

King's Sports Bulletin

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HIGHLIGHTS in this issue are

- **Splendid** Tournament for U19 Girl's Hockey.
- **Congratulations** to Jess Burns

RUGBY

Wednesday 10 September

v St Bedes

U14B won 40-35

After several intense training sessions and a lot of hard work from our lads, both B and A team, the first game of the season was upon us. St Bede's A team came to the field to find the B team warmed up, committed and ready for the fixture. A crowd of eager parents and A teamers surrounded the near touch line, anticipating a good game, and were not disappointed.

St Bede's kicked off and King's led ably by Ben Mason, were immediately on the offensive. The ball moved through the hands swiftly enough and it wasn't long before Jamie Duncan, debuting for King's Mac at outside centre, ran in the first try of the game. St Bede's tried their best to punch back but were quickly turned over by some excellent rucking, Oli Steven's showing a notable work rate. This then resulted in Jamie breaking the line again and going in for his second try of the match, followed shortly after by his third.

Undeterred by this early onslaught St. Bede's composed themselves and overturning a ball in their own 22, they battled up the field and scored under our posts; this was then followed by their strong number 8 showing pace and power as he cruised in to score their second of the match. Not to be shown up King's piled the pressure on after the kick off and a prolonged period of strong mauling was rewarded with the captain Mason scoring his first of the season. The score at half time was 26-14.

The second half started as intense as the first with tackles flying in from Dan Hughan and Josh Wilson, at fly half and inside centre respectively, their defence neutralising the St Bede's key strike players for a time. A magic sleight of hand by Alex Cunningham earned him a place on the score sheet, but did serve to incense the opposition, who promptly replied with a score of their own. Bede's then piled the pressure on and despite 3 of the finest try saving tackles you could ever see from Mountney, Hughan and Khan, they managed to break through and score a fourth.

Tired bodies were showing on both teams and in the final 10 minutes King's ran in another and then promptly conceded 2 in return, leaving the score at 40-35 to King's when Josh Wilson drop-kicked the ball into touch as the final play of the game.

A special mention should be made of Edward Walker, who also played his first ever match for King's, and a general well done to the team for their hard work and commitment, keep it up and we won't go far wrong this season.

Man of the Match: Jamie Duncan.

Well done to everyone.



Saturday 13 September

v QEGS, Wakefield

1stXV	lost	0-47
2ndXV	lost	5-25
U16	won	24-17
U15	lost	12-35
U15B	lost	5-15
U14A	lost	7-24
U14B	lost	0-26
U13A	lost	0-29
U13B	lost	0-24

Saturday was obviously a tough start to the season. QEGS have strong teams in all year groups and a particularly strong 1stXV this year.

Monday 22 September

v Manchester Grammar

1stXV	lost	13-19
2ndXV	won	24-0
U16	lost	18-22
U15A	lost	10-18
U15B	lost	5-36
U14A	lost	0-53
U14B	lost	7-27
U13A	won	55-0
U13B	won	41-0



Saturday 27 September

v Lancaster Grammar

1stXV	lost	12-20
2ndXV	won	21-10
U16	lost	0-24
U15A	lost	5-39
U14A	lost	3-52
U14B	lost	0-26
U13A	lost	3-31
U13B	lost	10-17



Despite losing King's 1stXV overall performance was much improved. Both coaches were pleased with the effort and determination shown by the boys.

Saturday 4 October

v Lymm High School

1stXV	lost	0-7
2ndXV	lost	12-19
U15	won	16-5
U14	lost	0-31
U13A	won	22-7
U13B	won	24-0
U12A	lost	0-26
U12B	lost	7-24

Wednesday 8 October

v St Ambrose

1stXV	won	34-0
2ndXV	won	21-14

Great performance by the 1stXV, first win of the season and similarly the 2ndXV had a good victory. Congratulations to Tommy Taylor on being selected to represent Cheshire U18 v Yorkshire on Sunday 12 October.

v Stonyhurst

U13	lost	5-9
U12A	won	21-0
U12B	won	30-14

Great wins for U12's A and B sides, who played some great rugby at times and showed fantastic potential.

