

King's Sports Bulletin

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HIGHLIGHTS in this issue are Gregg Booker regional Cyclo Cross Champion

RUGBY

In terms of rugby fixtures, the early part of 2010 has been disrupted by the inclement weather. Block fixtures versus St. Edward's College, Liverpool, and our local rivals Stockport Grammar have been cancelled. That has meant a sporadic number of available practice sessions and matches for all age groups. The 1st XV managed to play their Daily Mail Cup last 16 match versus RGS Newcastle and finished narrowly, as the mist and fog descended. The match ended in a nail biting 0 - 0 draw. There was some respite as matches were played against Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, in a brief bout of sunshine - a single highlight really in the second half of the season. The U12 side managed to play RGS Lancaster on Friday 29 January losing 26 - 0 to the home side, the first defeat without points this season. Hopefully, the rest of the term February will be better and we can retain some continuity leading up to the Junior Festival on 27 February and then on into the Rugby 7's season.

Saturday 5 December

v Stonyhurst

1st XV	Won	8 - 6
2nd XV	Won	29 - 12
U16	Won	52 - 0
U15 'A'	Lost	0 - 3
U15 'B'	Won	41 - 5
U14 'A'	Won	34 - 0
U14 'B'	Won	48 - 0
U13 'A'	Lost	5 - 27
U12 'A'	Won	31 - 5
U12 'B'	Lost	5 - 44



The King's Lion prowls on this week with 7 from 10 victories versus Stonyhurst. The U16, U15B, U14A and U14B sides won comfortably 52 - 0, 41 - 5, 34 - 0 and 48 - 0 respectively proving that their all rounded approach

to the game in attack and defence is paying off. The U15A lost narrowly 0 - 3 which just about summed up their afternoon. The 1st XV won 8 - 6 in a close match and the 2nd XV managed another victory taking their record to only one defeat so far this season. The U12B sustained their first loss 5 - 44. However, the U12A remain undefeated this season.

Saturday 23 January

v RGS Newcastle Daily Mail Cup

1st XV Draw 0 - 0



v Merchant Taylors'

2nd XV	Lost	0 - 24
U16	Draw	0 - 0
U15 'A'	Won	8 - 0
U15 'B'	Lost	10 - 19
U14 'A'	Lost	0 - 10
U14 'B'	Lost	3 - 15
U13 'A'	Won	19 - 0
U13 'B'	Won	52 - 0
U12 'A'	Won	58 - 0
U12 'B'	Won	15 - 10

The weekend headline is dominated by the 1st XV's attempt to surpass RGS Newcastle in reaching the quarter final stage of the U18 Daily Mail Cup competition. A huge crowd turned up to watch a nail biting affair that could have been compared to an arm wrestle. Both sides were relentless in attack and defence with chances to break the deadlock at either end. King's exerted some early pressure, but let the away side off the hook with a series of penalties. RGS looked dangerous out wide, but the King's scramble defence was consistently effective. With minutes to spare, King's engineered an opportunity for a winning drop goal attempt, with a series of pick and drives by the forward pack. Unfortunately, RGS rushed at the kick

and prevented George Drury from obtaining the winning score. From the ensuing contact they managed to win the ball back and relieve the pressure by kicking the ball from the field. The match ended as a 0 - 0 draw and in the Daily Mail rules it states that in the event of an occurrence of this kind the away side wins the match. So unfortunately the King's side does not progress, 'Out, but not beaten!'

Saturday 23 January

CYCLING

Regional Cyclo Cross Championships



Gregg Booker represented King's in the BSCA Regional Cyclo Cross Championships at Thornbridge Outdoor Centre in Ashford in the Water, Derbyshire. In difficult, snowy conditions he led from the start and lapped the 2nd and 3rd placed boys to finish in 1st place winning the title of 2009/10 U12

Regional Cyclo Cross Champion. He competes in the BSCA National Championships on 21 February also at Thornbridge.

NETBALL

Saturday 23 January

v Newcastle under Lyme School

U12	lost	16-26
U13	lost	4-38
U15	lost	10-25
U16	lost	18-35

We also had U12 and U13 hockey fixtures against Liverpool College at the same time as these matches. Also several key players in the U15 team were unable to commit to the school fixture so none of our teams was at full strength - otherwise the results could have been very different.

