

EBC SPORT

# MT24 SPORTS NEWS

## SECOND HALF



# HOCKEY

The girls hockey teams showed the usual Eastbournian character during the term with commitment, determination, and perseverance. One hundred and fifty plus players in ten teams played over 70 fixtures. The 1st XI, from 19 matches played, won ten and drew four with a highlight in winning their final game of the term to progress to the quarter-final of the national plate in the Lent term. The 2nd XI were very competitive with three wins and two draws from seven; the U15As won over half their matches and won through to round four in the national plate too. There were some great results and matches played throughout all the teams during the season and, in addition, the inter-house hockey tournament was a great event.

The boys indoor U16 and U18 teams impressively won their respective county titles and qualified for the south-east regional rounds with the U18s reaching the semi-final and narrowly losing to the national finalists.

Rob Hill, Director of Hockey OLY





# RUGBY

The rugby teams showed throughout the term the character Eastbourne rugby is known for: a never-give-up attitude. Over 200 boys competed in the 64 fixtures played during the term. The development of players was very impressive, as was the attitude to improve whether in the contact form of the game or touch rugby. All players deserve credit for the way they have put their bodies on the line game after game for each other, unlike any other sport. The 1st XV had an impressive year winning 67% of games, with the highlight being the Eltham festival where they took home the trophy after only conceding three points over five games in wet challenging conditions. They also finished runner up in the Churcher's tournament too. The 2nd XV worked tirelessly throughout the season with some impressive performances on the pitch and some incredibly close games which went both ways at times. The UI6 teams had some fantastic games but fell on the wrong side of the scoreboard on a few occasions. All teams and players are worthy of a mention with three other teams having won 50% or better during the season with the UI5A, UI4A and UI4B teams leading the way. Christmas brought the conclusion of rugby for the junior end of the school but rugby continues in the Lent term with the seniors and fixtures before the build up to the national Rosslyn Park 7s, the world's biggest rugby tournament.

Olly Torri, Director of Rugby





# Equestrian

Seven riders competed at Felbridge in the NSEA county show jumping qualifiers. We had, from St Andrew's, Milly P and Darcie W, and, from the College, Freya W, Mattie K, Meg L, Darcy D and Lola W.

In the 70-75cm class we had a brilliant clear round from Freya W and she placed seventh individually. Mattie had just four faults and Milly rode a really great round. The 80-85cm class saw an amazing clear round from Darcie W, which placed her third in the county and qualified her for the RPL at Hickstead in the summer. Mattie made her 80-85cm debut and had just one pole fall, with Lola completing a clear round too, which picked the team up fourth place.

The 90-95cm saw the team get fourth place, with Meg putting in a clear round, finishing tenth. Lola having just one pole down but being the second fastest four fault time and finishing thirteenth. Darcy rode a strong round again just having one pole down and coming fourteenth.

In the 1m-1.05m class, both Meg and Darcy rode really well, both just tapping a pole each finishing on four faults. It was a brilliant outing and all of the pupils supported each other so well. The girls have been training well, despite the cold wet weather with Mathilda attending the Grassroots final at Felbridge at the end of the term.

Clem Scott-Smith, Head of Equestrian





# SWIMMING

Round two of the Schools Super League was a real success, with the College hosting another three schools. We are currently in fourth position of the overall competition with 32 schools taking part. Hattie S is currently the fastest swimmer in the girls open competition for the 50m butterfly; this is excellent when she is only in Year 10. The intermediate girls and senior boys qualified for the national relays in Birmingham. They both achieved some personal bests on the day and are currently the most successful team in the school's history at national level. The boys qualified for the final and came seventh in the country in the freestyle and 20th in the medley relay. This is up against the biggest swim schools anywhere. A hugely impressive achievement.

The intermediate girls came 12th in the medley and 21st in the freestyle. Well done to the following swimmers: Iso Pennington Legh, B-Belle G, Blaithin C, Hattie S, Matt C, Josh Y, Charlie E-S, Harry P, Jamie F, Nate C. There has also been regional success from the numerous swimmers already named, including Stanley Y.

