



Squad Report

Hurricanes Team Name Under 7's	
Opposition	
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Players Names	

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Heathfield vs Chelmsford 8-4

Despite a long journey, the sun was shining on the eager U7s team as they took on their first opponents of the day, Chelmsford. With nifty footwork and speed, Toby scored in the first ten seconds to give Heathfield the confidence to follow up with some good attacking from the team. With good support from Duncan and great space finding, Toby scored again! The boys displayed some impressive passing and tagging to put Chelmsford under pressure and set up Finley and Finán to add to the score result so far. Callum worked well around the pitch to support his teammates, Oscar was unlucky not to score, being tagged near the line, and Alex showed his determination to move the ball up the pitch. Heathfield proved to be too speedy and cohesive for Chelmsford, illustrated by frustrated calls from the Chelmsford coach to his team of 'We're walking again!'. When the final whistle blew, it was a well-deserved 8-4 result for Heathfield.

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Heathfield vs Upminster 6-2

The cohesive team effort continued in the second match. The boys took opportunities and found space, leading to some well-deserved tries in the first half. The boys also illustrated their defensive tagging techniques and frustrated Upminster's opportunities to move up the pitch. In the second half, a great move from Bryn allowed him through the opposition's defence to score, and with great team support, Finán found space to score a third try for Heathfield. Eddie's good tagging was echoed by William and Thomas and Upminster struggled to break through the Heathfield defences. The final score of 6-2 proved that Heathfield's attacking and defensive skills had made them the stronger team.

Heathfield vs Thurrock 6-4

Heathfield got off to a strong start against the host team with another speedy try from Toby in the first ten seconds of play. Great determination from Duncan led to another well-deserved try and Finán went through the opposition to find the score line. Thurrock proved to be a tough team, finding space to score and putting pressure on Heathfield. Ted led some super tagging to hold back Thurrock's runs and the boys chased the ball consistently to prevent Thurrock from scoring more tries.

Confident tagging thwarted Thurrock again in the second half. Heathfield maintained momentum near the line, with Finley being unfortunate to have a try disallowed. Freddie refused to give up and went on to score two great tries. At the end of the match, Heathfield deserved the 6-4 victory against a good team.

Final: Heathfield vs Chelmsford B 4-5

The boys had a tedious hour-long interval between their win against Thurrock and the final against Chelmsford B. Yet, when play started, they gave it their all with some good tagging and they used their ability to move up the pitch. The play was supportive and the team spirit was strong. Well done to Toby for quick thinking and footwork; his four tries were well deserved and well

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supported by his teammates. Chelmsford B were fast and the score was neck and neck into the final moments when Chelmsford B seized an opportunity and won the match by one try. The match could have gone either way and the Heathfield boys were right to feel proud of their performance. All boys should be congratulated for their positive response and sportsmanship at the end of the match, even though they were, understandably, disappointed with the final result.

Thanks also to our great coaches for their positive attitude and encouragement and to all the parents who made the effort to travel through the Tunnel for the Festival.

Well done to Alex, Bryn, Callum, Duncan, Eddie, Finán, Finley, Freddie, Oscar, Teddy, Thomas, Toby and William Chambers for working as a great team. You deserved to make it through to the Finals of the Thurrock tournament.