Wyvern Y8s triumph 4-0 in opening game of the season against Romsey rivals

By George Balmont

Despite the litres of water being dumped on their heads, Wyvern’s Year 8 football team didn’t give in to the conditions for their first game of the season in which they ran out as resounding 4-0 victors against a beaten Mountbatten side.

Rain pouring down on the sodden Wyvern field on Wednesday 16th September as Wyvern’s Year 8 football team faced their opponents Mountbatten: a side they had previously beaten last season with a close 1-0 result.

Having finished strongly last season, striker Adam Kenway described this opening game as "important because we don't know how much they've improved since last time."

Before kick-off, a relaxed Wyvern squad claimed they were confident going into the game and hoped to secure a strong win and bring home three points. As well as retaining their past season’s squad, the team was able to secure some exciting new additions to the squad. The dreary weather endured as the Mountbatten players, wearing their navy blue and yellow strip, arrived and Wyvern were issued their starting line up by coach Mr Zealander and the game began.

Mountbatten seemed dangerous from the first minute, making several aggressive moves into the Wyvern half in the first few minutes, though subdued by the strong Wyvern back four. As the opening exchanges of the game unfolded, Harry Mann floated a beautiful shot over a crowded box of Mountbatten and Wyvern players into the top right corner. 1-0. Both teams eager, Wyvern made a dangerous run coming from a cracking header only to get unlucky with the finish.

After numerous attempts to break on the counter from both teams, the Mountbatten keeper unfortunately landed a dodgy free kick in the path of Wyvern's striker in the middle of the park, who nodded it on forward to Adam Kenway who put it into the back of the net. Having recovered from a defending mishap caused by a fault in the pitch and the poor weather conditions, Wyvern struck again against the away side that appeared to have shown up without their boots. A ball curved across the ground from the right by Charlie Burton, skimming the keeper’s gloves for the third goal. The half time whistle went with Wyvern clearly dominant and raring for a big win.

The second half proved uneventful; Mountbatten’s front man was having a ‘mare’ after multiple off sides were caught by the attentive linesman. Despite their undeniable control of the game, Wyvern persisted until the final whistle, and were rewarded as in the dying embers of the game when Harry Mann pulled off a screamer from the edge of the box, straight down the middle beyond the keeper and into the back of the net; his second goal of the game.

After the game, Mr Zealander expressed that he was very happy with the result. He said "If we play like that for the rest of the season, we have a good chance of winning the league."

Writer’s Man of the Match: Harry Mann

Sports Day 2015

House Nightingale triumph in a memorable final Sports Day for departing PE legend Mrs K...
By Joshua Devereux

Wyvern College’s 2015 Sports Day turned out to be a great success in what was a fantastic last Sports Day for Mrs K which saw her house (Nightingale) lift the trophy after dominating the day.

There were quite a few new records made and some were closely challenged. This included Year 7 athlete Cormac Oliver who was one jump away from breaking the high jump record. Despite the bitter disappointment, he had this to say: “Yes I am a little disappointed but at the end of the day I feel good and have had a fun day.”

Also, many spectators were watching and Toby Wolveason said, “The race results have been fairly close today and on a scale of 1-10, I would say and 8 ½ in terms of the incredible outcome!”

One of the best parts about the competition was each house was successful in a year and in their own events. Adam Kenway, who came first in the boys 200m track event quoted, “I feel very happy that I have won one of my races. However there was a lot of competition on my heels throughout.”

Meanwhile, it wasn’t only the students that were enjoying the glorious sunshine; all teachers and tutors were as well. Mr Langdon, tutor of 7L3 commented, “The weather has held off and Lisle’s chances of winning looked increasingly strong!” However, this was proven not the case as Lisle finished fourth overall.

To top off a fantastic day for the whole school, Miss Jeffery, Year 7 pastoral leader said this: “The only event where the whole school participates. A highlight of the day was definitely the egg & spoon and finally because it was Mrs K’s last ever Sports Day before retiring.”

