



## **Committee meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

### **Senior teams reports**

#### **Ladies 1 Report – 10.11.20**

W-3, D-1, L-1

2nd in the league, positive vibes in the team with little drop off of players, which has been the case in previous years. It's a good team with new players slotting in well.

#### **Ladies 2 Captain's Report – 10.11.20**

W-2, L-3, D-1

Obviously, we were all pleased to get back on the pitch and thanks goes to everyone involved in making that work (special mention for Patrick and Ewan). We were the only club in our league who had managed to squeeze in 5 matches when lockdown 2 started, so it shows how ahead of the game we were.

Mixed bag so far in terms of results; cracking start and then availability and a couple of teams who had entered the league that we'd never played before, threw us off balance. Team spirit remains high and attendance at training is excellent and a couple of new players has given us some fresh energy.

The biggest success so far is the GK training programme that I initiated at the start of the season. Evie Haigh was losing interest in keeping and the Ladies section was generally losing keepers, so working with Ewan we agreed on an integrated training programme with the rest of the squad. Ewan joins our training sessions on a Wednesday and does warm-ups and skills with Evie (and Chelsea when attending) and then coaches 'in the moment' during the drills/games. Thanks to both Ewan and Trevor for making this happen each week.

I'm pleased to say Evie's love of the position has returned, her confidence and skill is growing greatly and she's very much part of the team. In addition to that, the club gets a consistent and enthusiastic GK and Ewan raises the profile of integrated GK training – everyone's happy!

#### **Thirsk Ladies 3 - autumn 2020**

Thirsk ladies 3 have played 5 matches, won two and lost three. We lost the opener of the season at home to Harrogate 5-0, and then beat University of Leeds 4 away 1-2. Pudsey 1 then travelled to Thirsk and beat us 1-2 and we then lost away to Wakefield 4, 2-0. Our final match before lockdown 2 was at home against Halifax which we won 1-0.

Had we not gone into lockdown at this point we would have been struggling to play league matches against our West Yorkshire sides. This then leaves us with just the two opposing teams of Harrogate 5 and Northallerton 2 in Div. 4 North West.

Training nights have been very different to last year when our numbers ranged between 8 (usually) and 18 (occasionally) players turning up. This season we regularly have 30/32 players on the pitch and now have the combined coaching skills of Jo Lightfoot and Phil Hughes.

A couple of players have progressed from the 4s into the 3s and fit very well into the team whilst a few players have slotted in to the 2<sup>nd</sup> team when necessary. The struggle so far this season has been



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getting everyone game time rather than turning out with just 10/11 players. A small number of players started the season reluctant to travel to away venues however as the weeks have progressed this changed and most people became available for all matches.

Very disappointing to have the season brought to a halt so abruptly, especially after all the hard work put in by the committee in organising a safe environment to play. Everyone spoke at some point about how pleased they were to get back out on the pitch and adapted quickly and readily to the behaviours and systems required to make that possible. Hopefully the season will resume in the New Year.

### Thirsk Ladies 4<sup>th</sup> team Report

- We have managed to play 3 matches as we swapped the Bradford game to home so will play away instead in January.
- We have drawn 2 and lost 1 games.
- There's a selection of goal scorers. Total goals 5
- 2 week slip was annoying especially with lockdown now happening, so going forward if we can get games in these weeks that would be great but will need to speak to Jo Gray. Although these slips weeks do tend to help higher teams 3s/2nds.
- We are 3<sup>rd</sup> in the league.
- I have recruited 10 under 14s and there are a few more to come once they turn 13.
- 5 junior players from last year are now playing regularly for the 3rds and are doing really well fitting in nicely.
- A few old players from last years under 16's are now back playing
- Training going well. Approx. 30 attending each session

#### Issues:

- No regularly goalkeeper which is a big issue. Imogen is training with us but has not committed to any 4ths matches and played 1 3rds. Sophie P no word from even though Ewan has made contacted. If teams are not playing for whatever reason could they get in touch to say their goalie is available in case we don't have one? Players would rather play than not.
- First Aid kit-A 4ths player had a serious incident- cut head -resulting in stitches and glue but the first aid kit barely got the initial treatment through. Can we have proper wound bandages that cover cuts and wipes to clean up any blood- this caused more issues than the actual wound.
- Under 16- Parents are getting in touch for their child to come to our training as they can't make under 16's. Because we have such high number I am making it clear that they can only attend if they can play on a Saturday- we are not an overflow for under 16's. Both under 14's and under 16's have their own training night but the senior ladies this is their only night and take priority.

### Feedback from Parents



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- The love the fact that the team welcomes their young person that they getting the opportunity to play more senior matches and get a different experience.

#### **Men's 1s**

Played 3 games, won 2.

Good amount of the team attending training. It is a settled team with new players joining the men's section.

#### **Men's 2s**

Played 6, won 6 with a large goal difference. Keen players with a lot of players available at the start of the season. This has dropped off due to players having to self-isolate on a precautionary basis. Training going well with 3 GKs on the register for the 2s.

With numbers growing and juniors moving into the senior squad there is a possibility of a 3<sup>rd</sup> men's team next season.