The squads have their eyes firmly set on the Weald and Downland Trophy and the national Bath Cup next term at the Olympic Park where the senior boys will be aiming to defend both their titles from 2023.

We also wish to congratulate the personal bests Matt Clark, Nate Cahill and Hattie Stone achieved at the men's and women's national winter finals competing against the best national swimmers at adult level.

They have had a tremendous term and are all looking forward to working towards new targets for next year.

Jess Simmonds, Head of Swimming

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# In other news

## Tennis

Continued daily training and some individual tournaments for two squad players. Gaby PL represented the Sussex Ladies team in the Winter County Cup, winning four out of six matches. Daisy Barrow and Emma Grantham are pursuing tennis Scholarship opportunities at US Universities.

We are delighted to welcome Jodie Tiley as a performance coach at the College. Jodie brings a wealth of experience from tennis here and in the US as well as a high-level playing ability.

Simon Gent, Head of Tennis



## Cricket

Winter cricket training was enjoyed throughout the term and we have seen over 80 pupils participating in the 121 programme. Senior boys cricket has begun and they are working hard with the girls cricket, across all age groups, also starting again. Junior boys will begin in earnest in January. We look forward to the Lent term cricket working towards the summer term, but also for those gearing up to tour South Africa (boys) and Dubai (girls).

Congratulations to all those selected on to the Sussex cricket pathway, Charl S (U16), Thomas V R(U16), Georgie P (EEP & U18), Jasmine B (U18) and Jack J (U15).

Matilda Callaghan, Director of Cricket



## Basketball

Over the course of this term our group has grown as a collective and battled through numerous fixtures where size and physicality has been against us. Results are mixed, more positive than negative and proudly, not once have we stopped fighting for the school.

Alongside team play, development players have worked hard and enjoyed the process of learning the game while growing their skill-set.

Luke Flanagan, Head of Basketball

# In Other News...



## Badminton

Plenty of momentum this half term and a shame that the storm prevented a final home match against Lancing College. We celebrated our first victories, against Ardingly, with the team winning by 81 points to 74 in a round robin format with five pairs of players on each side. Against Sevenoaks, in a rematch, where the As lost narrowly 4-5, the Bs stormed through 6-3 to give us an overall win of 10-8; a great confidence boost and reflection of progress made. A 6-3 win for the seniors v Tonbridge having been soundly beaten by them at the start of term, was another great reward for the effort put in.

The girls team fought hard against Roedean in a rematch, this time losing 67-97 but managing to demonstrate significant progress since the first encounter earlier in the term.

We look forward to matches against Lancing College, Hurstpierpoint and Mayfield in the Lent term.

Congratulations to over 20 players who have competed for the College in the mixed, girls and boys teams this term.

A convincing win against a developing EBC staff team (we'll be back) and a great 21-23 match against Lancing are other highlights.

Tim Clark, Head of Badminton



# In Other News...

## Netball

The 1st VII and UI6 teams travelled to Roedean to play in the England National Schools tournament. The teams ended mid-table after some challenging matches, but it was a chance to get some great game play under their belts. The girls have been playing in the Eastbourne Adult League on Thursday evenings still and sit in the top tier of Division 2 and will be continuing to play throughout the Lent Term.

All the girls are very much looking forward to next term and the full netball season.

Lisa Price, Director of Netball



## Fencing

A core group have trained throughout the term, with both returning and beginning fencers making good progress. A match against Worth provided good experience for all.

Abigail Ball, Head of Fencing



## Squash

The squash team has been a pleasure to coach this term with fixtures against Lancing, Christ's Hospital, Brighton and Hurst to end the term. It was wonderful to finish off the term with a 3-2 win against Hurst in our repeat fixture, improving on our 4-1 loss from earlier in the term.

