

Sports Report – Short Half 2023, Week 2

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Football:

1st XI v RGS, Guildford (a)

We travelled to a wet and windy Surrey Park Sports Complex on the 4G artificial pitch and were keen to start quickly against a side that look to play football the right way. The 1st half was played end to end with us both looking to find spaces between the lines and it was Winchester who were the clinical as two goals from Timothy Oluwabusola and one from Isaac Haines got us into a commanding position at half time 3 - 0.

RGS Guildford came out looking to get back in the game and we gave them a life line with a well worked goal to cut the deficit. Importantly, Winchester responded with Isaac scoring from another set play. We caused them lots of problems from our set plays with Alex Claisse launching the ball over 50 yards into the box from his throw-ins!! Typically we then gifted Guildford another goal to make things a little nervous but then Timothy nipped in behind and rounded the keeper to complete his hat trick. The boys were excellent in tough conditions against a strong side. We wait to see who we have in the next round. **Won 5-2 [JRD]**

Senior Colts A v HSFA (h)

The **SCAs**, bolstered by Oluwabusola Santagati and Kaung from Middle Part, fought valiantly against a talented Hampshire Schools side. We competed well first half and had a good chance to level at 2-2; thereafter, the opposition turned on the quality and eventually pulled away, despite stalwart resistance. Particular credit goes to the MP men, Kaung in particular who was superb at centre back. Man of the Match: Hampel Divvy of the Day: Kaung for running the line in the wrong half of the pitch. **Lost 6-1 (RJHM)**

Squash v Epsom College (a) - Lost

1st: Lost 1-5. U16A's Lost 2-3.

Thursday 21st September 2023

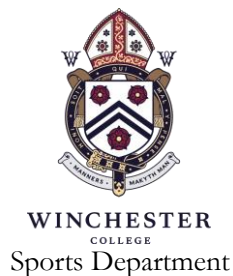
Badminton 1st v Harrow School (h) – Lost 9-7

Harrow's top 8 shuttlers met ours in a 16-game match at Bar End. It was a close match with many tactical adaptations from both sides. Unfortunately, we came out with a close loss of 9-7.

One player had unluckily been injured before the fixture so the team did well despite the circumstances. Pairs were switched around and Josiah Essiam made his debut in the squad, pairing up with fellow new player Brian Ho for the first time. The first pair of Harrow did well with an oppressive playing style, but our first pair (John Paul Cheng and Ayson Kam) excelled as well, surpassing them and winning all four of their games. With such a good performance, it would be unfair not to make both of them the men of the match. [Alvin Yu, I]

Football Junior Colts A v Reigate Grammar School (a)

The JCAs arrived at Reigate in high spirits despite a long journey. Looking to bounce back from our defeat at the weekend, we pressed high and won the ball, making the most of the absence of a recognised Reigate keeper (for the first 2 minutes) and put Jesse Feyita (C) through who finished



calmly for 1-0. We kept up the pressure and soaked up any Reigate attacks and off the back of one of these, a wonderful ball from Gio Santagati (D) put Freddie Laarman (C) through on goal where he made no mistake and slotted past their regular keeper to make it 2-0. A brief lapse in concentration led to a loose ball in midfield and their centre forward was put in behind and finished well for 2-1. Our heads stayed high and we won a free kick in our defensive third. Captain Seb Browning (G) stepped up and spotted the keeper off his line and found the back of the net.

Work rate was unwavering from all and we made use of our space out wide. A bouncing ball was volleyed into the back post by Seb where it was headed across the keeper by Alex and seemingly destined for the back of the net - and it was - but off the boot of Gabriel Oluwabusola (B), who tapped in from a yard for 'insurance'. (4-1, 22 mins). Good build up play on the edge of the box led to a dropping ball that Gio struck first time and with the barest hint of a slight deflection - off Jesse's back - found its way into the back of the net (5-1). The pressure was unrelenting and 2 minutes later a great piece of pressing from Gabo forced the keeper into giving the ball away where he finished well for our 6th of the match.

