

Sports Report: Short Half, Week 6

Tuesday 12th October

Golf: ISGA Regional Semi-Final v Lord Wandsworth College

The golf team had a very important game at Hockley this week: an ISGA knockout match to secure a place in the regional final and propel them further towards this year's nationals. The 3 man team, composed of Adrien Joly (captain), Taanvir Sood (X) and Arthur Hampel (B) wore each of their opponents down with golfing excellence, a perfectly timed response to last week's unfortunate loss, respectively beating their opponents 8&7, 1up, and 5&4. Our captain, Adrien, found his usual form again and won the first 9 holes in a row, defeating his opponent on the 11th green. Taanvir had a closer game, with many ups and downs throughout, and fought hard all the way to the 18th green, making a nervy three footer to close out his game 1up. Arthur Hampel, our young golf scholar, showed some outstanding golf throughout the round, and defeated his opponent on the 15th green. His inner confidence on the golf course and his level of maturity with regards to his game will make him fun to watch in the next few years. (A Joly)

Football: ISFA U15 Cup Rd 2 vs Claremont Fan Court School (h)

The JCAs emerged victorious in this hard-fought battle against Claremont Fan Court School.

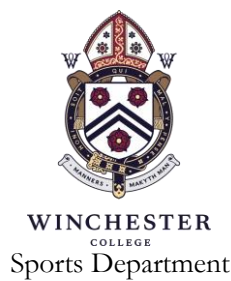
Claremont were on top from the start, with some sloppy play allowing some early pressure to build. Cloke Browne was forced into a couple of comfortable early saves before being beaten in a 1-on-1, only for us to be saved by the offside flag. We struggled to retain possession but defended well, not conceding any clear-cut chances. As the half drew to a close, passes starting finding their intended recipient; Macaulay and Agunbiade dragged a couple of snapshots wide.

Both teams came out firing after the break, with Claremont having the best chance of the game early in the second half. Their winger beat a man and cut inside the six-yard box. Anthony came out bravely to smother and Jackson sliced the ball off the line. Two minutes later, at the other end of the pitch, Inglis chased down a seemingly hopeless cause, stole the ball of the toe of the keeper and trickled it home.

Whilst the goal was mostly against the run of play, we were much more settled on the ball and Claremont were feeling the effect of their game that went to extra-time the day before. They threw more players forward, giving us more space to attack, and attack we did. Two or three glorious chances went begging and the clock ticked into the last five minutes. This lack of a clinical touch became an issue when a seemingly innocuous ball in was met by a poke from a Claremont foot and the game went to extra-time.

We needed something, a spark, a moment of magic. Laolu, who was thought not to be available due to the recent Chawker's cases, returned to provide just that. Picking up the ball out wide, he cut in from the left hand side, 30 yards out, held down R1+circle and found the top corner. Pandemonium.

We defended valiantly until the end, adding a third late on with some great pressing from Jonny and Moyo giving Laolu a tap-in. A great end to a tough, evenly balanced game. W3-1 AET (BMG)



Thursday 14th Oct:

ESFA U14 Cup v The Mountbatten School (a)

On Mountbatten's large 3G pitch, the pace and size of our hosts told early on. With plenty of space in behind our defence they looked to play in their forwards who found early success. Another goal from a free man at the far post put us 2 goals down early on. We replied well, bringing Sam Hawkins in at centre back and he and Arthur James-Duff forged a decent partnership to keep Mountbatten from going further ahead. James Kennedy, stepping in at left back, made good use of the ball, regularly releasing Jason Chiang in behind the right back. Despite a decent amount of ball, however, we could not create any really good chances.

When we needed to score the next goal in the game, an early error allowed the talented Mountbatten forward to strike and make the way back into the game even harder. The floodgates opened from here, and even when we did create the odd chance the keeper made some very good saves to deny us a consolation goal. (JMB)

Junior Colts B v Ballard School U15B (a)

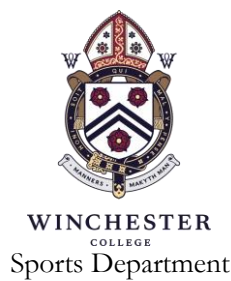
Winchester JCB were on the road again this week travelling into the depths of the New Forest to face Ballard School. The donkeys blocking the road on the journey down must have served as inspiration to the defence as they thwarted any meaningful route to goal from the home team. A truly dominant display by Winchester saw them triumph 8-0 with a hatrick for Guglielmo Belingheri. James Kitson blasted one in from the edge of the box and some nifty footwork from Vincent Gueguen followed by a side foot finish was perhaps the goal of the day. That topped an earlier first half strike by Vincent and Ludovic Remers also bagged a goal. To round things off Angus Hay slotted one into the top corner, albeit from the penalty spot. On the journey home it was the turn of the cows to block the coach's path; the animals proving the sternest test of the afternoon.

