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Y5 Boys get a win each!

With the biggest squad in the competition Bramham Y5 aren't short of options, that's for sure! With enough players to fill the minibus twice over they definitely aren't short of options and with a matter of two school days since their last match-up they'd need all hands on deck to steer themselves to positive results against a Shadwell Y5 group who were looking to bounce back from two defeats to their own Y6s previously.

Five seemed to be the magic number last week and that was continued into this; all teams have done a brilliant job of sharing the ball and rotating, allowing everyone chances to score but sometimes a certain player finds a way through multiple times. This was George for Shadwell who, like two players last week, scored FIVE tries in the first game. It was, however, Joey who got their player of the day and not only demonstrated impressive tagging throughout but also got a try of his own; looking like he could have

fallen over on halfway Joey battled gravity like Bambi on ice all the way to the try line to score!

Bramham were not without their own threats in the first game; Charlie S (2), Frankie and Henry all got the ball over the line but it wasn't enough as Shadwell claimed their first victory of World Series, winning 6-4!

With both teams being able to boast entirely new line ups for the second game (a unique situation in World Series!) it was like starting completely fresh with each player having their own thing to prove. Unfortunately, a series of knock ons for Shadwell limited their offensive threat somewhat later on they did find a breakthrough to take the lead in the second game; an early try from James down the left saw him skip past opposition defenders.

Bramham were working hard to get back into it and were unfortunate to have a try disallowed for a dropped ball; although this is Y5 and refereeing is tighter the further we go up KS2. The refereeing governing body fully supports any decisions made on the day!

Not to be deterred, Bramham utilised their main offensive threat and player-of-the-day Liam all the way to victory as he scored three excellent tries either side of a score from Mustafa, sealing a 4-1 comeback win for the team! Defensively Alex stood out for his energy and focus, as did Josh for the same reasons in the first game. The communication from the Bramham lot was outstanding and a clear positive from the team.

Bramham Y5 Girls take top spot!

Some groups are entering the middle stages of their World Series journey and this was the case for the Upper KS2 girls. Bramham, like the boys' team, had a short turnaround of games (they actually play

their final game this Friday and will be the first team to finish their tournament!).

Perhaps the quick turnaround in games is benefitting the team, becoming used to one another as players and building momentum. Shadwell on the other hand, have lots of experience to draw upon as they entered their first games, boasting a couple of city finals winners among their ranks and a plethora of players who are about to compete in the Leeds Girls Finals.

Not to be deterred by playing an older year group Bramham took everything Shadwell threw at them and dished some back themselves; Ruby continued her great scoring run by contributing four tries in the first game and another two in the second! She was rightfully named player of the day for Bramham but a close second to her was Poppy who not only got fantastic tags but scored the winning try in the second game to send the away fans home happy!

The first game ended 5-5; Shadwell made the most of Kaya's pace throughout resulting in her scoring three tries, with Olivia and Lydia also getting the ball over the line.

Bramham even had a couple of tries ruled out; as the tournament goes on the refereeing is getting stricter, stay on your feet players when scoring! Shadwell themselves suffered from a couple of turnovers as the matches drew into their concluding stages. A try from Bramham's Phoebe levelled the scores, though this week she took her hat with her on her run! (we're not sure how she managed to keep her hat on, but there does seem to be a pot of glue missing from the school D.T. department...)

As the second game got underway the scoring continued. After Bramham took the lead Sharn equalised from Shadwell. Usually playing a more defensive role for the City Finals team this was probably the first time Sharn was ever seen crossing the half way

line! Thankfully she didn't suffer from altitude sickness from being so high up the pitch!

One of the best things about World Series is seeing players push themselves and give it a go! The second try for Shadwell was scored by Aneta who was fantastic on the defensive end and was able to break through a committed Shadwell line!

In addition to Aneta, Fevziie for Shadwell made some brilliant tags, especially towards the end as Bramham tried to push through! The communication from both sides was again excellent, Immy being the vocal lead for Bramham and Molly and Sharn for Shadwell. The final result in the second game was 3-2 to Bramham, a fantastic return for their efforts!

Y3 Boys make their World Series debut!

In another Youth Academy battle, Wednesday saw the first game for Bramham Y3 boys; having waited patiently to get stuck into the action the classroom was brimming with anticipation leading into the match up. Mr B went into at least two classrooms during the day where he got told "Do you know how excited the boys are for their game?!"

The excitement turned into results on the pitch. Both Y3 squads had enough players to make a team for the first game and then an entirely new squad for the second! With tries from Charlie (2) and Oscar, cheered on by their team mates, Bramham took the lead. Shadwell spread their tries through Jude, George and Ashwin. After the first game was split by a 3-3 score line, Bramham were able to edge the next one 3-2. After having one try disallowed, Ben (2) and Tristan claimed an important victory for Bramham, much to the delight of the away fans!

