7

Rebecca Hughes	7th	selected to represent Cheshire
Beth Burrows	11th	selected to represent Cheshire
Sophie Quinn	49th	
Sophia Sparrow	57th	

Year 8

Annabelle Brooks	16th
Alix Davies	51st

Year 10 and 11

Jae Bowers	31st
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Year 12 and 13

Rebecca Craigie 1st selected to represent Cheshire in the English Schools National Cross Country Championships.

Boys'

Minor

Toby Bianchi	5th
Nicholas Morris	9th
Aaron Shaunessey	13th

King's Minor Boys' came first and the top fourteen will represent the County at the Inter-County Championships.

Sunday 15 March

National Schools Biathlon Championships

held at Bath University

Congratulations go to the following girls:

Year 6

Rowena Moores Overall 17th

50m Swim 5th (33.37secs) 1000m Run 26th
(3mins 39.9 secs)

Year 7

Rebecca Hughes Overall 26th

50m Swim 5th (32.83secs) 1000m Run 31st
(3mins 35.9 secs)

Beth Burrows Overall 52nd

50m Swim 61st (44.8 secs) 1000m Run 36th
(3m 37.6 secs)

Sophia Sparrow Overall 60th

50m Swim 55th (39.57 secs) 1000m Run 60th
(4m 10.1 secs)

Amongst tough opposition the Year 7 girls team finished in a very creditable in 6th place overall.

For interest - the final team positions were:

- 1st St Catherine's Bramley
- 2nd Headington School
- 3rd Tormead School
- 4th Millfield Prep
- 5th Chislehurst and Sidcup Grammar
- 6th King's Macclesfield
- 7th Central Newcastle High School
- 8th Shipstone High School
- 9th Woodbridge School

Thanks must go to Mrs Burrows for acting as team manager on the day.

DMB

SWIMMING

Thursday 19 March

The Manchester Grammar School 'Sutton Trophy' Swimming Gala

This was a new gala experience for us: two age groups
Colts U15 and Open age.

Teams could comprise any combination of boys and girls, so obviously most had four boys in the team.

Colts: Arran McCloskey, Sarah Pearson, Jess Burns and Laura Booth. Great effort against tough opposition in both the Free and Medley relays.

Seniors: Tom Gilsenan, Daniel Cotterill, Jonny Ratcliffe and Alex Eyre. Fourth in the Medley semi final just pipped out of the Medley final but then beaten into third position in the B final.

A high level of competition saw King's placed 9th overall.