

Warminster Sport – Spring Term 2019

Girls Netball Report

It has been a real privilege to be involved with the development of all the girls this season. The girls have played 59 fixtures this term and the results have seen an 11% improvement from last year.

1st VII have had a great season and have been competitive throughout. This group of girls have gone from strength to strength as the season has progressed. They narrowly lost against a very strong Prior Park team and secured an excellent victory against Kings Bruton U18B side coming from behind in the last quarter. They finished the season on a high, soundly beating Milton Abbey 41-9.

Lucie Brinker has been an outstanding Captain and will be sorely missed next year. I have enjoyed reading her excellent and honest match reports.

A special mention to **Megan Galpin** and **Issie Morris** who have both played several fixtures for the 1st VII this term. Notable performances: **Lucie Brinker** and **Maisie Craven-Smith** are a formidable duo in the shooting circle. **Poppy Helm** has been outstanding in defence.

Colts A Netball have had an outstanding season. This group of girls has shown resilience when they have come under pressure. Their hardest match was against a talented St Marys Shaftsbury Team. They secured a 27-25 win, which has enabled them to end the season unbeaten. Defence, Centre Court and Attack have all flowed. It is hard to single any individual out as they play as a team, all complimenting each other. It will be exciting watching them develop as they move up to the seniors next year.

Team: **Issie Morris, Immie Brumby (Captain), Ellie Harris, Megan Galpin, Grace Garner, Lottie Craven-Smith, Alice Thornton**

The junior teams have worked hard throughout the term with some excellent performances and results. The junior A side soundly beat Downside at the start of term 25-7 and added a victory against Millfield U13 B team 21-8. **Jess Fortune** and **Maisie Slack** both shot well all season. **Jennifer Dale** has really shone in defence with **Anna Galpin** acting as a vital link between the attack and defence.

The junior B-side has gone from strength to strength and are a tight unit. They must be congratulated on a thoroughly deserved unbeaten season. Two key games that clinched the season were emphatic wins over both Prior Park and Stonar.

Team: **Livvy Curry, Mimi Crouch, Ava Dempsey, Grace Peachment, Tilly Nickell, Ella Grewall, Issy Byass, Sunny Yang, Lottie Humphris.**

Congratulations to **Lottie** and **Maisie Craven-Smith** who have both represented Team Bath Netball Club at a regional level.

Girls Netball Colours

Junior: **Jennifer Dale, Anna Galpin**

Inter: **Megan Galpin, Issie Morris, Imogen Brumby**

Senior: **Lucie Brinker, Poppy Helm, Hannah Kirwan**

Boys' Hockey Report

A very busy term with up to 12 teams playing on a Saturday and up to 21 teams in a week.

Boys' 1st XI played 12 matches, won 6 and lost 6. This was always going to be a tough season having a small squad and a very young side, only 3 Upper Sixth. However, the results do not tell the full story. Although a small and young squad, it played some fantastic hockey. Five of the six defeats were very close and could have gone either way. The toughest match and biggest defeat was to Kings Edwards, Southampton, a new fixture. Although the 1stXI lost they played some of their best hockey in this match. These sorts of matches can bring out the best in a challenging environment. The 1stXI has been captained but more importantly led by **Robbie Maclean**. He has led by example when unwell, injured or up against it.

Away from school, **Edward Hall** has been successful and has been selected to be part of the England Hockey Performance Centre programme.

For the Year 9 and 10, four teams were created; Colts A, Colts B, Colts C and Colts D to match some of our opposing schools. Putting four teams out for these years was going to be a challenge. Thank you to the boys who stepped up at the last minute to support a team and those who doubled up to play for more than one team to help out.

The Colts B played 6 matches, won 2, drew 1 and lost 3. Their result of the season was the 2-2 draw with King Edwards, Southampton, away. Again in the 3 matches lost the results were very close.

For our under 13 and under 12s we put out 6 teams. On many a Saturday every year 7 & 8, if fit and available, represented the School. These teams had the busiest programme with mid-week fixtures against strong Prep Schools alongside the Saturday programme.

The under 13 team with support from some under 12s ended the term superbly, hitting their form at the right time. They went to the West U13 in 2 Hockey finals. This was the best 16 schools from the West. In their pool matches they came second, winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 1. In the quarter finals they met Exeter College. Warminster had control, of the whole game putting the mighty Exeter under pressure throughout. Warminster could not find the break through so ended 0-0. The U13s then went agonisingly on penalties. The team was devastated but we hope really proud of what they achieved.

