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Yeovil
College

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Yeovil into Last 16 of English Schools

Yeovil College have progressed into the last 16 of the English Schools FA Under 18 Colleges Trophy, with a 3 – 2 win over South Devon College.

The opening exchanges gifted each team a goal; with Joe Hastie miss hitting a cross into the back of the net to score for Yeovil. However once both teams had settled the game saw some excellent passages of play from both teams.

Yeovil lost Sam Haines in defence half way through the first half due to injury with Stuart Witt coming on to take his place in the back line.

A free kick taken half way in the South Devon half saw Tom Law beat the defender to edge the ball past the South Devon goal keeper and into the back of the net for a 2 - 1 lead to Yeovil.

The 2nd half resumed with Yeovil in a positive mood. Yeovil were straight on the attack from the whistle, putting the South Devon goal keeper under pressure. This was shortly rewarded when Tom Law placed a beautiful re-taken free kick into the top corner from 20 yards to give Yeovil a 3 – 1 lead.

South Devon came back into the game with 10 minutes to go with a nicely worked goal to put the score at 3 – 2, and set up a tense final 10 minutes. Yeovil did not sit back and still attacked South Devon with one effort rebounding off the bar. The minute's edged away but Yeovil managed to stay firm to record a confidence boosting win over a well organised South Devon side, and ultimately set themselves up with an away game in the last sixteen.

Peter Conning the Yeovil Colleges Football Academy Manager said "This was a great achievement for such an inexperienced set of players. Their work rate and commitment has been outstanding throughout the competition and they have deserved this success."



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Somerset Colleges Badminton

Yeovil College badminton players were in action as they took part in the Somerset Colleges Mixed Badminton Tournament at Bridgwater College. Once again the Yeovil players showed their depth with all 4 pairings playing well. Final standings were Yeovil 1 = 1st, Yeovil 2 and Yeovil 3 = Joint 3rd, Yeovil 4 = 4th in the box.

Badminton League

The ladies badminton team took part in the Somerset Schools U18 Badminton League and dominated the meeting winning all the games during the evening. Playing against Taunton School and Kings Bruton they finish Yeovil 24 pts, Taunton 10 pts, Kings Bruton 4pts.



Six Receive Rugby Honours

The success of the Yeovil College Rugby Academy has once again hit the headlines with six students being selected to play in the first England Colleges rugby matches of 2008. Following trials over the weekend of 12th / 13th January at Bristol; Nadine Sheehan, Abi Harrison, Holly Edmonds, Lee Jennings, Lee Hedlan and Gordon Hickman were selected to be part of the England Colleges Under 18 team.

This a fantastic achievement, that will see the ladies travel to Edinburgh to play against Scotland on Saturday 2nd February. The men's team will compete in Wales against the Boys Club of Wales.

England Football Honours

Following the successful trials and development weekend held at Lilleshall over the weekend of 18-20 January 2008, two Yeovil College students have been chosen as part of the squad to face Australia.

Helen Bleazard and Carl Lazenby will line up for the England Colleges ladies and men's football teams against Australia on February 2nd/3rd, in a game to be played at Oxford City. Congratulations to both players.

Ladies Hockey Retain Title

Yeovil College Ladies Hockey team has just retained the Somerset Colleges indoor title. The tournament held at SCAT in Taunton saw four local colleges compete.

The first game for Yeovil was a tough encounter against a well drilled Bridgwater side. Yeovil immediately saw their ability pay off with the Bridgwater keeper forced to make a good save from Claire Pearce. However, it took driving play from Luci Hooper to open the scoring picking up the ball in her own D she drove the length of the hall before planting an unstoppable cross shot into the bottom corner. Unfortunately the lead did not last long and Bridgwater hit back to level the scores. With five minutes to go once again Yeovil found themselves on top and working the keeper hard, it took pace to break the deadlock with Claire Pearce working a bit of space to slot the second goal. Late on Yeovil conceded a debatable penalty flick which despite getting close to Keeper Sam Read could not be prevented and the score finished at 2-2.

This meant the Yeovil girls would have to be extremely ruthless in their remaining two games and playing back to back would test fitness levels to the maximum.

The first of these games was played against hosts SCAT. The intensity levels from the start were outstanding and this immediately paid dividends with Kath Holmes and Stacey Howe converting well taken goals, a further goal from Holmes saw the score at 3 – 0 after just 4 minutes. The score line allowed some of the squad players to make their debuts indoors, with Rose Boyce and Vicky Sharpe contributing well. At this point striker Claire Pearce burst into action scoring 6 goals in quick succession with her pace and positioning skills demolishing the opposition and allowed for a straight swap with normal strike partner Kate Hawkins whom promptly added a tenth goal after good work from Vicky Sharpe, the 10-0 victory being by no means flattering.

