



# SHERIFF SPORT



## NETBALL

Lawrence Sheriff's first ever netball team played their first netball match together on Wednesday. We rocked up early in our multi-coloured kit (which for a certain player matched the walls of the neon green changing room!), and started off with a very intimidating warm up. The opposition briefed us of the rules:

Charlie won the toss, and we started with a centre pass. We played very well however, height was not on our side. Every one of their players was at least a foot taller than us.

During the first quarter Sheriff played with composure and used the full width of the court. Unfortunately our skill, speed and talent wasn't enough to beat our opponent's height. And by the end of the quarter we were down 2-0.

During our team talk we decided our target for the next quarter would be to communicate more. The second quarter increased in intensity, communication, aggression and the number of contacts committed. The majority of this quarter was played on the floor with Esther, Charlie and Emily diving into the floor to keep possession of the ball - truly showing their dedication to the sport. The second quarter finished with a toss-up between Esther and a member of the Dixie team - which against the odds and the immense pressure WE WON.

After the first half we decided would mix our positions up a bit, and swapped our tallest player, Fran, into the goal keeper position. Fran and Harpreet both excelled in their new positions. Throughout the third quarter we worked on marking, which started to get the opposition quite riled up due to how tight and well sheriff were sticking to our players. Immediately our game greatly improved, which resulted with many shots on goal from Nitya and Emily.

Every time the ball was thrown into the 'D' Fran would dive across, intercept and hit it out of the side line, greatly reducing Dixie's chance at scoring. Towards the end of the game Dixie's players were starting to get tired, which allowed for a final break from sheriff and with some swift passes up the court Emily was able to score a fantastic goal. The final whistle was blown, and in good time too as both sides were starting to get slightly heated.

Sheriff finished the game in high spirits possibly due to the large amount of consolatory chocolate that the other team's teacher gifted us with, but more likely because we played an excellent match especially after only have 4 training sessions playing together. The improvement we made in the second half, just goes to show the team's potential. After more training time together we will come back fighting in the next fixture.

Player of the match: Charlotte McCulloch

**Regan Walker, Year 12**

## FOOTBALL

### Blue day year 12 vs 13 Football

In honour of Movember and awareness for men's mental health issues a few of the sixth form students organised a year 12 vs year 13 football match. The match was a physical battle with a few crunching tackles from Alex Johnson and Flynn Mcgee. Numerous chances were created throughout the match with Owusu getting clean through but unfortunately skying his effort over the bar. The year 13s had a golden opportunity to take an early lead in the early stages of the game with a controversial penalty. However Fin Hamill made a cat-like save to his right to save a shocking penalty from the year 13 captain Liam Hearne. The year 12s created a chance down the right flank with captain Needham, nutmegging Flynn Mcgee releasing Todd Loveitt into space, however the attack fizzled out. The match continued to be an exciting game with chances down either end for Year 12 striker Lummis and Year 13 striker Sewell but nothing that they managed to put away. The match ended up ending 0-0 and went straight into sudden death penalties where Fin Hamill put in a superb

save from Rees Smith's penalty. Year 12 star man Todd Loveitt stepped up for their penalty before launching it into the back of the net and winning the game on penalties for the Year 12s. Well done to everyone that took part in such an exciting game and a huge thank you to Mr Gaffin for organising.

### Under 13s Football Tournament @ Butlins Road

The Under 13s travelled to Butlins Road to play in a football tournament last week. They ended up having to play against footballers in the year above them from different schools across Rugby but still managed to come away with a fantastic result finishing as runners up in what was a tough tournament with some great quality football. Well done to everyone that took part!



## **RECENT RESULTS**

### HOCKEY RESULTS

### RUGBY RESULTS

U12s 42-42 Lutterworth

U13s 42-21 Lutterworth

U16s 50-14 Lutterworth

U15s 38-17 Kibworth

### FOOTBALL RESULTS

U18s 4-1 Dixie Grammar School

### NETBALL RESULTS

LSS Girls 1-9 Dixie Grammar



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## OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL

### Old Laurentian's Colts 57 vs Newbold-on-Avon Colts 0

Off the back of a friendly fixture the prior weekend against Market Harborough, the OL's colts were out for blood against local rivals Newbold in a league fixture in preparation for next week's top of the league clash against Old Leamingtonian's, heralded as the league title decider already. The game started off slowly, with the OL's pack still showing ring rust from a month layoff, the bold almost crashed over the line from a sharp counterattack, which was snuffed out by George Lee a meter from the line, and turned over exceptionally by James Law, which lead to a length of the field try for the team, which signalled a change in momentum which was never stopped by Newbold, due in

thanks to tries from the likes of Matt O'Connor, Toby Corrigan, and Harry Lummis. Also, well played to the Sheriff alumni on the opposing side, Jack Smith, for a solid defensive effort at fullback throughout. A tremendous tackle on Sheriff and OLs heavyweight James Law from the Newbold and LSS representing fullback was brilliant but unexpected in such a one sided affair. The perseverance and bravery from Smith limited the OLs score line but Newbold still didn't manage to come away from the match with any points. OL's further solidified their place 2nd in the league table with a match against 1st place team, Old Leamingtonian's in a weeks time

**Toby Corrigan, Year 12**

## EXTRA NEWS

### Cheating in Chinese Marathon

Almost 250 runners in a half marathon were caught cheating when traffic cameras captured them taking shortcuts through bushes. Organisers of the race in Shenzhen, China, also discovered 18 runners wearing fake bibs and three runners they described as "imposters". All who cheated are now facing bans. "Marathon running is not simply exercise, it is a metaphor for life, and every runner is responsible for him or herself," organisers said. Footage captured by Shenzhen police traffic cameras showed runners cutting through bushes to an adjacent carriageway, instead of continuing along the road and making a U-turn. Organisers said the 237 people caught cheating would have run two or three kilometres less than the full 21-kilometre (13.1-mile) distance. The annual race in China's fourth largest city typically attracts about 16,000 runners.

### Local Rugby Schools in Indoor Athletics Competition

Last Friday (November 23) Harris Church of England Academy School Sport Partnership ran the first two heats of this year's level 2 School Games year 5&6 sports hall athletics competition.

Results from the first heat were remarkably close with Riverside Academy scoring 100, St Matthews Bloxham scoring 104, and Clifton Primary scoring 108 points. However the winning team, Padox Primary School, powered ahead with a final score of 176 points.

Heat 2 was fiercely contested also: Eastlands Primary scoring 128, St Oswalds CE Academy 130, Long Lawford Primary 144, Boughton Leigh Junior 196, The Revel Primary 198 and the winning team Bilton Junior scoring 244 points.

**Evan Soley, year 7**

## **Fixtures/Training**

### MONDAY

Senior Rugby Training

### TUESDAY

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

### FRIDAY

Under 15s Football Training

### SATURDAY

U15s Rugby vs Ratcliffe college