



Beths Sports Blog

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Basketball

Beths U12 43-21 Northfleet Technology College

On Monday 13th November 2017, the Year 7 basketball team played their first match. We started the game well with Debo intercepting a pass in the first few seconds of the first quarter and scoring two points. We held the lead throughout the 2nd quarter and Northfleet attempted to come back and scored 7 points but we replied with 10 of our own.

The 3rd quarter wasn't as good as the 1st and 2nd but we still held the lead through the whole game. The final score was 43-21 to Beths and man of the match was Debo scoring a total of 20 points. Overall we played well and it was a great start to the season!

Match report written by Thabiso Mafu.

Football

Beths U13 2-1 Haberdashers

On Wednesday afternoon (15 November) Beths held Haberdashers in a friendly B team match.

We started off very quickly holding up the other team's players and trying to get that early goal, with Ikenna and Kofi working hard putting the defenders under pressure up in the attacking positions.

We arrived at our first opportunity, a corner. Jake whipped the ball into the box and Arion got the necessary touch to put it home and put Beths 1-0 up.

With the other team dropping their heads, Beths didn't waste their opportunities. A quick ball to Jake who powered through the defence, balanced himself, and then slotted it past the keeper. 2-0.

Second half and both teams were still fighting for a chance to get a goal, throwing caution to the wind. Haberdashers were leaving massive holes in the defence and Kofi and Ikenna took advantage. The keeper had no choice but to come out, Kofi took it round him but narrowly missed.

Beths had 4/5 chances to add to their lead and failed to do so - this was definitely an area for improvement.

The Haberdashers centre forward cut through the hosts and finished a good move with an easy finish.

As the game approached full-time Haberdashers fought for an equaliser and won a corner for what would be the last play of the game. Nerves must have got to them as the shot was stopped with an amazing save by Hamilton who preserved Beths' lead.

Written by Arion and Oakley 8C and 8H

1stXI back to winning ways

Goals from Tolu and Pravan Thind got the 1stXI's season back on track as they ran out deserved 2-1 victors against Ravensbourne.

Beths took the lead as they so often do courtesy of a clearance-turned through ball from Ali sent Tolu through on goal who then coolly slotted it into the bottom right corner.

Ravensbourne got back on level terms against the run of play as a through ball split open the Beths defence before being smashed home to set up a good finish to the game.

Pravan Thind pushed Beths' noses back in front with a comfortable close range finish after a good ball in from the by-line.

The last moments were hardly comfortable watching as Mr Tarrant's side had captain William Cook to thank after his goal-line clearance meant Beths took home all three points after a cheeky lob by the Ravensbourne player.

Written by Henry Clark, Chief Sports Writer

2ndXI far from second best

The 2ndXI made it a pair of 2-1 victories for the Beths sixth-form against Ravensbourne after an excellent performance resulted in a 2-1 victory.

The game, played at the home of Vanarama National League side Bromley FC, started well for Beths after a free-kick just outside the box resulted in a scramble in the six-yard box before Ozzy got the decisive touch to put the ball home.

Beths started the second-half as brightly as they finished the first and their second goal produced a moment of class. Beths 'keeper Charley Smith's long clearance downfield was inexplicably misjudged by the opposition defence sending George Wood through on goal.

With a lot still to do Wood produced a moment of magic to carefully dink the ball over the on-rushing 'keeper's head to put Beths in control in style.

A deserved clean-sheet slipped out of the 2ndXI's hands though in the dying embers of the game as a Ravensbourne midfielder was afforded the opportunity to run at the defence with his shot then going in via a deflection.

But it was too little too late as Beths held on for all three points.

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Elsewhere this week...

Beths had three other football fixtures this week.

Firstly the U16 side narrowly lost out to St Anselm's away from home in Round 3 of the County Cup. After the game finished 2-2 after 90 minutes both sides failed to get ahead in extra-time which sent the game to the dreaded penalty shootout. Unfortunately luck wasn't on the side of the boys as they lost 4-3 from the spot-kicks.

Harefield Academy were visitors to Bexley in Round 2 of the English Schools Cup against the U15A side. An excellent 3-2 win means the boys progress into the next round.

Last but no means least is the U14's emphatic 7-1 friendly victory over Ravens Wood in what was arguably the performance of the week. Well done boys!

Also on the football front, Abbey ran out winners in the Year 11 house football tournament this week via a penalty shootout victory against Brampton. Thank you to Mr Timothy for refereeing the final and the other boys who have volunteered as officials over the tournament.

Unfortunately the U14 rugby side's friendly game against Bexley Grammar was postponed but with a busy week of fixtures next week there's certainly plenty more games to play this season!

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