All in all, a fantastic first Sports Day for the Year 7 students!
The crowd falls silent; you can hear the runners’ every breath, every movement as they ready themselves on the start line. They have come to prove themselves. To make their own glory. The names are read out, cheers come from the crowd at the name of their house’s champion. Each Year 7 is infused with excitement; their eyes are overwhelmed by the colours and their ears overloaded with cheers.

The gun fires! Their hearts race. With the crowd behind them, they launch themselves from the start line. Cheers rise up from the crowd, the applause carrying the runners forward and home to glory.

As they set into the run the struggle sets in. Every step, every stride and every breath hurts. And every step, every stride and every breath brings you that bit closer to home. Like a wave the threat of the one at your heels carries you. The threat of them makes you push yourself that little bit harder.

You get to the midway point and the track’s bend flattens out. The finish line is in sight. You know this is it, because this is the final stretch. It is on this board that you shall roll the dice of fate. Win or lose. This is where it is decided.

As you close down on your target like a hunter after his prize, you suddenly begin to pick up pace, moving faster and faster every moment. This sudden burst of adrenaline will push you through the final stretch. There it is. There is the finish line. You can almost taste success, because it doesn’t matter whether you are first or last. You have done something amazing, and you have achieved your own personal goal. You haven’t just tried to compete, you have!

As you cross the line you forget the hardship of what you have done. For the volume of your achievement is extraordinary. This is the beginning of one’s career as an athlete here and now. Because any one can be great if they dedicate themselves to it.

The names of the winners are read out and the crowd falls silent.

Written By Ben Jarvis

Ben Jarvis captures the spirit of Y7’s first Wyvern Sports Day with this piece of creative writing...

Mrs K was kind enough to catch up with Sporting Times writer Josh Devereux following her final Sports Day at Wyvern...

How did you feel after you had to walk through the huge line between all the children?

It was all very emotional and I was overwhelmed by all the cheering and good wishes. It was only then that it finally hit home that I was about to retire after 25 years at Wyvern. It just confirmed what a fantastic place Wyvern is and I would like to thank all of the students for making my last sports day so special. I will miss it immensely.

What were your emotions after your last Sports day?

At the time it was hard to believe that that was the last one but sports days are always special occasions at Wyvern and I think that this one was the best ever. I was a bit tearful when my amazing GCSE PE group presented me with the fabulous cake, card and gifts. It was a special time.

What have been your greatest sporting memories during your time at Wyvern?

I’ve got lots of amazing sporting memories and lots of memories that make me smile.

The London 2012 Olympic week was special with lots of the students trying a new sport for the first time.

Then there was Netball Club – I’ve always been impressed by the commitment and hard work that so many girls have given to their netball at Wyvern. We may not be top of the league but Wyvern always gives of its best and makes every game a real competition.

Also the ski trips are really hard work but are the best weeks ever. If you have the chance (and the money!), go.

Was Nightingale really your favourite House out of all of them and if so why?

I was a tutor of N1 for 23 years so Nightingale has been a big part of my time at Wyvern. As their House Manager I did my best to encourage as many of them to participate and although not always the best in the other House Games, Sports Day has always been our thing! Nightingale and the blue ribbons on the cup have been synonymous with Sports Day for many years now. The challenge is on for Austen, Lisle and Wykeham to get the trophy off us!

Interview Questions by Joshua Devereux
Sports Day 2015

SPORTS DAY 2015 IN PICTURES

ALL THE ACTION FROM ANOTHER SPECTACULAR SPORTS DAY AT WYVERN COLLEGE...
Mountbatten Sports Quiz 2015

A QUESTION OF SPORT

WYVERN STUDENTS HAD THEIR SPORTING KNOWLEDGE TESTED WHEN THEY ATTENDED THE 35TH ANNUAL SPORTS QUIZ BETWEEN SOUTHAMPTON FC AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET AT THE MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL IN ROMSEY. GEORGE BALMONT REPORTS...

