

OF Netball Report by Rene Bahar

Friday 3rd January saw the College 1st VII take on the Old Framlinghamians in a tightly contested netball match. The College girls, fresh from an intense day of pre-season training, started the game strongly by taking an early lead. However, not to be outdone by the youngsters, the OF's battled their way back into the game. Faultless shots from GA, Maddie Anthony, coupled with Ele Williamson's (WA) impeccable feeds into the circle put pressure on the College girl's good start. The youngest OF on court, Hattie Williamson, battled it out with her younger sister, Emma Williamson, to add a competitive edge to the otherwise friendly atmosphere. Both strongly held their ground with almost nothing splitting their brilliant netball abilities.

By half time, both teams were fully in their stride. Millie Finbow's (GS) shooting accuracy proved pivotal for the College in the third quarter which was complimented brilliantly by Polly Haste's (GA) effective movement around the circle. OF Jess Wilson's debut at GK put pressure on the College girls allowing for the score line to tighten. A switch around in the OF shooting circle saw Jennie Cardin move to the GS position whilst further down the court René Bahar took on the role of GD. This switch worked well for the OF's despite the continual defensive pressure of Charlotte Mears and Mini Dunham. With only 2 minutes left on the clock, the game was neck and neck. With both Maddie Anthony and Millie Finbow shooting at 100%, the teams were feeling the pressure to retain possession and clinch the win. As the College's coach, Lucy Collishaw, blew the final whistle, the score stood at 32-32.

An exciting end to what was a very closely contested game which fully showcased the fantastic standard of the current 1st VII. I would like to thank the catering staff for putting on a lovely spread of coffee and cakes as post-match refreshments which were thoroughly enjoyed by all. Alongside this, I also want to extend my thanks on behalf of the OF squad to Lucy and the 1st VII girls for a wonderfully fun and enjoyable evening all round.

