

SPORTS OFFICERS INTRIM REPORT FOR 2006 / 2007

The sports year, which began in September, started off disastrously when we finished last overall at the Regional Swimming Championships, and in 5th place at the Cross Country Championships. Once again we were let down by late withdrawals in both competitions. We did however manage to finish in 2nd position in the senior boys swimming events.

In October things improved quite dramatically when we won both the Junior Boys Soccer and the Senior Boys Rugby competitions. We could only manage to finish 4th however in the Junior Girls Hockey, which considering we only had 9 players was better than could be expected. Once again we received poor support at the hockey trials. And again suffered from late withdrawals. The annoying thing is that we had some good juniors attending the open- age hockey trials in January and we could have had quite a good junior team had they attended the junior trials. Also in October was the Boys Open-Age Hockey which we managed to win but we could only finish 3rd in the Girls Open-Age Netball.

We began the New Year also on a winning streak when we pulled off another double when we won both the Junior Rugby and the Junior Netball competitions. Unfortunately due to bad weather we had to cancel the Wing Open-Age Soccer Trials earlier this year so I had to pick a team based on cadets who had previously represented wing at Junior or Senior level. We still managed to win through to the Semi-Final stage of the competition which will take place on March 4th. Unfortunately, we lost in the preliminary round of the Girls Open-Age Hockey competition.

So far it has been quite a good year overall so let's see if we can keep it up. The next big sports event will be the Wing Athletic Championships in May. During the last few years we have not done so well at Regional level therefore if we are to put out a strong team we need as much support as possible at our Wing event.

Attached to this report you will find a chart showing which squadrons have been represented in the various sports events organized by wing so far this year. You will also find a list of those cadets who have represented Wing, Region or Corp this year. I am expecting these to increase quite considerably before the end of the sports year. So if you want to see more of your cadets names appear on this list please give them the opportunity by encouraging them to take part in any wing organized sports activities. Alas I am still being told by cadets that they know nothing about trials being held in spite of the fact that all squadrons are sent this information. Cadets are also on occasions being deprived from representing Wing due to a clash with squadron organized events.

Finally my usual thanks go to all those people who have helped me throughout the year, you know who you are, and your help is much appreciated.

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