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OA U8's Weekly News

The Matches played away at OVs and Tabard on Sunday 21st January 2007

The Greens

Another all action classic from the Green barbarians thrilled a crowd of frozen and muddy parents. Despite losing 6:4 (tagging is just so for the attack-minded greens), the boys did really well against Tabard's 1sts & are starting to play like a team. Rhys Williams was the standout attacker with a hat-trick - the Welsh selectors of 2020 please take note ... & Joseph Hensman rounded off some great running with the other score. Maxim Vuolo eventually shook-off a heavy Saturday night and was responsible for some good tagging - just wait until the boy is allowed to tackle.

Credit also due to Brian for co-ordinating three sets of teams in different venues ... all of whom turned up in the right place, with kit & even the right coach. An amazing achievement for a Sunday morning ... although one that I suggest we do not repeat too often.

Report by Martin Thomas

The Reds and Yellows travelled away to a fixture with Tabard RFC in Radlett.

The Yellows

The Yellows travelled to local rivals OVs on Sunday and, for the first time this season, won all of their games.

Although the day was fine, the pitch was very muddy - but this didn't seem to curtail the Yellow's attacking spirit. Some fine attacking rugby saw 21 tries scored in two matches. Once again our organisation, passing and attitude were first class BUT our defence was the weak part of our game. The boys were getting to the player bit not quite making the tags -once we get this part of the game sorted out we will be unstoppable.

So while I cannot say that anyone was outstanding in defence, I can certainly praise a number of attackers: John and Paul Greener were difficult to stop whenever they received the ball, Andrew Doughty made some fine runs, including one from behind our try line practically the whole length of the pitch, Kane White stretch the defence with his rangy running, Jasper Williamson's good support play and running brought him a number of tries but my top attacker award goes to Harry Newman-Booth not only for his high try count, but for his fine support play and good reactions whenever the ball went to ground.

Lastly, the Yellows had a guest player in James Lear from the Reds.

Scores in the two games were – Chesham 10-11 OAs and OVs 8 – 10 OAs. Well done boys.

Report by Simon Mitchell

The Reds

The Reds' had a hard fought draw (4-4) in their first match against Tabard with Toby Spence (3) and Ed Birchinall (1) scoring tries. The team worked hard on defence with some good try-saving tackles from James and Simon, but unfortunately we gave away a couple of soft tries from broken play.

In our second match the Reds' rocked - the flankers were sprinting to close down Tabard from re-starts and the ball was whizzing down the line in attack – passing, movement and support were great. Toby Spence profited most from good team play with 2 more tries and James Yurkwich crashed over in the corner for a third. Defence was excellent with the Red wave repelling two thirds of Tabard's moves close to the line (it was like Wasps against Castres!). Indeed the last move of the game had Reds' charging from behind the line to snare the 6th tag and win the match 3-1.

Rock on...

Report by Tim Birchinall