Sailing v Sherborne (h)

On Thursday we welcomed Sherborne School to Spinnaker Club to sail against us. The weather conditions were perfect - good breeze filling in just after we arrived. The match was the best of five races: Sherborne took the first two with some good sailing, and then we took the next race. Some excellent sailing from our Captain Ed Beveridge and his crew Nestor Montagu - with a Sherborne boat either side attempting to push them back, they managed to keep moving and squeeze through avoiding the classic 'soapdish' manoeuvre. Unfortunately, Sherborne went on to take the next two races, but they were close and there were some team racing antics meaning that they weren't decided until the end of the final beat to windward. We look forward to sailing them again in the summer.

Squash v Wellington College (a)

The 1st V Squash team had a very good win against Wellington College with all 5 players winning their matches. The match started with Winchester's 4th and 5th string players, Oscar Henshaw and Freddy Fisher playing good length and defeating their opponents 3-0 and 3-1 respectively. The rest of the team followed suit with all having 3-0 wins. At 3rd string captain Tom Burge, Shiloh Wu at 2nd String and Harris Faizi at 1st string all being too strong for their opponents. A good win for the side who are looking forward to their next fixture at Home v Eton. (RAA)



The experienced Squash players at Wellington College proved too strong for the Winchester 2nd V who had only played in a couple of matches before. All the Winchester side played well and improved as their matches progressed. James Hunter at 2nd string using his drops had a great 4 game match and was unlucky not to play a 5th, losing narrowly in the 4th 11-9. Evan Barazi, Brian Chan, Will Gladston and Alessandro Patel all competed well and learnt from playing opponents who had played a lot more matches which was reflected in a 5-0 win for Wellington. In their next match a friendly v Canford, the 2nd V will be able to use their improved skills which they will have learnt from this match. (RAA)

Saturday 16th October

Football v Gordon's School and Wellington College (h)

In the match against Gordons, **Soccer XI** almost conceded in the first few seconds with a smart save from Ollie Graham thwarting the opposition centre forward. For the remainder of the game Graham was only really needed to restart play from goal kicks and instigate possession as we dominated possession and territory. Unfortunately, despite the control we couldn't add the finishing touch to the multitude of crosses and set pieces which rained down on the Gordon's goal the first half remained scoreless. The second half was much the same, although we went closer as a Caspar Hall chance was saved by the keeper and a seemingly valid goal by Alex Claisse was chalked off for off-side. More accuracy and a clinical edge in front of goal are the order of the day for the final game of this half term against Harrow on Tuesday. D0-0 (MSB)

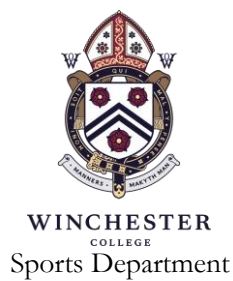
The **2nd XI** did not start the game very well against Gordon's, conceding an early goal, but were level within 5 minutes with an excellent delivery from Jack Holden and a good header at the far post from Alex Foster. We then scored another later in the first half, when Alex Foster cleverly turned home a cross from a free kick again on the right-hand side of the box. We probably should have scored again in the first half, Rod Passey hit the bar with a great shot from outside of the box and Harry Inglis also had a good chance but we were good value for our lead at Half Time.

The second half was fairly even, but we effectively "killed" the game when Wilf La Fontaine Jackson scored with a header from an excellent Xavier Millard corner with approximately 15 minutes to go, a decent performance and a well-deserved win. W3-1 (PNG)

The combined **3rd/4th/U17A** were 2-0 up at half-time after goals from Hugo Barnes and Rory McNeil. Niccolò Buccellati then scored a 5-minute hattrick late in the second half in an excellent team performance. W5-0 (NAT)

A cobbled-together **U17B** side gave an excellent account of themselves in an exciting 3-2 ding-dong against Wellington College. The Wyks were 2-0 down at half-time but stormed back to parity within ten minutes of the restart. Del Mar scored first with a 30-yard, left-footed strike. Within a few minutes the excellent Maz Gianni Garcia arrowed a through ball to Nevin in the box; the songbird striker took the ball out of the air with his first touch before rifling a wrong-foot volley home to level the scores. Sadly, Wellington got their noses back in front and late Win: Coll: pressure was not enough to earn a well-deserved draw.