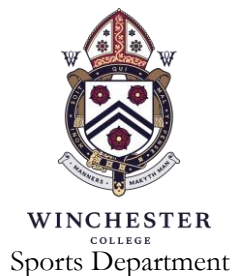
Positive words were exchanged at half time and the boys went out again with intensity. A great passage of play from Freddie Matthews (X) and Seb down the right allowed Seb the space to float a ball into the back post where Alex was waiting and nodded in for 7-1. We quickly closed Reigate down whenever they tried to play and our midfielders pulled the strings, allowing for lots of space out wide, which was used, Jesse finding Seb who played a pass to the ever-dangerous Freddie Matthews who chipped the ball across the 18 yard to find Gabo at the back post.

Our prosperity down the right continued, Seb unleashing Freddie Matthews with a ball into the box, where Freddie showed presence of mind to guide the ball into the far corner, with Gabo lurking and showing a great turn of pace to try to get a touch. Thankfully, Freddie's shot was placed inside the post for his first goal of the match and our 9th. We continued attacking and got a corner out of it which was headed away by a Reigate defender where it found the wondrous right foot of Freddy Laarman who, on the spin, caressed the ball on the half-volley into the top left corner from the edge of the box. Decent finish. (10-1) Our midfield flexed their muscles again with Gio picking up a loose pass from the keeper and unselfishly playing Gabo through and putting him 1 on 1 with the keeper where he finished emphatically into the far corner (11-1) A long throw from Seb unleashed Gabo down the right where he cut in and finished for our 12th to really put the icing on a very large Winchester cake. The victory means we play Cranmore in the cup next round. Thanks to the injured James Redfern (A) for helping running the line and Mr Taylor for coaching. **Won 12-1**

Golf 1st v Bradfield College (a)

The match started off in miserable, rainy conditions leading to a tough start for the first pair, Edward Fangzhou and Orca Chuen-im. The opposition immediately took the advantage leaving the first pair 2 down but solid drives from Chuen-im with excellent short game from Fangzhou ultimately allowed the experienced duo to turn the game around, securing the clutch comeback for the Winchester pair. W 1&0

A great start for the JP men, Bibee Khanittaweekul and Phoom Kitrungrueangkul on their Winchester debut, playing amazing golf and surprising their opponents in taking an early, comfortable lead. Solid and calculated shots ensured the lead was maintained throughout the match. A great start for both youngsters as they came away as victors. W 3&2



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The third pair, Adwit Sharma and Nigel Chan, struggled to match their opponents. For their first match of the year, playing against strong-handicapped opposition made their task much more difficult, as did the tricky conditions. Though good golf was played; something which definitely gave the opposition a challenge, ultimately they succumbed finishing second best on the day. L 5&4. Winchester College 2 - 1 Bradfield College (Orca Chuen-Im, F)

Rackets 1st v Eton College (h)

Despite their rackets courts complex being under a major improvement project, Eton did manage to bring a team to play us. Our 1st pair, Bertie Vallat (F) and Henry Nicholls (A), made swift work of seeing to their counterparts with the loss of only a point or 2. Meanwhile, a tight Junior Colts match was playing out with John Langdon (K) partnering Kourosh Moghadam (C). The latter displayed new levels of play returning adeptly and serving well himself resulting in runs of points. After a slow start, John came into his own by returning a succession of challenging serves and displaying impressive consistency in the rallies. Ultimately, after a long match Eton just managed to secure the win in the fifth and final game.

Our 2nd pair involved Seb Morgan (D) teaming up with Bertie Vallat. They played 2 matches against different pairs and managed to win each, 2 – 1. Seb showed serious potential and clearly could rise to the top levels if he could put in the court time. Our Colts, Seb Kingsbury (A) and William Hammerson-Jones (A), took on a competent pair but despite showing strength at times, also showed a lack of court practice and early season rawness, losing 3 – 1. [TERC]

Sailing v Sherborne School (h) Win 3-2

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

Sporting quote for the week:

“Don’t get upset by the results you didn’t get from the work you didn’t do.”

Eric Thomas, Author & Motivational speaker

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