Professional players from Southampton Football Club and Hampshire County Cricket Club battled it out for sporting knowledge supremacy at the annual sports quiz at Mountbatten school in Romsey last November. This is a prestigious event that has been running for over 30 years.

Students from Wyvern College were privileged enough to attend. It was hosted at 7pm on Tuesday 24th November inside Mountbatten’s Olympic Hall. Scott Osbourne, head of PE at Mountbatten School said before the event: “We’ve got our 35th annual sports quiz evening. We do this every year to support our local charity which is the Jane Scarth House (Romsey Cancer Support Centre). You have Hampshire cricketers coming down to compete against Southampton Football Club in ‘A Question of Sport’ themed evening. Southampton actually won it last year, and that was the first time they’d actually won it in ten years so Hampshire have got their boxing gloves out and are perhaps willing to take the fight to Saints this year. It’s really great to get the local community in and to get as many people in to enjoy it as possible. It’s also quite exclusive time; you don’t get this opportunity always to see sportsmen right in front of you. The audience usually always enjoy the evening and it’s very well attended.”

Hampshire batsman James Adams said: “It’s a great night here. They do it really well. And we’ve got a debt to pay over the Saints boys who knocked us out the last time so hopefully we can beat them this year.” Saints midfielder, Harrison Reed, returning for a second year, said: “It’s cracking. There’s a great atmosphere in there. It’s a great laugh and is very competitive. We want to win.”

Beforehand there was a short session where you could get something signed and get a photo with some of the players in the staff room. Will Mintram in Y11, who also plays as a striker for his local team Colden Common, was thrilled to meet Saints forward Shane Long. He said: “You could speak to him quite easily and he was quite happy to talk about the club. I wished him congratulations following Ireland’s qualification into the Euros.”

In the hall, the quiz was started by a roll call of the participating players. For Hampshire, the team was batsman James Adams, bowler Brad Taylor, batsman Tom Alsop and bowler Mason Crane. For Southampton, the team was striker Shane Long, midfielder Harrison Reed, full-back Matt Targett and kit and equipment manager Mark Forbes.

The rounds were very similar to the original TV show ‘A Question of Sport’ and the quality of the event itself and the clear effort put into it made the event very enjoyable and worth the trip into Romsey. Students said that they enjoyed the event, enjoyed meeting the players and getting autographs from them, and also said they would love to attend again.

Whilst students thought the Saints’ team could have won at one point (they led for the first half of the quiz), Hampshire came from behind to claim the victory by 33 points to 27. Hampshire bowler Mason Crane said: “We were behind the eight ball from the start but in the last few rounds we pulled it back.”

Saints full back Matt Targett said: “We started very well but the last two rounds they pulled it back to be fair and they done well. They deserved the win in the end. Midfielder Harrison Reed said: “We hold our hands up but we come again next year though.” Despite the loss, Saints kit man Mark Forbes had some kind words to say to the victors. He said: “We fell short on the night, so congratulations to Hampshire but it’s a worthwhile cause and a lovely evening. I really enjoyed it.”

Overall, the event was very unique and something very few of the attendees had experienced before. It was very well organised, run and received, so hopefully it will be as enjoyable and successful again in 2016. Mr Dickinson, who organised the trip, said: “It’s been a really enjoyable evening; a great opportunity to experience a live sporting event first hand which is the sort of opportunity that doesn’t come around too often due to the professional commitments sportsmen and sportswomen usually have.”

Final Score:

33 (Hampshire) - 27 (Saints)

By George Balmont
Ed and Isaac with Hampshire cricketers James Adams, Brad Taylor, Mason Crane and Tom Alsop

Will, George B, George L. and Alex with Saints players Shane Long, Matt Targett and Harrison Reed
MY DAVIS CUP EXPERIENCE

ALEX MARKIEWICZ SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES OF TEAM GREAT BRITAIN’S HISTORIC TRIUMPH AT THE 2015 DAVIS CUP TOURNAMENT WITH THIS EXCLUSIVE MATCH REPORT...