MoM: Kadarauch for adapting so well to an unaccustomed CB role that he may have inadvertently ended his career as a midfielder!



The first half was a similar story to previous games for the **JCA**s in the match against Wellington College as our ball retention and play has been improving, but the lack of end product is not giving us the reward that our play deserved. We went in at 2-1 down, with a Morgan header from a corner(!) opening the scoring. Wellington pressured well, drawing a couple of fantastic saves from Cloke Brown, who was finally beaten by a top-bin screamer.

We have been 2-1 down at half time twice this season and lost them both 5-2. But this wasn't going to happen again. The second half started much better, with Winchester on the front foot and earning an early penalty, which Agunbiade decided to give straight to the keeper. Laolu, seemingly driven by his saved penalty, turned on the style and had a hand in nearly all creative endeavours. The forwards all pressed well and high, working tirelessly to win the ball back. In the end, the pressure was too much and we ran out 4-2 winners, with Sam, Cleary and Laolu with the goals. (BMG)

A haphazard arrival by the **YA** meant we were not in a position to try a new formation, as planned. We reverted to what we knew and began the game with a good intensity and positive use of the ball. Chiang and Claisse received lots of ball in the attacking third and we created numerous chances that we could not convert, despite excellent set piece delivery from Claisse in particular. From such a positive first quarter we then found a way to be behind at half time. A direct ball from the Wellington keeper bypassed our centre backs and their striker turned onto the bouncing ball and lifted it perfectly over the onrushing Coles.

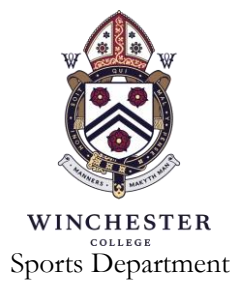
The team responded immediately after the break. Kingsbury offered short, and instinctively rolled the ball into the space that he had created, timing perfectly with the arching run of Jin from the right side. Jin advanced the ball, steadied himself and then struck it cleanly past the approaching keeper from the top of the box. When Claisse then set the trap off a Wellington goal kick he quickly pressed, won the ball and lifted it calmly over the keeper to give us the lead. Wellington maintained a direct approach which was regularly repelled now that Street and James-Duff began to command the aerial duel. They still created chances, however, and hit both cross bar and post.

Kingsbury then settled our nerves as we again won the ball from a high-press and he calmly rolled it in at the near post. He added his second soon afterwards and we had control of the game. Switching wings for the first time this season allowed Chiang some freedom down the right-hand side and he added our 5th with a lofted shot from a tight angle. The boys thoroughly deserved their first victory and can hopefully build on this after the break. W5-1 (JMB)

Team of the week: (4-3-3)

A Cloke-Brown (JCA)

C Tang (1 st XI)	K Kadarauch (U17)	S Morgan (JCA)	D Sam (JCA)
A Foster (2 nd XI)	F Van Every (1 st XI)	M Jin (YA)	
L Agunbiade (JCA)	N Buccellati (3 rd XI)	S Kingsbury (YA)	



Badminton v Wellington College (a)

Winchester showed their mettle having faced a coordinated, challenging and tough old rival that is the Wellington U18As. The first half of the match appeared evenly balanced; in the opening games, there was justified nervousness. Wellington took advantage of our newly re-configured doubles pairs, owing to a Covid-19 absence. Our second pair lost to our opponent's first pair, and our fourth pair lost to their third pair, which served as useful preparation in fine-tuning our play and resolving our determination to win the next match. We recovered by a considerable margin when met by our counterparts. Our third pair fought hard to tip the balance of the fixture in Winchester's favour by consolidating the lead. There were sharp, well-sustained and high-impact rallies which made spectating highly enjoyable. Games were narrowly won – and lost – by two clear points. Virtually all matches went to the third game out of twenty-one. Winchester won 6-2 and richly deserved the victory. The Winchester U18As were greatly encouraged to learn that their fixture success rate has topped 80%. Moreover, the team's celebrations reached a new level of euphoria altogether when supplied with Krispy Kreme doughnuts by a couple of generous and delighted Winchester parents. (MJB)

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

Sporting quote for the week:

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it would happen, others make it happen." - Michael Jordan

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