The stand out teams of the term for results, were the Colts A and U12A squads.

The Colts A only lost one of their normal matches to King Edwards, Southampton. It was a day when during the match 5 players were injured including the GK who had to go to hospital, oh the ups and downs of sport. This team scored 54 goals in the term, reaching 9 goals in 4 matches. They ended the term beating the OVs in a fantastic spectator match. Very early in the term the Colts A met Millfield in the National cup and lost agonisingly 2-1 in the dying moments. Warminster dominated the match but missed an opportunity. Millfield were so impressed that we are trying to organise a new block fixture between the two schools.

The U12A had an undefeated season. On the way beating like for like:

Dauntsey's 4-1
King Edward's, Southampton 4-1
Millfield 9-1
Monkton 9-0

They only conceded 4 goals all term with **William Sharpe** as ever, a force to beat in goal. This is a very strong cohort, a group to watch in the future.

Boys Hockey Colours

Seniors

Robbie Maclean
Todd Whichello

Inters

Angus Walker
Hugo Hawker
Oliver Nathan

Juniors

Cameron Silva
Theodore Taylor
Barnaby Craven-Smith
William Sharpe

Boys Football 1st XI Report

It has been a difficult season for Warminster's footballers. The squad has struggled with injuries and missing key players. They have only just begun to gel as a unit by March. Despite losing several games, the performance on the pitch in the latter half of the season have been encouraging against an increased level of opposition, compared to the previous year.

The boys have shown that they are capable of creating multiple scoring opportunities in matches, but lacked the composure in front of goal at times. With an ever-changing team, a lot of the squad have also played in several positions. I hope this has enabled pupils to develop a greater understanding of the game.

The low point of the season was both of the losses against Well Cathedral School. The reverse fixture in particular was incredibly disappointing. Despite a strong start to the game, the boys struggled to keep up with the pace of the opposition and found themselves reacting negatively to refereeing decisions and off the ball incidents. Although the performance was much better in the second half (Warminster were 5-0 down at HT) they lost the match 6-1. With a more resilient attitude, Warminster could have got a positive result out of the game!

On a positive note, several Year 11 pupils have stepped up and forged a place in the 1st XI as their own. Most notably **Oliver Gairdner-Burrows**, who has played regularly at left fullback and **Linus Luberichs**, playing as a forward.

In Year 12 there have been also been positive and consistent performances from **Alfie Dackombe** and **Marcus Mcquilton**, both playing in midfield positions and demonstrating flair on the ball with an eye for the odd goal too.

For Year 13 it will be the final season of football for several boys. The two-standout performers in the year group have been Captain **Marcello Avesani** and **Alex Halls**. Both of whom have put in consistent performances in fixtures and shown a desire in training to improve and develop football at the school.

To conclude, the squad have made decent progress tactically with the majority pulling in the same direction to promote a positive ethos amongst the group. I would like to thank Year 13 who will leave the school this year for pastures new. I do hope that they have enjoyed training sessions and representing Warminster School playing 11-a-side football.

Senior Colours

Alex Halls
Marcello Avesani

Senior Basketball Report

An excellent season for our basketball team, with the re-introduction of fixtures and regular training twice a week. The boys have been outstanding. Their attitude and approach to playing has been great to see, and it has been a pleasure to help coach them and be involved in their season. Sam Zhang has led the team superbly and his enthusiasm for the sport has helped bring along new players.

At the start of the season, we started with six pupils turning up to training, and this soon grew and grew with 15 boys now regularly playing. **Cian Luk, Kelvin Ching, Tiger Cheng, Dylan Gosden, Jimmy Chow, Allen Chen, David Man** and **Ryan Suen** have been the stalwarts of the team.

Four fixtures this term have seen the boys gain a 100% win record, scoring 139 points and conceding just 70 in their matches. The sport continues to grow here at Warminster, and we look forward to building more fixtures for next year and hope the enthusiasm remains high for years to come.

This is the first time colours have been awarded for basketball.

Senior Colours

Sam Zheng
Cian Luk
Kelvin Ching
Dylan Gosden