The day started with the gates opening and masses of people flooding into the small village that had been set up just for the Davis Cup. There were food stands and live music and you could even go and see the players warming up on the open air practise courts. At some of the stands that were selling clothes they were giving out free t-shirts and sunglasses. After the teams were announced a week before hand it looked as though the fans were going to see Jaime Murray and Dominic Inglot (who I met before the game,) versus Richard Gasquet and Nicolas Mahut. But all the spectators were in delight when it was announced that it would be Andy and Jamie Murray versus Jo Wilfred-Tsonga and Nicoles Mahut. Two highly ranked singles players and two highly rated doubles players playing in one match; well worth the money.

The Murray brothers opted to serve first in the match after winning the coin toss. Nicolas Mahut crushed a return and Jo Wilfred-Tsonga cannoned another cross-court for a winner and France have 0-30. So far it wasn’t going well for the brothers. Dazzlingly quick reflexes from Jamie Murray at the net helped Great Britain back to 30-30. Now things were looking up. But Tsonga was swinging for the home-run winners and Andy Murray didn’t look like he had quite got to grips with the crowded court. A duffed volley off the frame of Andy’s racquet handed the early break to France. The French pair were to serve next. They got off to a flying start when Jo-Wilfried Tsonga trundled the heavy artillery up to the baseline and his big serves helped France to 40-0. It got better from Great Britain as Andy got a return to dip on Tsonga’s toe and his brother Jamie swatted away a volley. But that is all they are getting from that game. France led 2-0. There were no more breaks in serve for the rest of the set. The French won the set 6-4 with the Murray brothers pushing them but not breaking them. The crowds still had faith and still made more noise than Manchester United fans on a good day.

The second set started out with both teams holding serve easily, mainly due to Tsonga’s powerful, individual serve. It looked like Great Britain would never break them. But when Mahut served, there was always a slight chance that maybe there was a chance. It was 2-1 to Great Britain and Mahut was serving for his country. This was our chance. Andy made it 30-30 with a powerful volley to the right of Mahut and he then smashed it into the net. Andy did the same again but lobbed Mahut and he only just managed to get to the ball but yet again it landed in the net. 40-30: break point. This was the Murray brothers’ time to shine. They eventually got the break after a hawk eye decision called the ball out by Tsonga’s lob of Jamie. Could they go on to win the set? The next few games stayed on serve and were quite boring, but not for the Great Britain supporters. They loved it; the atmosphere was as if we had just won the tie. Eventually it was 5-3 with Great Britain to serve. After a few moments of miscommunication between the Murray brothers, they pulled through to make it 1 set all. Cue the Proclaimers.

