

Skill, Grit, Courage...But No Luck!

On Wednesday, Bury's Court's Hockey Team fought like tigers in a vastly improved performance from the previous week. Against a far more superior unit than the Hawthorns fielded last year, our brave little hockey players went down 3-2 with all guns blazing in a bruising, bloodied pitched battle of an encounter.

Following our disappointment at Surbiton, the team re-grouped and thought hard about the areas which needed improving. Each player had been reminded of their specific functions in black and white -literally! The specifics -written on card- had earlier been glued onto their desks for inspection and analysis! Chief amongst these involved the wingers staying available to receive both crosses from the middle and passes from the backs. George Mustchin and Nick Gill did not disappoint; they put in a star performance. Mustchin in particular was back to his best. He stayed wide and "available" whilst also charging down the right wing and crossing into the centre. It was this scenario which resulted in Tarran Lineham scoring the first goal -identical to the one which initiated our great success at Horsham twelve days ago. An equaliser at half-time meant that open warfare was about to be waged in the second half. It became physical! One Hawthorns player flicked the ball straight into the face of the commander-in-chief, Oscar Loft -an appalling foul! The umpire (your correspondent was not umpiring this game) really should have sent him off -at least, temporarily- but the miscreant was allowed to stay on the battlefield. As fortune would have it, the boy concerned was a terrific hockey player in his own right who had no need to resort to this level. However, Loft -as Davy Crockett did at The Alamo- staggered on, manfully refusing treatment or even sympathy. He expected no quarter because he had given none!

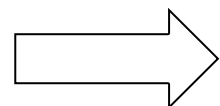
Lineham then got into the act, scoring his second goal. This was another goal scored under pressure -but also under quite serious pain. The "Blond Bomber" had entered the game with quite a nasty finger injury due to a slip up in the DT lesson! His hockey glove had been left behind so he fought through the campaign for forty painful minutes. By the end of the game, his middle finger was twice the width of the corresponding one on the other hand. You can't buy this kind of courage or commitment in the shops. It comes from within and Tarran has it -in plenty!

As the half hour approached, the Hawthorns managed to scramble a second goal. The real heartbreak occurred with four minutes remaining when the ball ricocheted off Loft's foot into the goal during a last, desperate effort to hold the fort. The ball slipped over the line and was given -quite inexplicably and erroneously- as a goal! It should have resulted in a penalty/short corner but c'est la vie!

Lesser teams would have let their heads drop and given up. Not our little heroes. The last three minutes were spent in a ferocious assault on the opposition HQ -the Hawthorns D. There must have been four such attacks but each one was repulsed by a weary enemy, desperate for the war to end. When it did, both sides could barely summon the strength to walk off! A terrifically tight battle fought by two excellent teams.

Several soldiers need to be mentioned in dispatches. Corbyn Johannes' tackling was ridiculously good; each time he was charged down, he tackled brilliantly and, more often than not, sent the ball to Mustchin. It was great to see such tenacity and skill! Ed Wilkinson played with his usual "over my dead body" determination. These two were replaced by Joe McLaughlin and Marcus Malley -two young privates who surely deserve promotion for some of the future battles that lie ahead.

The sentinel, Liam Patel, christened the brand new goalkeeper's helmet with perhaps his best performance yet! He is a formidable goal-keeper. He deserves a medal!



We still have improvements to make and we know that our Agincourt awaits next Wednesday when we play a triangular Tournament in Woking against our nemesis at Surbiton (St. Andrews) and face then the might of St. George's, Weybridge. These are mightily schools pooling from resources Seven, eight, nine times bigger than that which we as yet possess. Yes, they probably think this little army will be annihilated. Perhaps it will be ... but we are going to ensure that not only will our tactics have improved even more but that we will fight - As Henry V was prepared to do - to the death. I, personally, wouldn't swap this little band of warriors for anything! Their guts and determination merit a huge WELL DONE!

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JAMES TINDALL

James is England's leading scorer in the 2010 Commonwealth Games. He will be visiting Burys Court at 4.30p.m. on Thursday 17th February. Everyone welcome to come along and meet James

PLEASE NOTE

FRIDAY 18TH FEBRUARY AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB IS CANCELLED DUE TO THE START OF HALF TERM HOLIDAY.

February		
Monday 14th	Lunch 4.00p.m. 4.30p.m.	Chicken Curry with Rice and Poppadum's. Burys Court Mess Drum Lesson Football club
Tuesday 15th	Lunch 4.30p.m.	Chicken Fajitas with sour cream, Guacamole and Salsa. Chocolate Mousse. Italia Conti
Wednesday 16th	Lunch 2.30p.m. 2.45p.m. 4.30p.m.	Spaghetti Carbonara with Salad Peaches and Cream Hockey v St. Andrews's (A) Little Berries parents tea with Mrs Baker in the front hall. Art Club
Thursday 17th	Lunch 4.30p.m.	Steak and Mushroom pie with mixed vegetable Jelly with Cream Hockey Club (Team only)
Friday 11th	Lunch	Baguettes with cheese, ham, tomatoes and coleslaw. Doughnuts HOCKEY—CANCELLED

Monumental well done to Ed Wilkinson! Apart from being a terrific hockey player, Ed-on Sunday-won a silver medal for rowing 464 metres in 2 minutes at the South of England Indoor championship in the Junior Under Eleven category. What a performance! Well done Ed!



Also, just to remind you that Tarran Lineham recently won a gold medal in a NATIONAL(!!!) Gymnastics championship. If you wish to have this confirmed, ask the 2010 World Champion Beth Tweedle. Not only did she see him perform, but she even wanted her photo taken with Tarran!! A truly awesome performance! Well done, Tarran!



Extra Fact

Did you know that our swimming teacher Mrs Christine Addison is one of only 1,600 people to have swum the English Channel!!!

No wonder Burys Court/Moon Hall College's sporting reputation is growing so fast!



Little Berries

Mrs Baker would like to invite Little Berries Parents to join her for a tea /coffee in her office on Wednesday 16th February from 2.45p.m.



Red Nose

College 2 are holding a tuck shop during break each Monday and Thursday, Please send your child in to school with a small amount of money for hot chocolate, biscuits and sweets.



Sports Kit

Please ensure your child has a plastic carrier bag in their sports bag so that it can be used to hold shoes and hang them up .

We would also like the children to have a navy blue linen shoe bag for kit from Swots ready for the new cloakroom. This must be named clearly.

Dunnottar Swimming Gala—Year 2—College 1

The Gala will take place at Dunottar School , Reigate between 3.30p.m. and 5.00p.m. on Monday 28th February 2011.

Further details are attached to this newsletter.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School finishes on Friday 18th February at 4.00p.m.

We start back for the second half of term on Monday 28th February.

Court Circle Parents Association

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 2nd March at 8.00p.m. Court Circle meeting.

Saturday 19th March between 5.00- 9.00p.m. Pamper Evening. Further details attached to the newsletter.

Bag2School

Please keep your unwanted items of clothing, bedding, handbags and curtains for our bag2school collection in May.

