

U14 Knights

Sixes Cup
Winners

Another season completed and another positive and fun 9 months for everyone involved with the Knights, even though it was a bumpy ride at times!

It was a challenging season for the Knights in terms of league results. Having won the blue division last season, we were placed in the red division, the only mixed ability team amongst 'select' teams from other clubs.

What we desperately did not need was a spate of injuries and to lose some players during the season but sadly that is what happened. During the season we suffered injuries to no less than 7 players at one time or another. We lost Toby Bennett and Jonny Sutton during the season as they moved on from playing for us. In addition, our coach, Sanj Sharma, was injured in a road accident and was unavailable for a couple of months whilst he recovered. Thankfully, Sanj returned in the New Year to galvanise the team.

Despite all of this turmoil, the boys competed well in most games, earning a well-deserved draw in our second game of the season and although we won just one game in the league, we were very competitive in over half of our matches. One very encouraging sign was the improved performances and results in the second half of the season with the team creating more chances and looking more solid in defence.

The season ended on a very positive note at the Hazlemere Sixes tournament. With our customary two teams entered we had 14 boys taking part. Both teams competed strongly but were not rewarded with the results that their efforts deserved in the group stages. Our blue team needed to



secure at least a draw in their last game so that the red team could progress to the semi-finals and they managed it with a solid performance. The red team then won their semi-final against a strong Chalfont St Peter team and faced Bourne End in the final. The boys saved their best performance for the final and ran out 2-0 winners with goals from Daniel Harris and Oliver Baldwin. Winning a third Sixes tournament in the last 4 occasions was a fantastic way to end the season.

We say goodbye to Alex Littlewood at the end of this season as Alex concentrates on other sports and leisure activities – thanks Alex, you have been a terrific Knight for 8 seasons!

I would like to thank our parents for providing such great support to the team, particularly Carl Baldwin and Richard Rints for stepping in

to help me during Sanj's absence. Thanks also to Dale Pepperall, our official team photographer and to Pete Grimmert and Richard Wainman for regularly running the line.

Final thanks, as ever, go to the boys themselves. They continue to work hard and to have fun as well as displaying a great team spirit and togetherness. We are all looking forward to playing again next season – in the meantime, have a great summer.

The Knights 2015-16 squad: Adam Hutchinson, Alex Littlewood, Ciaran Harris, Daniel Grimmert, Daniel Harris, Daniel Holmes, George Tarrant, Jake Roberts, James Pendleton, Jonah Sharma, Nathan Wainman, Oliver Baldwin, Oliver Stonehouse, Raphael Prinz, Rhys Pepperall, Sam Read, Sam Rints, Tomas Lipinski. Geoff