The 3rd set started out with the French serving; they showed that the fight was not over by winning their first two service games without the Murray brothers scoring a point. It was 1-2 and it didn’t look like the Scottish bond would be able to break the French serve. The next serve was very nervy for the many British fans watching. The game went all the way to deuce but eventually they won their serve. Peter Fleming, the Seven-time Grand Slam doubles winner, said “Andy Murrays service has been under pressure in recent games, but he’s come through with flying colours and for me this is where the match turns if the Brits can just...
put a couple of good returns in”. The match started to get a bit repetitive with each team holding their serve; at 3-3 Andrew Castle said “France has a wonderful heritage in tennis. They have to 10 players in the top 100 in the world present, and if teams were made up of five men, in this competition they would be strong favourites to win the lot”. When the game’s proceedings were looking to go straight into a tie break, there was a shock to the system for the Brits. Andy Murray had chased down a Tsonga smash and went down; he was squealing and had limped to the court side clutching this groin. This could be the whole match and a historic place in the Davis Cup last four resting on a tiny bit of tendon. The trainer came on to work on Andy. He only had 3 minutes to work his magic. Andy stayed down still clasping his hand across his face but the DJ kept it light-hearted, firing up Bob Marley to instruct Britain’s top dog to “get up, stand up, don’t give up the fight.” Eventually Andy did get up and back on the dance floor but he did not look the full ticket as France polished off an easy game. 5-6: Andy to serve. The Murray brothers eased through that service game with Andy looking back to full fitness. The set finally went into a tie break. The tie-break went steady with no one taking a mini break until two pinpoint, laser-guided bombs from Andy Murray sent the Brits into a 4-3 lead in the tiebreak. The French could not take the set went on and the Brits gained the lead, the noise grew louder and louder. “Let’s go, let’s go!” implored Kim Sears as brother-in-law Jamie hammered a smash off-stage left for 0-30. The French did not end there; they served very well with Nicolas Mahut serving a double fault. It was now 4-0 to the Scottish pairing. Andy Murray was GB’s chief cheerleader as well as the singles’ top-dog and double companion. I think he would have carried the water and drove the bus as well if asked. He just loved guiding the ball into the corner. 5-0 to the Brits. Tsonga had to hold his serve to stay in the match. He did, eventually. Jamie Murray had the slightly nerve-wracking honour of serving-out the match. And then the party started; Jamie put a final smash past Mahut and wrapped his brother in a hearty embrace. The party did not look like stopping anytime soon. While the French fans were filing out of the famous Queen’s Club ground, the Brits just kept on dancing.

The next set started out with Jamie Murray serving. The game was quick and easy for the brothers with Jamie finishing it off with a cheeky dummy that was just out of reach from Tsonga. The next set would send both sets of fans wild. Murray put the Scottish pair up 30-40 but Mahut put the French back on track: deuce. Next up, with Murray to serve, the game was over quick with Jamie smashing shots left right and centre; 3-0 to the Brits. One hold down, 3 to go. At this point Peter Fleming said “You can get a little tight and a little conservative in this situation when you are ahead, but it’s important to try and relax and press home the advantage. Both teams are dealing well with this surface because it’s like they are playing on ice at times.” As the results and draw to follow this match saw Great Britain go through to the semi-finals with Andy Murray beating Gilles Simon. On the 18th-20th September, Great Britain played Australia. They won 3-2 and went on to beat Belgium 3-1 to win the prestigious title for the first time in 79 years.

By Alex Markiewicz

An incredible atmosphere at the 2015 Davis Cup tournament
MY WORLD CUP EXPERIENCE

BEN JARVIS WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO WATCH LIVE THE OPENING GAME OF ONE OF THE MOST MEMORABLE TOURNAMENTS OF 2015: THE RUGBY WORLD CUP. IN THIS EXCLUSIVE REPORT, HE SHARES HIS EXPERIENCES OF ENGLAND’S HEROIC TRIUMPH AGAINST FIJI AT TWICKENHAM...

September brought with it the Rugby World Cup, hosted this year by our own nation England. On the 18th of September the World Cup came to a spectacular opening as England clashed with Fiji on the hallowed turf of Twickenham. I had the once in a lifetime opportunity to witness this amazing moment in Rugby. This day could not have been more perfect.

Thousands of fans, itching to see the honourable sport played at the home ground of the whites, made their way to the hallowed grounds in anticipation of a mind blowing first game. We soon met up with our friends and made our way into the stands. Down on the pitch was the unusual site of a massive rugby ball and around it was all the other huge props for the extravagant opening ceremony.

At 18:45 the World Cup began with the opening ceremony which showed the great players of our nation rise from the ground with torrents of fire spewing across the pitch sky. A marching band, paraded around the grounds sending waves of glorious sound around the packed stadium. This spectacle was followed by more rounds of Sweet Chariot and Sweet Caroline; they were used to great effect by the hosts to get the crowd fired up for a spectacular game.

