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## Sports Report – Common Time 2023: Week 8

**Tuesday 7th March 2023**

**Fives v St Paul's School (a)** Winchester won 145-86

**Golf: Micklem Trophy (a)**

This was a final practice round/friendly vs the OWs. This match is played as a handicap (rather than scratch) match so several of our boys were giving shots to their opponents. Some more serious golf arrives in the Micklem Trophy. OWs 3 - Winchester College 2

**Rackets v Wellington College (a)**

After a close initial game the 1st pair, Bertie Vallat and Henry Nichols, made fairly quick work of it taking the next 2 with relatively few errors and a noticeable dominance. This was on a court which did not offer much to the server in the way of cut when the correct technique was employed so the points needed to be won within the rallies. The Second pair, Stephen Lam and Alex Harker, found themselves with a real fight on their hands. After losing game one easily, they put up an admirable fight in the next, losing it by just one point in the set. The third game went their way however, after a close tussle. Wellington just managed to win game four and the match by a slim margin. Overall this was an encouraging performance by Winchester.

JC's, Jamie Mitchell and Arthur James-Dunn, took on some older boys and took the match right to them. Efficiently closing out game one in the set, they unfortunately took their foot off the gas and fell short in the second. However, they responded with impressive focus and took the next two games and the match with relative ease.

**Thursday 9th March 2023**

**Cross Country at Clayesmore School**

We took an inters team comprised of Benedict Judge, Issa Duggan, Shaolin Liang and Hugo Brett down to Dorset for the Clayesmore relays. The course features a water-jump, a long and muddy ditch and several obstacle jumps, which our runners tackled admirably. Overall, the team came 6th, and Issa ran the third-fastest lap in the inters race, despite being in the lower year for that age-bracket.(OXM)

**Fencing v Bradfield College (a)**

EPEE A: WON (45-30) FOIL A: WON (45-22)

**Fives v Sherborne School (h)**

Winchester won 103-91

**Football v Bryanston School (a)**

The **JC XI** put in an excellent performance at Bryanston, drawing the game 2-2, twice coming from behind to level. We went behind midway through the first half after failing to deal with a ball into the box, which ended up going straight in despite the forward looking like he had made



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contact. Theo also kept the scoreline to one, with an excellent stop shortly afterwards. However we responded well with Isaac Claisse going very close after an excellent run and were awarded a penalty right on half time, which Issac duly converted.

The second half was pretty much end to end, with Bryanston once again going in front. Again our response was really good and Arthur Hampel scored with an excellent header from a Jason Chiang corner. Both teams went for the win in the last 10 minutes, but in the end both teams had to settle for a very fair draw. My thanks to the players, who showed an excellent desire throughout the game, despite the poor weather! (PNG)

### **Yearlings XI L 3-2**

#### **Hockey v Eton College 2<sup>nd</sup> XI (a)**

Off the back of a tournament win last week, the **1st XI** travelled to Eton looking to continue their winning ways. Winchester started the first half with good intent and intensity, looking for the opening goal, but not being able to gain many opportunities despite being in the Eton final third the majority of the time. A lack of movement in the midfield left Eton space in the middle to score a well worked tap in to go into half time 1-0 up. After some much needed words from Mr Taylor and Mr Winter, the Winchester domination began. A mixture of efficient distribution from Angus (I, Vth Book) and Miles (F, VI:2) at the back, to the crafty work going on in the midfield and out wide, led to a very well deserved tap in for Martin (I, Vth Book). More brilliant teamwork and a quick break meant thanks to Harry D-B (I, VI:I), Stephen (F, VI:2) was able to give Winchester the lead. The intensity and pressure of the forwards and half backs left Caspar (B, VI:I) 1 on 1 with the keeper, which he won with ease to make it 3. After a scramble in the Eton D, Stephen was able to capitalise with a quick shot to finish the match at 4-1.

A great showing of what this Winchester team is capable of performing at. It was very pleasing to see the squad play with such great teamwork and intensity; we will look to carry this form in to the busy last few weeks of term. Thank you to Mr Taylor and Mr Winter for coaching and umpiring the match and as always to all the parents who came to support. Stephen Lam (F, VI:2)

#### **Hockey v The Portsmouth Grammar School (a)**

##### **U15A D3-3**

A tough day at the office for the **U14s** against a well drilled Portsmouth side. We started brightly and had three good chances on goal, but were unable to convert. The opposition moved the ball around well but, more damaging for us, was the way they hemmed Winchester in their own half from every 16-yard hit. Unable to get it past a strong defensive wall when playing out from the back, we conceded too many soft goals. There was useful learning for the boys in terms of providing options square, and behind, the ball carrier to enable easy passes. Ultimately, we came across a stronger side and our basic skill level was not quite where it needs to be. The positives from the day were that the boys stuck at the task and fought for every loose ball until the final whistle. I was proud that heads didn't go down and all remained positive and encouraging with one another throughout. L9-0 (JRM)



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### Netball v Canford School 5<sup>th</sup> VII

On Thursday a rematch against Canford was on the cards. Winchester had the slight home advantage as we headed down to Bar End to meet the team who had beat us just three weeks ago. We started off very strong with Ines and Amara controlling the game and dancing around the defence to end the first quarter 4-1 to Winchester. The second quarter was equally as dominant, with Sofia and Olivia not allowing their attackers anywhere near the posts, forcing errors and causing the ball play to stay in our half. At half time the score was 8-4 to Winchester.



In the second half Winchester started to fatigue, leading to errors which allowed the opposition to take advantage and creep up on the scoreboard. In the final few minutes of the game, Canford surpassed Winchester and took the win by one

goal. Winchester ladies have only been playing together for a few months and to come so close to winning against a side who have been playing together for years is a victory in itself. We are as hungry as ever to succeed next time. Coaches Player of the Game - Olivia Pickard. Olivia was a Trojan throughout the game and picked up 18 interceptions over the course of the four quarters. L13-14 (FIJ)



### Rackets v Harrow School (h)

This proved a tough day for our first pair. Harrow, boasting the winner of the Foster Cup Singles event in December, together with a strong partner, showed a greater level of play on the day, winning the match without the loss of a game. However, if these two pairs were to meet in the forthcoming Nationals later this month, things could be very different. In comparison, our second pair had an easier time, coasting to a 3 - 0 victory. Our JC's, played well in game one but, after narrowly losing it, did not put up much resistance to a strong opposition and did not manage to take either of the next two games. Finally, the Yearlings, proved too strong for their opponents, winning very decisively 3 - 0, with dominant serving and hardly any errors. (TERC)

### Squash v St Edward's School (h)

U18: Won 5-0

U15: Won 5-0

U14: Won 5-0



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**Friday 10th March 2023: Swimming: Bath Cup**

The team qualified for the 200m IM final and finished 10th out of 75 schools. Jake Hudson's swim in the IM was outstanding and he achieved another PB.

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

Sporting quote for the week:

*"Failure is constructive feedback that tells you to try a different approach to accomplish what you want."*  
(Idowu Koyenikan Author and motivational speaker)

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13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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