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OA U8's Weekly News

Hosting Tring at Home Sunday 4th December 2006

This week we were at home hosting two teams from Tring. The weather was kind to us as it always seems to be lately when we play at home and thanks as always to our enthusiastic parents. I list match reports from the teams who all worked very hard and had a very productive morning.

The Blues

Highlights for this week for me (leaving aside watching the mighty Oliver of Tring for a moment). We had a great morning and some enjoyable matches against Tring. Players with exceptional performance were Jonathan Powdrell for 2 tries against Tring's A team. Archie Radavanovic for a long run with Brian screaming at his tail to watch the touchline! Well done to Archie who gets our player of the day for exceptional and ongoing consistent performance and for scoring in both matches. Charlie Moffatt for catching a long bullet pass to score a try at the end of a move which suggested that if ever the Blues really tried passing there would be no stopping them!

Andy Stewart

The Greens

The Mighty Greens team had a great morning as usual and played some great matches against both the Tring Teams and also against our own teams, well done. Sadly no formal records were kept, any offers for next week will be much appreciated!

The Yellows

They played three matches on Sunday and won two and lost one.

The first match was against the Greens, who were a good challenge for the Yellows however the team spirit that had been generated from the previous week was evident and the Yellows soon got in to there stride with some good try's notably Conor Mitchell, Caswell Sparks and Harry Newman-Booth.

The second game was against Tring B team, which was won 6 - 3 with 3 tries to Harry and one each for Rory Superfine, Kane White and Paul Green. This was a much better game with some excellent support play and it is good to see

both Paul and John Greener holding the wing positions and when the ball does come to them they have the ability to run straight (ish).

The importance of good defence paid off, as we had the ability to force Tring backwards on a number of occasions and getting turnover ball from constant tagging. The outstanding taggers for the morning were Caswell (you wont get past me) Sparks and James Clark.

The third match was a good test against a well organised Red team who have some exceptional runners in the team, sadly our tagging during this match let us down, a number of tags were missed which resulted in a disappointing defeat.

Whinge of the week - "Don't miss your tags".

Matt Moffatt

The Reds

This Sunday we had the visit of Tring, our close rivals from last season and once again the matches proved to be very tight.

We played two matches against Tring, winning the first against their "Reds" team - four tries to three. The big improvement in this game from last week was the tagging and defence play. Special mention must go to Simon Jones who quietly but effectively plays solidly week in week out and gets many tags during the games. The tries in this game from Finlay, Toby Palmer and a brace from Toby (what is a straight line) Spence.

The second game against Tring "Blues" was much harder and I thought we did well to stay close throughout and only some slack play (which I will come onto at the end) enabled Tring to run out winners 4-3. The game was also notable for our second penalty try in two weeks as Toby Palmer was pushed to the ground as he was about to score. Toby did then get another try of his own as did Toby Spence.

The final game saw us pitched against OA yellows who proved to be strong opposition and caused many problems before the Reds improved in the second half and ran out 7-3 winners (tries from Finlay 3 (well done on the hat trick!) and two each from Toby Spence and Toby Palmer.

Whinge of the week - the needlessly running into touch, the culprits know who they are - the whole team !!! This not only cost the team at least three tries but also directly resulted in Tring scoring a couple.

As I said at the beginning Tring are a strong club and overall the Reds performed well and are improving each week. The player of the week was Toby Palmer who tagged well and scored 4 tries and as mentioned earlier Simon Jones was the tagger of the week

Rick Powdrell