Players strode out onto the pitch; England in their heroic red, and Fiji in their gleaming white. National anthems echoed around the steel rafters of Twickenham. Rugby is a powerful game as although we were adversaries in a game, we all stood together in worship of our nations heroes standing shoulder to shoulder on the pitch.

The game kicked off at 8pm. The ground shuddered under the thunderous footsteps of these giants. For 40 minutes this continued. Blazing runs down the wings and...
precise passing down the line gave England an 18-8 point lead at half time.

During half time we relaxed inside of our skyline box and chilled refreshments. Outside the crowd buzzed with excitement, as the weary, but proud players returned to the arena to continue this epic fight. In the second half Nemani Nadolo scored a beautiful conversion for Fiji, which drew them ever closer to England’s low score. This trend of betterment from a relentless Fijian side did not continue for long as England came back to push their score up 35-11. England’s performance was lacklustre but the result came out the same.

We returned inside to our box with grins lighting our faces and a buzz of excitement running through my body. After devouring some appetisers of lemon drizzle cake, exquisite meat pies and gorgeous pieces of battered shrimp, we quickly moved down into the streets and made our way to the train station. Due to an unfortunate string of events involving travel and the weather, we didn’t make it home and spent the night in a Premier Inn. But even this could not spoil one of the greatest days of my life!

By Ben Jarvis
THE 2015 RUGBY WORLD CUP HAS SEEN A NUMBER OF STANDOUT PERFORMANCES FROM KEY PLAYERS ACROSS THE GLOBE. OUR RUGBY-MAD WYVERN JOURNOS ASSESS ‘THE BEST OF THE REST’ AND CREATE THEIR OWN WORLD CUP-WINNING DREAM TEAM...

The All-Blacks triumphed with an emphatic victory against their rivals Australia

1. Soane Tonga’uiha (Tonga)

Tongahuia is a legend of Premiership Rugby. The Tongan powerhouse is brutal in the set phases, rucks and mauls but it is his ferocious carrying in the loose that makes him feared around the world. Playing for Tonga, where he is one of the few marked men, his opportunities to shine are limited but he still he is a try-scoring tearaway! Amongst the stronger club teams, Tongahuia has excelled and enhanced his reputation with bullocking runs and crunching close-quarter play.

By Mr Lines
### The Wyvern World Cup XV

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| 1 | Soane Tonga’uiha (Tonga) | 2 | Bismarck Du Plessis (South Africa) | 3 | Samson Lee (Wales) | 4 | Leone Nakawara (Fiji) | 5 | Samuel Whitecock (NZ) | 6 | David Pocock (Australia) | 7 | Francois Louw (South Africa) | 8 | Kieran Read (New Zealand) | 9 | Greg Laidlaw (Scotland) | 10 | Nicolas Sanchez (Argentina) | 11 | Julian Savea (NZ) | 12 | Wesley Fofana (France) | 13 | Keith Earls (Ireland) | 14 | Brian Tabana (South Africa) | 15 | Ayumu Goramuru (Japan) |

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### 2. Bismarck du Plessis (South Africa)

This hard-to-bring-down hooker has been the star in South Africa’s success during this World Cup: he has been amazing! He scored an impressive try against United States in what turned out to be a big 2nd game win. Although he’s only scored a try in a couple of games, Bismarck du Plessis has probably been the best hooker during the entire tournament. Even though South Africa only finished 3rd, they truly deserved more with this man in their team.

By Joshua Devereux

### 3. Samson Lee (Wales)

This number 3 put in some World Class performances during the whole tournament including the match against Uruguay where he was able to cross the gain line to put 5 points on the board. He played a major part in Wales reaching the quarter-finals after progressing from a very hard group which featured England and Australia. When it was game time, he linked up with the pairing of Paul James and Scott Baldwin which, together, has proved to be one of the best front-rows in the game of rugby.

