

Hurricanes U9's perform heroically into Silver Cup at Crawley.

A constant supply of sun cream, ice cream and shade are not normally the order of the day when our hurricanes enter a rugby pitch. It was with a sense of pride and trepidation that our parents and coaches watched our players play the first ever contact game. Our heroic hurricanes were;

Sam Walley, Tom Barden, Henry Roser, Henry Rofe, Toby Anderson, Toby Clarke, Hamish McAlister, Hector Ellis, Matthew Greenwood, Finn Scott-Taggart, Dominic Carey, Freddie Kuzemko.

The programme we received on entry brought news that our pool included Haywards Heath, Chichester and Crowborough. Were our boys concerned that we had lost on our last TAG outing against all these teams- NO!

First we had Chichester. Both teams were awesome and after some exceptional rugby a well deserved draw was the best result. The crowd was spellbound with some of our play recycling the ball many times and driving Chichester backwards.

Next came Haywards Heath; what a scare we gave them! Our boys produced another scintillating display of passing and committed tackling. Our boys would not yield and narrowly lost by a single try gaining a huge boost in confidence.

They took this into the game against Crowborough and produced our performance of the day scoring 4 unanswered tries. The game had it all; end to end play, powerful runs, aussie style off loads and English grit. This result placed us, second in our group, with the top 6 teams of the festival and into the silver cup. In a two match round Silver Cup we were first up against Eastbourne. With the temperature nudging 30 our boys were on fire narrowly losing by a single try in the very last play of the game.

With the clock well beyond 3.00pm the boys entered that last match against a well organised Uckfield. Once more the parents and the coaches watched in awe as the boys gave everything, narrowly losing this final match.

What a great day out; Passion, commitment, ice cream, skill, sun, tries and big smiling faces. The Hurricane's U9 were fantastic, all contributing to a great day. The squad were given a Player of the Festival award to hand out to our best player. It was impossible to split our players. All played the same amount of rugby, all played a role in our success, so it was only right that the whole squad got the award. Boys you made some mum's & dad's extremely proud. Fantastic.

Quote of the day "So that is what rucking is for!"