

Cranbrook boys Hockey report 2018

written by the coaches.

U12 BOYS

In what turned out to be a relatively short season, the U12 boys showed a phenomenal amount of improvement and progress. Special mentions must go to Harry and Cody who put in some great performances, the girls who filled in and contributed hugely whenever needed and finally to Bennie who was a revelation in goal! Onwards and upwards for the lads. (Mr McConnochie)

U14B

Although the number of fixtures was not quite what we had hoped for, the U14Bs showed a decent level of improvement by the end of the season. In the first game against Eastbourne, we never really had a look in and didn't get close to scoring but by the end of the season the boys were attacking well and putting teams under lots of pressure. Most of these efforts were orchestrated by MVP Harry Kittermaster and Players Player, Tom Morgan who fed Captain Hugo Taylor up front. Defensive efforts also improved with Jed Vine (Vice Captain) Victor Cova , Teyen Tapper and MIP Charlie Drew learning to work well together. Special mention must also go to both Horatio Thompson and Adam Vallack who made some outstanding saves between them. (Mr McConnochie)

U14A

After a rather shaky start to the season with very few of the boys attending trials, this team have gone from strength to strength. Most memorable results are the wins over Kings Canterbury, Eastbourne and Skinners. The latter part of the season was more challenging as the team were decimated by injury against very tough opposition. This team have shown great potential and have displayed excellent team spirit. They have been a pleasure to coach and will be ones to watch out for next year. A great winning season boys, well done! (Mrs Burnett)

U15B

The U15 B's played 4 matches, won two, lost two. They started and ended the season with excellent wins over The King's School, Canterbury (4-0) and Hurstpierpoint College (2-1). Eastbourne College and St Lawrence College proved too strong, both 3-0 losses. The team was enthusiastically led by Captain Kit Nobbs and Vice Captain James

Hammond who generated a strong team spirit. Special mentions go to Tom Shenton who was fantastic in goal, George Timlin as top goal scorer and Freddie Cutler who was tireless in defence. Highlight of the season was holding out to beat Hurst 2-1 in the last match! (Mr Hillier)

U15A

The boys have had a mixed season with good wins against Ashford and Skinners and hard games against Eastbourne, St Lawrence and Hurstpierpoint. The whole team developed really well as the season progressed playing some great passing hockey using the speed up front. The availability was good and we were always able to field a strong team. A special mention must go to Jack Stewart who lead his team well and made sure the boys kept fighting until the final whistle. Another mention must go to our goalkeeper George Kite who was strong all season and who looks a real talent for the future. This side showed real team spirit both in the matches and on the training ground and were a pleasure to coach. (Mr Harrison)

2nd

The 2nd XI had a turbulent season largely due to availability issues. They started strong with convincing victories over Kings Canterbury and Ashford but then quickly began to stray. Eastbourne college at home marked a turning point in what had been a very positive start. Weather issues, coupled with mocks and injuries, prevented us gaining any momentum in the final straight. However those that did keep turning up each week made considerable improvements and their contributions were hugely valuable. For the most part they worked hard in training and focused on match day. Special mentions in that department go to Archie Marshall, George Farmer, George Lowe, Seb Terry, Bill Betts and Will Adey in particular. (Mr Hulbert)

1st

We have had an enjoyable and productive season slightly hampered by weather and availability issues. We managed good wins against Ashford, Rochester Maths and Simon Langton. In the Frank Mason Tournament wins against Kings Canterbury, Duke of York, Chatham and Clarendon Grammar were impressive. A narrow loss 1-0 to Tonbridge allowed us to qualify for the quarter final where we lost on flicks to Langley Park. The highlight of the season was our 4-0 win against Kings Canterbury in the Frank Mason tournament. Everything came together and we dominated the game in all parts of the pitch. Big smiles all round,

especially from the coach. It was great to see 3 year groups playing so well together as a team.

We also had a narrow loss to a strong Eastbourne which although some poor finishing showed this team could really compete with the top schools in the area. It was disappointing to lose the fixtures against Sutton Valence and Skinners due to the weather because both these games should have been wins.

The boys have worked hard this season and seemed to really enjoy their hockey. They all adapted well to the different positions they were placed in and played some very attractive hockey. MIP for the season was Will Farmer for his tireless work as sweeper.

Huge thanks must go to Dan for his reliable Captaincy and consistent defending which earned him MVP from Mr Harrison.

Full Colours awarded to the following Year 13 boys for their commitment and performance in the 1st team.

Dan Mullis – already received full colours tie for Rugby

James Ansell – already received full colour tie for Rugby

Matthew Sprent

Josh Carter

Richard Sumner

Bailey Wright

Half Colours awards to:

Alex Attwall

Henry Poole

George Farmer

On a very positive note Cranbrook have some very strong players coming through both in year 12 and especially year 11. This bodes well for the future. Mr Harrison would also like to wish the year 13 boys success in any future hockey they play. We would also like to say a huge thanks to him and all the other coaches involved in the hockey this term, which although frustratingly short and hampered by the weather has been a really positive experience for most.