U14 Netball Cheshire County Tournament

This was a day of ups and downs. The girls gave a great account of themselves and played some excellent netball. There were times when silly mistakes were made which cost us the game. A special mention must go to Kate Garnett and Katie Cornish who held the attack together and were outstanding throughout the day.

v Alsager	lost	3-7
v Lymm	drew	2-2
v EPCHS	drew	6-6
v Bishops	won	7-5
v Congleton	lost	1-10
v Fallibroome	lost	0-10
v Hartford	won	5-0

HOCKEY

Girls' Hockey

Saturday 23 January

v Liverpool College

U15 lost 2-0

The result of the U15 match was disappointing because of the availability of certain players U15 meant that the team played with eight players plus an U13 Goal Keeper.

U13 '7' a side

This match resulted in a heavy defeat despite a gallant



effort by the King's girls.

U12 '8' a side match lost 3-0

Our hosts won the first half 3 - 0 but King's grew in confidence and determination during the second half and managed to hold them to a 0 - 0 draw, resulting in a 3-0 win for Liverpool College.

Cheshire Junior Hockey Academy

Two King's girls made it through to the East Cheshire Junior Academy Hockey under 14's. A number of our girls trialled but Ali Davies and Pippa Forsyth got through. Well Done to them.

Wednesday 27 January

v Lymm High School

1stXI draw 2-2

Monday 25th January

v Sandbach School



U16 won 2-1

To observe how well the few girls who had progressed from last year's U16 team had blended with the older players was a delight to behold. They all played with application and enthusiasm despite the adverse weather conditions.

It was good end-to-end play; the pace made even faster by the new 'self pass' rule.

The final result a draw with goals scored by Katie Pickering and Grace Hennell.

Thursday 28 January

v Fallibroome High School

U14/U15 won 1-0

The King's girls were prepared for an U15 match followed by an U14 match, but because Fallibroome had problems fielding two age groups they played as a mixed age group.

Despite the King's U15s and U14s never having played competitively as a mixed team before they soon settled down to some constructive hockey.

Fallibroome fought hard and gave the King's girls a good game but the final result was a 1 - 0 win to us.

Saturday 30 January

v Wilmslow High School.

U15 lost 4-0

U14 won 3-0

U13 lost 5-0

The U14s played with a mixture of ages from years 7 - 9 which proved quite a useful experience for the younger players. Imogen McCance (Y7) in fact had a storming match and scored one of the three winning goals! The other goals were scored by Ali Davies.

Unfortunately the U13 '7's and the U12 '7's were both beaten.

Boys' Hockey

Many fixtures have been lost due to the bad weather, the only results this term are: -

Saturday 23rd January

v Birkenhead School



U15 lost 6-1

U14 won 5-2

Wednesday 27th January

v Birkenhead School

1st XI won 4-3 (Emile Broome 2, Andy Taylor, Mike Dodd)

Modules and module preparation resulted in only 10 players being available for this match. This did not deter the team though as they started strongly and the very good Birkenhead goalkeeper was forced to make some good early saves to keep his team in the game. Against the run of play, Birkenhead opened the scoring and doubled their lead until Emile Broome's deft touch fooled the keeper and brought the King's team back into the game just before half time. Not long after the restart Emile added the finishing touch to another crisp move to bring King's level. Following more neat passing, Andy Taylor pushed the ball wide in front of goal but he made amends soon after to give King's a deserved lead. Birkenhead poached an equaliser but it was King's who rightly scored the winner close to time when Mike Dodd rounded the keeper to slot the ball into an empty net. This positive result will give King's confidence for when they play Birkenhead in the North West finals in two weeks time.

Thursday 28th January

v Cheadle Hulme School

U13 played four seven a side games winning three and losing one.

JUNIOR SPORT

Friday 11 December

v The Manchester Grammar School

U11 Rugby Won 14-0

Tries Jack Hudson (2)

King's played well, dominating the opposition territory for much of the game. Both tries were scored by team captain Jack Hudson, who was a constant threat in attack and managed to turn the ball over on numerous occasions in defence. This was an excellent end to the term, with the team making fantastic progress. We look forward to the many challenges that await the team.

Thursday 21 January

v Birkenhead Prep

(AJIS Cup Quarter-Final Replay)

U11 Rugby Lost 14-0