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OA's U8's Weekly News

The Greens took part in the John Gray Cup at Welwyn RFC on Sunday 18th March 2007

This week the Greens took part in an invitation triangular cup match at Welwyn RFC, playing both Welwyn and Harpenden. Well done and thanks to all who turned out to represent the club and our age group. Thanks also to the coaches for looking after the team at this event. Although the scores do not indicate victory, taking part in this event is an important step for the Greens before taking part in the County Tag Festival in a few weeks time prior to saying goodbye to tag rugby. The Yellows, Reds and Blues all trained at home.

The Greens

Hopefully the Greens' first tournament experience on Sunday wasn't too traumatic, although the games of British Bulldog against the dads was probably more fun than the matches ... especially when some of the dads were trying to tag whilst carrying hot dogs.

As for matters on the pitch, we came a distant second in both games ... our refusal to tag continuing to be a problem ... hopefully all of the boys and of course, Ashling, are simply focusing on those happy days of crash tackling that start in the autumn. At least we managed to give all of the squad some match time and I only managed to have eight players on the pitch for some of the games ... I never was much good at maths.

For the record, **we lost 11:5 to Harpenden** (despite actually leading at one stage ... requests for random drugs testing were denied, although I definitely saw Calpol being sneaked onto the pitch) ... our try scorers were Matthew Ellis (x2), Joseph Henman (x2) and Thomas Murphy.

Against **Welwyn** we once again went into the lead and then got bored with all of the tagging nonsense, **losing 10:3**. Our try scorers were Matthew Ellis (who was our standout attacker), Rory Jeram and Ashling Larmer ... who scored the first try by a girl in our under 8s season.

Much respect to Mr Gianni the referee, who refused to take a bribe ... although we could have done with him ending both matches about five minutes early.

For the record, the players in the squad were: *Joseph Hensman, Thomas Murphy, Maxim Vuolo, Louis Thomas, Matthew Ellis, Ashling Larmer, Connor Gillen, Oscar Finnie, Harry Deeks, Rory Jeram, Luke Barbour and Thomas Dee.*

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