Thursday 9 October

v Crossley Heath

U14	lost	8-31
U13	lost	12-19
U12	lost	21-24

Generally a close set of results, playing against a physical side from the rugby league heartland. The U12's narrowly conceded victory by the slightest of margins. We also said 'goodbye' to the McLaughlin brothers who are starting a new life up in Scotland.



NETBALL

Wednesday 17 September



Macclesfield and District Netball League

v Macclesfield High School

U12	won	23-0
U13	won	9-1
U14	won	30-0
U15	won	27-1

A fantastic start to the season!
LB

Wednesday 24 September

Macclesfield and District Netball League

v Poynton High School

Y7	won	10-8
Y8	lost	5-9
Y9	won	17-5
Y10	won	18-4
1st team	won	19-4

The following girls have been selected to play for Cheshire County U14 Elite Squad : Ellie Hicks, Lydia Hicks, Charlotte Stafford (also tried for the N.W. development squad).

The following have been selected to pay for Cheshire County Under 14 Satellites: Luisi Bianchi, Jenny Calnon.

Also the U14's played in a tough competitive tournament on Saturday 4 October and successfully qualified to represent Cheshire in the next round of the National Schools next round. at the end of January. This will be the North West round and if successful we will go to the National Schools finals.

HOCKEY

Girl's Hockey

Wednesday 17 September

v St Edward's, Liverpool

won	1-0
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This was a very good result to start the season. Play was very much end to end with good defensive work and effort from everyone. Well done to Sarah Pickering for scoring the goal.

Several girls from Fence Avenue were involved in County trials recently. There were two rounds of

rigorous sessions held over two days. The following are to be congratulated on being selected for their respective age groups:

- U14 Lara Knowles, Holly Smith and Rosie Christiansen
- U15 Maddie Coutts
- U16 Jae Bowers.

Saturday 20 September

v Wilmslow High School

U13	won	1-0
U14	won	2-0
U15	lost	0-4
U16	lost	0-9

The U13 girl's another impressive win on Saturday at home against Wilmslow High with the goal scored by Alix Davies. The U14 team were impressive



hockey team had



too, winning 2-0 goals scored by Lara Knowles and Rafia Aslam.

Unfortunately the away matches were not so successful, the U15 teams were drawing 0-0 at half time but by full time the score was 4-0 to Wilmslow.

The U16 continue to strive for success but lost to a more skilful team, who were the U15 County champions last year. Better luck next time.
DMB

Saturday 4 October

v Mount St Mary's College

U13	won	11-0
U14	won	2-0
U15	draw	2-2
U16	lost	8-0

The U16 team are a mixed age group team and unfortunately goal keeper Lucy Underwood sustained an ankle injury during the warm up which saw her spend the entire match in the College medical room. Several of the U15 team stepped in at the last minute including Hannah Gradwell in goal, but against a Mount St Mary's team of first team and U16 players King's were very much outclassed and the match proved to be a disheartening 8-0 loss.

The U15 match however was a different story. This keen

and enthusiastic team fought with good positive attitude and an encouraging awareness of each other. There was some very good skilful attacking and defensive play which resulted in the 2-2 draw.

The U13 team won their match against Mount Saint Mary's College by an impressive 11-0.

Wednesday 8 October

U19 County Round

National Schools Hockey Tournament

The conditions could not have been better for this tournament, the weather was perfect, the pitch superb and the competition challenging.

The King's Macclesfield team led by Katherine Baker impressed the opposition and spectators alike. They set the tone with a spectacular display of fast, slick, perfectly timed positioned passes. The tackling and distribution of the ball was confident and accurate, the harmony and team focus a delight to witness.

Match 1 v The Grange School resulted in a 3-0 win to King's. (Rebecca Craigie 2 goals in her match debut and Rebecca Bamford scored the other goal.

Match 2 followed immediately and was against King's School Chester. Unfortunately tiredness was a factor which allowed King's Chester to penetrate our defence and score a superb last minute goal, The result a disappointing 1-0.

Match 3 was half an hour later against Wilmslow High School. The refreshed King's Macclesfield team returned to the pitch with 'bit between their teeth'. Their efforts paid off and another great win 2-0. Rebecca Craigie scored the first and Jess Quinn the second.