By Joshua Devereux
4. Leone Nakawara (Fiji)

Many people who know about rugby earmarked Nakarawa as one to watch during the World Cup and he did not disappoint, with thousands more people getting to see the massive lock and his extravagant style of play. The Fijian, who led the tournament in turnovers and offloads, in just four pool games carried 42 times for 117 metres, making 34 tackles. Nakarawa was crucial in Fiji’s counterattacking game that looked to make use of his superb offloading abilities. He played every minute of his country’s campaign and it is hard to believe that he was almost unknown before this world cup as he is now recognised as one of the best players in the world.

By Mr Gregory

5. Samuel Whitelock (NZ)

I have chosen the All Blacks’ tank Samuel Whitelock to be the lock for our dream team. With 73 caps for the Kiwis, he has plenty of experience and, standing at 2.02m and weighing at 117kg, he has the strength to follow through on his decisions. He is one of the rarer types of the more athletic locks whose abilities with the ball in hand and abilities in rucking and tackling are invaluable to the All Blacks side.

By Ben Jarvis
6. David Pocock (Australia)

This Australian member of the pack has showed what a dominant performer he is throughout this entire World Cup. He has scored many tries from open play, mauls and crash ball. Also, he has helped Australia through a tough group stage; they topped Group A and faced Scotland in the Quarter-Finals and came out the victors by only one point. Pocock, however, has been a stand out performer in all of the matches in the World Cup that he has participated in, including the World Cup final against the mighty New Zealanders which was an unfortunate loss despite a spirited fight back.

By Joshua Devereux

7. Francois Louw (South Africa)

This Springboks’ steam train has proved to be one of the best flankers in the world with several blistering performances in the Rugby World Cup 2015. During the extremely impressive 64-0 victory against the United States, he was able to place the ball over the gain line twice in what turned out to be one of the biggest scores in the World Cup. Although he hasn’t scored as many tries as the likes of Habana and Savea, this powerful player is crucial when it comes to the big matches. Also, he helped South Africa to bronze in this World Cup after failing to beat New Zealand in the Semi-Final.

By Joshua Devereux

Read Issue #5 for more in-depth analysis of the remaining eight players in the Wyvern Journos’ Rugby World Cup XV ...
Cricket

WYVERN ALL-OUT AGAINST WILDERN

AWAY FROM HOME, THE WYVERN TEAM WERE UNABLE TO OVERCOME A SUPERIOR WILDERN TEAM

By Joshua Devereux

Going into the match, Wyvern were on the back of a distraught loss last time out against thundering Thornden. However, with new comers such as Georgia Watson, Jack Devereux and Lana Dark, Wyvern looked very strong!

The boundary count started off when the first ball was bowled, Toby Wolverson hitting a four. On the other hand, a couple balls later Liam Straker and Toby Wolverson miscommunicated and in result, Liam fell for a run out. Mr Sam Williams was next into bat and soon, Toby Wolverson was out for 13. Despite this, Wyvern looked increasingly strong with the scoreboard showing 27/2 off 3 overs.

Coming to the crease next was Captain Cormac Oliver who took his runs well scoring 22 and was forced to retire. Sam Foster was at the crease next and his partnership with Henry Legg didn’t last long and he was out for a duck. Soon after, Jack Devereux made his way to the crease and Mr Legg got out for 1. This left the two Devereux twins at the crease and a strategy was being discussed. Unfortunately, Jack was stumped out for 3 and Miss Georgia Watson made her way to the crease.

Shortly after, Georgia was stumped for 0 and this brought Lana Dark into play. The next few balls were all dots and then Wildern’s fast right arm bowler took three wickets in quick succession, getting Joshua Devereux, Alex Harding and Harry Rodgers out. Last in, for the 2nd time in the match was Cormac. However, a stunning catch saw him out for 6 and this brought the Wyvern innings to a close with the scoreboard showing 77 all out off 12 overs and Lana Dark unbeaten on 2 runs.

