



## Hi 5 Spennymoor Netball league 2015

Week 1 - 12/11/15

This week was just friendly games, just to get used to the size of the pitch and the rules. Our first friendly was against Oxclose A. Unfortunately we lost 4-1. At half time we were getting beat 4-0, but they didn't let it dishearten them. We evaluated our performance to see how we could improve our performance in the second half. The team did exactly what was asked of them in the second half and were the better team of the half. We didn't concede a goal in the second half because our defending was so much better. Grace Raper scored a goal in the second half bringing the score line to 4-1. Although our performance was so much better in the second half we were unable to make up for the 4 goals we conceded in the first half. However after our great performance in the second half it was able to give us some confidence going into our next match.

Our second friendly match was against St. Charles A. we were able to end the night with a fantastic win beating St. Charles A 2-1. We were able to continue on from our fantastic performance from the second half of the last game. Every player gave 100% effort for the whole game and played some fantastic netball. Both Josh James and Abbie Newman scored a goal and we could have scored more with the chances we had. It was great to end the night with a win because how hard everyone worked. Both myself and Miss Gordon were very proud of everyone for not giving up when it was tough and how determined they all were to show everyone how good they really are.

Week 2 – 19/11/15

Our first competitive match was against St Charles B. It was a fantastic first half for us, with Abigail scoring 3 goals and Jon-Jo scoring 1 as well. They managed to score 4 goals in 5 minutes, meaning we were heading into half time winning 4-0. In the second half there was also goals scored from Josh and Harris. We won 6-0 which was a massive turnaround from our first game last week.

Our second match was against Oxclose B. At half time it was 1-0 with Grace scoring the only goal of the half. At half time Leah said she was alright to come on and play the second half after she cut her chin in the game against St Charles. I think it gave her some motivation as she came on and scored 3 goals. Jon-Jo also scored a goal in the second half and could have had 2 goals but he had shot after the whistle had blown, so unfortunately his second goal didn't count. We had another big win, winning this game 5-0.

Miss Gordon and I were immensely proud of everyone tonight and felt like all of our shooting practice on Wednesday had really paid off. After our 2 brilliant wins, we finished the night with 6 points and a goal difference of +11. This left us in second place as King Street A also have 6 points but they have +12 goal difference.

### Weeks 3 – 26/11/15

Our first match this week was against King Street A, who were top of our mini league on goal difference. So we needed to beat King Street to get into the final in the playoffs because the top two teams from both of the mini leagues would go into the final. In the first half Jon-Jo scored a brilliant goal to make it 1-0 at half time. There was some fantastic defending from Leah and Harris to prevent King Street from scoring. In the second half there was some excellent passing between Leah and Josh, which lead to Josh scoring. There was some more great defending in the second half to keep us our clean sheet. We won the game 2-0, which meant they had earned themselves a place in the final. They qualified for the final top of their group with nine points out of a possible nine and they didn't concede one goal in the mini league.

The team they were to face in the final was Oxclose A, the team that beat us in week one. They knew they were going to have a tough game in the final, but they did not let the fact Oxclose beat them in week one dishearten them. They knew that they had improved from week one because they had won their group. In the first half Abbie scored an absolutely fabulous goal from just inside the semi-circle. At half time we were winning 1-0 and they knew that they needed to have another good performance in the second half if they wanted to win. Just after the whistle went and the second half had started Grace scored. Then shortly after Abigail scored to make it 3-0. But then Oxclose scored a good goal to make it 3-1 just before full time. The final whistle went straight after the goal, which meant we had won the game 3-1. Before celebrating winning, they all went to shake hands with Oxclose. Then they celebrated that winning that match meant that they were the netball league champions. We couldn't be more proud of how much effort they all put into every match and how much respect they showed towards the umpires and the other teams.