As runners up of the section they then played Lymm High School in the Semi Final. The result was a very pleasing 1-0 to King's, Sarah Pickering scoring the goal.

King's Chester beat Queen's Chester in their Semi Final and therefore King's Chester and Macclesfield met for the second time in the final. After an exciting match the result was a win to King's Chester 1-0.

Congratulations and well done to everyone on a splendid performance.

Boy's Hockey

Wednesday 17 September

v Sandbach School

1stXI	won	4-2
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The 1stXI started their season with a comfortable victory at Sandbach. A first half goal from Alex Eyre was cancelled out by a Sandbach short corner just before half time. An impressive 20 minute spell at the start of the second half saw Mike Dodd score twice and Howard Shribman once to put King's comfortably in control. As King's tired Sandbach scored a late consolation goal. There were some impressive performances on the field, with debutant Ben James being named as Man of the Match.

Saturday 20 September

v Merchant Taylors'

U15 won 3-1 (Tom Gowans 2, Richard Barratt)
U14 lost 3-0

Wednesday 24 September

v Merchant Taylors'

1stXI lost 2-0

The first XI were missing two key players and were slow to adapt, conceding two early goals. King's then dominated much of the game squandering many clear cut chances. This was a very disappointing result, losing a game that they could have won comfortably.

Wednesday 1 October

v Hall Cross School

1stXI won 5-3 (Matt Wreglesworth, James Gibson, Mike Dodd, Frankie Bryant 2)

King's were quick off the mark after a two hour journey and following quick thinking and a decisive pass from Emile Broome, Matt Wreglesworth scored the opening goal after only 50 seconds! King's defensive frailties and aggressive play from Hall Cross then resulted in three goals for the home team. The half time team talk sorted the defensive problems out and King's were soon imposing their passing game on their Yorkshire opponents. A reverse stick shot from James Gibson and a deceptive shot from Mike Dodd put King's on level terms before two decisive strikes from Frankie Bryant sealed the game for the visitors.

Tuesday 7 October

v Hall Cross School

U14 lost 0-1
U15 lost 2-3

Wednesday 8 October

v Knutsford (Cheshire Cup)

1stXI lost 2-3

The 1stXI were unable to match the aggressive and physical play of the Knutsford team, but their superior ball skills saw them come from behind to lead 2-1 with only three minutes to go. Mistakes then cost the team victory.

SWIMMING

Jess Burns of 9ANJB took part in a 2.5K Open Water swim whilst on holiday on a Greek Island.

All the other competitors were older males, she was the only female and to her credit she won in a very commendable time. Well done Jess.

DMB.

SAILING

July 2008

Cumbrae Sailing

This year's sailing club at the Scottish National Centre took place at the end of the Summer term. This time the sailors were all boy, eleven from Years 7 and 8 and eight from years 11 to 13. Henry Williams and Alex Wood of Year 12 made their fourth trip.

Sailing skills



don't depend on age in years and the mix of skills and ages is reflected in a very pleasing degree of social interaction.

Our aim this year was to give every sailor the chance to experience 'big boat' a Jeanneau 37

sailing on which the centre made available for the week but the assistant principal left a message that the centre's second cruiser, an Elan 36, was free



and would be available to us, should we wish to use it. We did. John Simpson skippered Santa Vey on a three day 'Start Cruising Course', and



Somerled had some interesting sailing, the most demanding sail being the return trip from Brodick Bay where a forecast 14-16 knot wind changed direction from S.E. to N.E. at 30+ knots. The boat had the wind on the nose

so to speak. The crew responded ably and special mention has to be made of Max Wilkinson, in organising Ali Bremner and Henry Williams in reefing the boat. It was a sail to remember and a powerful



illustration of the robustness of a modern yacht. The group stayed overnight in Largs Marina because of the magnitude of the waves breaking over the pontoon at Cumbrae.



Next year's trip has already been booked. All of this year's instructors made a point of saying how much they enjoyed sailing with our groups.

Their enthusiasm and commitment are complemented by a friendliness and willingness to help fellow group members and others.

B Edwards