Joe Wells, Head of Squash





# Simon Green Cup for Endeavour

With normally one or two winners in each term, there is often no recognition for pupils who have been shortlisted or recommended by staff for the award. This term, for their endeavour in sport, the following pupils should be recognised for showing the characteristics required to be shortlisted and should be very proud of what they have achieved:

Charlie E-S (Senior swimming)  
Tiggy T (1st XI hockey)  
Ryan L (senior basketball)  
Millie G (2nd XI hockey)  
Alex C (U16A rugby)  
Humreen E (3rd XI hockey)  
Erin H (U14A hockey)  
Seraphina W (U14B hockey)



AI W and Sophie F

The winners of the Simon Green Cup picked from the short list epitomise what the Cup is about and the following was read out in Chapel:

This pupil ticks all the criteria boxes for this award, and some. She has played over 160 fixtures for the College with still two terms remaining and this included the last year of fixtures in 2020/2021, so she would be over 200. In Year 10, she competed for the College in eight different sports. She won the senior girls aquathlon this term and has won the steeplechase in previous years. Her endeavour knows no bounds and she is at the peak of what an Eastbournian who enjoys sport and takes opportunities. This term she has captained the girls 1st XI hockey and has now played over 75 times, having been in the team for over four years and was often seen running up to Beresford to catch the part of senior training in Year 10. She was part of the teams which won the U18 England Hockey National Plate in 2022 and has led the team this term to the National Plate Quarter final, which will be played next term. She leads by example and has always been a role model to those around her. She sets the tone and intensity of sessions and match preparation by her friendly and infectious ability to encourage others around her to work hard and to be the best version of themselves. She always has an open and growth mindset when it comes to skill acquisition, and as a result she was selected into the East Grinstead England Talent Academy squad for the national Academy Festival in Nottingham.

For her endeavour over such a length of time and commitment to sport, Sophie F is undeniably a worthy recipient of this award.

This rugby player started his rugby journey in Year 9 in the U14Cs on Links 3. His dedication and commitment to developing himself for rugby has gone above and beyond in the most physically demanding sport. Over the past five years since then he has put in the hard work and commitment including additional sessions, a consistent approach to bettering himself in the gym as well as video analysis and even seeking and asking for assistance in developing his core skills. His dedication has shown him break records in rugby gym and become a real driver and positive energy to those around him. With this endeavour he pushed himself to be part of the 1st XV the past two seasons, an impressive effort for someone who started in the U14Cs. He has become inspirational to others and even a young player this year commented to staff: 'Sir, I know I'm relatively new to rugby, but I love it and my goal is to be the next AI W, work hard and maybe one day play for the first team.' Endeavour can sometimes go unnoticed and unseen but as a pupil population you are fortunate there are staff who see this endeavour grow and AI W is another worthy recipient of the award.



# Full Colours

## Rugby

Ross S

Will C

Eddie A

Ed N

Freddie J (c)

Tobias D L M

Theo S

Theo C

Jimmy H

## Hockey

Izzy S

Daisy D

Nelly B-S

Tiggy T



# Half Colours

## Rugby

Sebastian P

Jasper S

Al W

Barley O'C

Barney R

## Hockey

Rosie H

Bertie C

Emilia D

Millie D-H

Anya R

Jasmine B

Hannah D

Martha L

Evie G

Mary K-B

Ella B

## Squash

Alfie L

## Equestrian

Lola W

# HOUSE RESULTS

## GIRLS HOUSE RESULTS - MT24 STANDINGS

BLACKWATER



WATT



SCHOOL



Aquathlon

1. Watt

2. Blackwater

3. Nugent

4. School

Steeplechase

1. Watt

2. Blackwater

3. School

4. Nugent

Hockey

1. Watt

2. Nugent

3. Blackwater

4. School

Swimming

1. Watt

2. Blackwater

& School

3. Nugent

NUGENT





# HOUSE RESULTS

BOYS HOUSE RESULTS - MT23 STANDINGS  
ONLY 18 POINTS SEPARATE THE TOP 5!



## Aquathlon

1. Gonville
2. Reeves
3. Powell
4. Craig
5. Wargrave
6. Pennell

## Steeplechase

1. Craig
2. Reeves
3. Gonville &
4. Wargrave
4. Powell
5. Pennell

## Rugby

1. Wargrave
2. Craig
3. Reeves
4. Powell
5. Pennell
6. Gonville

## Swimming

1. Powell
2. Craig
3. Pennell &  
Gonville
4. Reeves
5. Wargrave