The final game was played immediately against Richard Huish College. Traditionally games between the local rivals being extremely close, the team knew that they would have to be strong from the start. The same intensity of play was seen immediately with the Yeovil attacks making the Richard Huish keeper make several saves. After 2 minutes the deadlock was broken; a superb through ball from Hooper saw Pearce in the open and she beat the keeper through her legs. This time the team did not sit back, they continued to push and were rewarded through 2 quick goals from the powerful Holmes closing in from the right hand side. With the backs being marshalled by the confident keeper Sam Read and outstanding Luci Hooper the attacking flare of the Yeovil girls was unleashed to devastating effect. The goal of the tournament saw Pearce fed by an outstanding cross hall pass from Howe to score, which was followed moments later with Pearce once again converting a deft reverse stick flick to the top corner. The team were not finished there, with a further goal from Claire Pearce giving Yeovil a 6-0 victory and the title for the 3rd year in a row.

Coaching team Stuart Richards and Harry Brooks were ecstatic with the result, Harry stating “the team demonstrated their experience and ability in the indoor game, the result is a credit to the players”. Stuart Richards said “after the men’s team being narrowly piped two weeks ago this was a pleasure to watch and the standard of play from the Yeovil team was superb; they were worthy of their victory”.

Scores and Goal Scorers

Vs Bridgwater 2-2 draw (Hooper, Pearce)

Vs SCAT 10-0 win

(Pearce x 6, Howe 1, Holmes x 2, Hawkins 1)

Vs RHC 6-0 win (Pearce x4, Holmes x 2)



Ladies Rugby into 3rd Round

The depth of ladies rugby at Yeovil College was evident when the ladies rugby team put in a commanding performance against Truro in the 2nd Round of the British Colleges Cup. It was an excellent all round display that saw Yeovil outplay their Cornish counterparts to take the game 58 - 7.

Marlie Packer racked up the points with 3 tries and 4 conversions to be followed by Holly Edmonds (3), Nadine Sheehan (1), Charlotte Male (1), Charlotte Woods (1) and Abi Harrison (1). A fantastic performance.

BCS Cup Win

Not to be outdone by the ladies; the men's rugby squad also put in a winning Cup performance to take them into the next round of the BCS Cup.

Away to Weston, the Yeovil Squad did not perform to their best. However the role of replacements Luke Pybus, Jake Woolamore and Jason Dunn became crucial in Yeovil winning enough possession at the contact area.

It was enough for Yeovil to take the lead eventually taking the game 22 - 12.

Scorers - Chris Briggs (2 Tries, 1 Con), Peter Medhurst (1), Joe Stelmasyk (1).



Indoor Hockey



This year's Somerset Colleges Men's Indoor Hockey tournament was held at SCAT in Taunton. Yeovil played some superb hockey to come a very close 2nd in the tournament, with the only loss (1 - 0) coming against the eventual winners Bridgwater College. Yeovil's other games finished SCAT (Won 6 - 2), Richard Huish (Won 4 - 2), Frome (Draw 2 - 2).

Goal scorers during the tournament were M Haskett (5), A Hardick (3), D Reed (2), M Gibson (1) and M Ringrow (1).

January Results Round-up



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Netball 1st Team

Yeovil v Exeter (a) LOST 52 - 18 (BCS Cup)
Yeovil v Exeter (h) LOST 45 - 24 (BCS League)
Yeovil v Filton (h) LOST 22 - 19 (BCS League)

Netball 2nd Team

Yeovil v RHC (a) LOST 48 - 9 (Somerset Colleges)
Yeovil v Gillingham WON 51 - 34 (Friendly)
Yeovil v N Devon (a) LOST 34 - 18 (BCS League)

Rugby

Yeovil v Weston (a) WON 22 - 12 (BCS Cup Rd 2)
Yeovil v Poole (a) WON 18 - 14 (Friendly)

Football 1st Team

Yeovil v Bridgwater (h) DRAW 1 - 1 (BCS League)
Yeovil v Bridgwater (a) LOST 3 - 1 (BCS League)
Yeovil v Gloucester (h) WON 4 - 2 (BCS League)
Yeovil v S Devon (h) WON 3 - 2 (ESFA Rd 4)

Football 2nd Team

Yeovil v Bridgwater (a) WON 1 - 0 (BCS League)
Yeovil v RHC II (h) WON 3 - 0 (BCS League)

Ladies Rugby

Yeovil v Truro (a) WON 58 - 7 (BCS Cup)

Football 3rd Team

Yeovil v N Devon (h) LOST 4 - 2 (BCS League)
Yeovil v Strode (h) DRAW 1 - 1 (BCS League)
Yeovil v Truro LOST 6 - 1 (BCS League)

Ladies Hockey

Yeovil v Leweston WON 2 - 1 (Friendly)
Yeovil v SCAT WON 3 - 2 (Somerset Colleges)

Men's Hockey

Yeovil v Thomas Hardv DRAW 2 - 2 (Friendly)

Ladies Football

Yeovil v Weymouth (a)
LOST 3 - 2 (BCS Cup)