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St Bede's and
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Catholic College

Sporting Round-up

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Officially Ranked 4th in the Country



It was a tough tournament with some fierce competition. The girls were fantastic all the way through and gave a great account of themselves. The most positive thing is we have a very young U18 team, so not only was getting to the final a great achievement but to finish 4th was even better. We were very close to coming 3rd however we lost 2-1 in a very hard fought match.

Whilst all our girls played with quality and pride, a special mention has to go to 'Player of the Tournament' Alexandra Rowe. Not only is Alex our youngest player and was also the youngest player at the entire tournament but she is also our goalkeeper, which for me is the toughest position

in Water Polo. My biggest compliment to her is that she made it look easy. She made key saves in all our matches, she was commanding and brave in her area and her passing was something to behold.

I will try get out some match reports early next week but the girls played some good Water Polo all afternoon and as I say we have a very young team and whilst the other schools will lose some of their players at the end of the year, all ours will remain and therefore get another go next year where will aim to place even higher.

1st - Kesteven & Grantham School

2nd - Alleyn's School

3rd - Trinity School

4th - **SBSJ**

5th - Bedford Modern School

6th - Manchester High School

Finally I'd just like to say it was a really good experience and the girls represented the school proudly from leaving Wednesday afternoon to getting back late Thursday evening. A big thank you to Mrs Helen Foster for giving up her time to come with the team and support the girls, something we really appreciate.

Coach Mr M Wright

The Team

Harriet Walker yr12

Matilda King yr12

Lauren Dixon yr12

Sara Steinberg yr9

Niamh Dolan-Baines yr9

Amelia Fullerton yr9

Lydia King yr9

Tamara Markey yr9

Alexandra Rowe yr8 -

'Player of the Tournament'

10 A Team Football – SBSJ 3 – Buttershaw BEC 1



On a foggy Friday evening, the SBSJ Year 10 first team travelled across the City to play Buttershaw in a Year 10 football league game.

I'll start the report by saying that this is the best game of Football that these boys have played as a team since they arrived at the College. The scoreline doesn't really reflect how dominant our lads were. Mr Ward from Buttershaw said, "these boys are the same mould as the Bede's boys of old!". Which is the biggest compliment a PE teacher could pay any of our current crop of youngsters.

The game started well, with Jacob McLoughlin dominant in the midfield area, really showing why he is so highly regarded with Bradford City FC. Jacob sat back and dictated play, ably supported by Jake Larvin who spoiled any Buttershaw momentum while Alfie Barker showed technical brilliance in ensuring that SBSJ kept the football. The dominance paid off when Joel Crawford played through Jacob Slater who turned superbly and played the ball across the goal to Louis Fialdini, who smashed it into the back of the net. Shortly before half time, Buttershaw did equalise with a well worked goal but it was completely against the run of play. This was almost immediately rectified when Louis Fialdini ran at pace towards the Buttershaw goal and placed the ball neatly into the bottom left corner.

Fialdini capped a man of the match performance with his hat trick goal, towards the end of the game.

With the new format of a 'premier' league in Bradford Schools football, SBSJ have played Buttershaw and Thornton and won both games, but both teams are due to come to Ardor and play return fixtures.

Match report by Coach Mr M Hargreaves

Y10 B Team

Match against Carlton Bolling

SBSJ changed formation at half-time to a 4-4-2 and this helped the team to control the game, and suddenly we were awarded a free kick outside the box and to the left of goal. Jordan Harrison then stepped up and curled in a 25 yard shot into the net, which made it 2-2. Then we went behind again, but with granite determination, James Nyallay (Captain) moved the team forward with a determined central midfield run and passed it to Jordan Harrison, who scored with a low driven shot into the inside of the left post, to make it 3-3. Then the game was end to end and both teams had chances, but then out of the blue the ball landed at Jacob Angus's feet and he hit a 30 yard screamer into the net, which then put SBSJ onto the brink of victory. Though it wasn't meant to be as Carlton Bolling scored an equalizer with only a few minutes left and we couldn't get a winner.

Overall, for their first ever league game as a team they did the school proud and if you see the students can you congratulate them.

Match against Hanson

Hanson away on Wednesday and were doing well for the first 15 minutes, but for the next 20 minutes we conceded 5 goals. At the end of the match we unfortunately lost 5-0, but for the last 25 minutes we didn't concede a goal and the team showed a gritted resilience to avoid losing by a wider margin.

Yesterday the first every league match at Ardor for a B-Team was played and history was created. The team won 5-3 against Dixon Trinity and this is the first time in a Bradford League game that a B-Team had defeated an A-Team. The team came back from 1-0 down and 2-1 down to end the first half 2-2. In the second half SBSJ B went ahead, but we conceded a sloppy goal to make it 3-3. Then we went ahead to make it 4-3, but this was the same position as last Thursday, when SBSJ drew to Carlton Bolling, though this time it wasn't. Jordan Harrison made sure of our victory with an excellent taken goal and we controlled the end of the game to win 5-3 as well as making history.

The win was a team effort and the goal scorers were Jordan Harrison (2), Leon Kowan, Shingie Nhandara and Nathan Leach. The defence was dominate for the second half (Isaac, Ben, Matt, Kaden and Damola ©) only conceding 1 goal and the midfield bossed the second half; making tackles, heading the ball (Yes, Jordan and James headed the ball) and creating chances. If you see the students today could you please congratulate them because history has been made, but this is their first every win as an 11 a side team. *Match reports by Coach Mr C McCormick*