The runs on the scoreboard for Wildern were toppling up quickly and before Wyvern knew it, Wildern’s 1st two batsmen reached 45/0 in just 6 overs. However, Sam Williams struck back instantly by taking a wicket in which Sam Foster was able to take the catch. Straight afterwards, Mr Williams took another wicket and almost took the middle wicket flying. This took the scoreboard to 47/2 off 7 overs.

After this, it took a brilliant C&B from Sam Foster which saw Wildern’s 3rd wicket drop. Despite this, it didn’t seem to trouble Wildern until the 10th over where Wyvern’s opposition made some silly mistakes. This included some brilliant wicket keeping from Henry Legg which ended up being a run out. Also, Sam Williams was able to run out Wildern’s 5th batsmen superbly. However, despite the scare, Wildern were able to pick up the victory leaving Wyvern without a win in 2015.

CRICKET WORDSEARCH

| WICKET | WHITES | BOWLER |
| RUNS   | DUCK   | SLIP   |
| TEAMS  | BALL   | ELEVEN |
| CATCH  | BOUNDARY | FIELDING |
| BAT    | APPEAL | CRICKET |
| BATSMAN | BATTING | INNINGS |
| STUMPS | SPIN   | OUT    |
| OVERS  | TEA    | LBW    |

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By Oliver Line

In the summer of 2013 my friend Lewis was into football and played for a team. However, in one unfortunate match, he became badly injured and was ruled out of the game for over three months. His mum was friends with the wife of the coach at the snooker club. He started to attend inter-club tournaments. He then invited me along. As soon as I held the cue in my hand, I was hooked. My parents thought that this was just a little phase, and that I would grow out of it very quickly. The weeks turned into months and I was still attending the club, but my skill level was rising rapidly and I was becoming much more serious about the game.

One of my snooker idols is Ronnie O’Sullivan as he got into game in a similar way to me. He seems to have snooker flowing through his blood; he can embarrass the most skilful player with no effort what so ever. He can conjure up magic on the green baize sparking fear into his opponents’ eyes and wonder into the crowd’s eyes.

I now attend many more tournaments all over the south of England representing my club. I made it through to the semi-finals of the Cuestars U21-Snooker Tournament. As I am a perfectionist I wasn’t too happy that I didn’t win the tournament overall. According to my peers and my parents, they think I’m a perfectionist too, but my coach said I had done very well and exceeded their expectations.

I hope to continue my ascendance to snookering glory and keep exceeding mine and others expectations. For now I have fortnightly intense 1 hour 30 minute lessons with a world qualified referee and coach.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back sports fans! Myself and the Sporting Times writing team have been working flat-out since September to deliver to you this fantastic fourth edition of Wyvern College’s premier sports publication. We hope you enjoy it.

Last July, I had the privilege of partaking in a really tough sporting event. The Wyvern 10k. This taught me three things about sport that I’d yet to reflect upon in my life thus far. One: sport is tough. Two: sport is emotional. And three: sport brings people together.

In all honesty, I had no idea how tough the race would be. Every step I took made me realise how tough it actually is being an athlete and I found myself battling on towards the finish line. The moment I crossed the line, I felt an incredible sense of achievement; that feeling like I’d had accomplished something I never thought myself capable of doing.

It was also a very emotional event. Funds from the event were kindly donated to cancer charities in honour of the late, great humanities teacher Catherine Hensby and it felt doubly-pleasing to know that the money raised (as well as all the sweat and tears) went to a worthwhile cause.

Finally, what I realised from running the Wyvern 10k was how much sport can bring people together. I ran the 10k with my dad (with my mum and girlfriend supporting in the crowds), my fellow teachers and students I had taught or was currently teaching. That day, we all shared in the glory of finishing that race the only way we knew how; through grit, will-power and sheer determination. For that reason, I would really encourage all of you to dig deep and have a go in 2016 at a competitive sport and see what you get out of it…

Mr Dickinson
Sporting Times Editor
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