



WINCHESTER
COLLEGE
Sports Department

Sports Report: Common Time, Week 6

Tuesday 15th February: Basketball: U14A v Westgate School (h)

Once more Winchester fielded an oversized team of 16 with all players playing an equal part. While this is great for allowing players to experience the match environment - several playing their first ever match - it does make it difficult for them to settle into a game. There were mistakes made and although the result was disappointing, the players should have learnt a lot. We will be playing Westgate again which will be a good test of how much the players have improved. The game was played in excellent spirit, and on the day Westgate were worthy winners. L10-18 (LNT)

Thursday 17 February: Squash v Bryanston (a)

The Winchester College Sen III had a good 3-0 win against their Bryanston opponents. Freddy Fisher was first to play and had a very good 3-0 win. Following on was captain Tom Burge who played well to defeat his very fit opponent who retrieved a lot of Tom's shots before succumbing 6-11 in the 4th. On court to end was Harris Faizi who controlled the game against a very fast and fit opponent winning 3-0. A good win against very mobile opponents where Winchester's shot placement proved to be the difference between the sides.

With Bryanston, unlike Winchester, having no U-14 players the travelling side were always going to face a difficult match. However, not to be intimidated by their older (and bigger) opponents all of the Winchester players played well. In shortened (best of 3) matches due to the impending storm and leave-out three of the matches went to the final game with one of the Winchester players winning their match. The fact that all the Winchester players kept serving and placing their shots well bodes really well for their next match versus a Wellington U-14 side where it will be good for the team to play similarly aged opposition. Winchester side: Arthur Duckworth, Henry Goss-Custard, Archie Lawson, Vardhan Mehrotra, Alexis Lecourt, Aarav Sharma, Luke Edwards, Matthew Leung and Kentaro Tada. (RAA)

Saturday 26th Feb: HMC Judo Championships

With the annual HMC competition falling during half term the Winchester College entry was limited with only 3 pupils available. Matthias Lenton and Oliver Ryan competed in the intermediate section and Rufus Guest at senior and all three had an enjoyable and rewarding day. What we lacked in numbers we made up for in quality with a Gold for Matthias at under 73kg a Silver for Oliver at under 81kg and a Bronze for Rufus in the over 90kg section. (MF)

All fixtures details can be found on: <https://sportsfixtures.winchestercollege.org/>

Sporting quote for the week:

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." (Vince Lombardi, NFL Coach)

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