Wilson, who'd shown committed tagging throughout got voted Bramham's player of the game, with Lucas' two tries giving him the

honour for Shadwell. With everything to play for this has the shaping of a very close group!

Record Setting Thursday in World Series!

A record 48 children participated at Shadwell on Thursday as both Bramham's boys and girls' teams made the journey across North Leeds and played simultaneously in a festival of Rugby! In order to manage such an occasion the World Series Director of Tag Rugby drafted in the big guns; a team of 7 of the top referees from Y6 to manage the action.

Credit and thanks to the refs, they did a cracking job and set the perfect example to the Y4s who put on a real display throughout the evening.

In terms of the actual rugby, it was great to watch! All teams had a mixture of more experienced players and players that were new to the game; it was brilliant to see everyone involved!

The first games belonged to Bramham; both the boys and the girls getting off to early victories. To be fair each match was close – 3-2 and 4-3 wins respectively, and results could definitely have gone either way. Still, that's the nature of World Series, and sport in general! Tries from Eefia (2) and a late winner from Ada clinched it for the girls despite excellent tries from Ruby and Alice for Shadwell.

On the boys side Shadwell's Noah demonstrated strong running throughout resulting in two tries for him, with the addition of a score from Ilyas; though Jake (2), Joey and Austin saw that the points were heading Bramham's way. Shadwell girls were able to claim a win in the second game; Ruby got another try and a brilliant one from Milly gave them a 2-0 win, with Bramham unable to find a way through this time. The boys split their game 2-2; the referees did well to keep enthusiasm under control as the boys were giving

everything. Jake and Louie got on the scoresheet for Bramham with Rory and Freddie H doing the same for Shadwell. A great occasion for all involved!

Bramham Y5 Girls have action-packed week!

In an eventful week for the Y5 girls they finished their World Series adventure on Friday (the first team to do so!) as they played Bramham's Y6s. Participating in their second match up of the week the Y5s had a fine balance of momentum and energy loss which made for a gripping couple of games.

Despite the warm weather, things took a little bit of time to heat up with both sides aware that this was a key point in the group neither was wanting to give an inch to the other team. Once Y6s made the break through after Ella's try everything started to open up a bit. Y5 knew that if they won both games that would all but guarantee a World Series top spot and broke the Y6 defensive line twice with Agnes and Ruby both connecting. A try late on from Carrie meant it would be no double win for Y5 on the day and if anything Y6 looked to have the upper hand!

Mr B always appreciates a stat, and credit to Phoebe who'd worked out that in all their previous games the Y5s had drawn the first game and then gone on to win the second! Having drawn the first match here spirits were high in the Y5 camp as they felt destiny was on their side! That belief was clear to see as they stormed on the offensive; regular try-scoring threat Ruby put a couple on the scoreboard early on.

Carrie was on absolute fire for the Y6s, adding to her try in the first game with another three in this one to keep the Y6s in it. If the first game began as a closed in encounter this match was the complete opposite with tries flying everywhere! Ruby added a couple in quick succession for Y5 as the game opened up.

Marley, off-setting the Y6 defenders with her quick feet, got a great try of her own; like she was running on hot coals Marley set off with the ball and battled through contact from defenders to claim a priceless try! Y5 had players stepping up for the big moment from all over the pitch; this time it was Poppy, who was having an absolutely brilliant World Series tournament, bursting through the middle to get the ball down just in time!

Lorna pulled one back for Y6, after just having a try disallowed Lorna re-took the play, only to score again straight away; though this time it counted for her first try of the competition!

In what later turned out to be the winner Agnes took the ball from her own half, sprinting down the right to score a fantastic try narrowly avoiding getting tagged in the process! The strength of this Y5 team lies in their tagging with all players able to make key tags in the big moments. For the first time in World Series a team had joint 'Players of the day' as Y5 had both Poppy and Agnes deservedly selected; Carrie rightfully got the nod for Y6.

Over at World Series HQ the statisticians were working overtime to figure out the possible permutations for the group and have worked out, after completing all their games, that the Y5s can only be caught at the top by Shadwell Y6s who need to win all four of their remaining games in order to do so; no easy task! So watch this space, Shadwell Y6 host their own Y5s on Wednesday and there will be no keener eye to see how they get on than Bramham Y5s!

World Series Moment of the Week!

It's the Y6 referees who get a special mention this week. Not only did they do a brilliant job but did it in front of dozens of fans as well! Fantastic work!

Latest League Tables!

As per previous World Series point systems every time a team plays a game they get a point just for playing because, why not! Each win is worth 3 points and a draw is worth 1. After week 4 here's what the tables look like!

Upper KS2 Boys':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y5 Bramham	4	2	0	2	14:14	10
Y6 Shadwell	2	2	0	0	12:7	8
Y5 Shadwell	4	1	0	3	14:20	7
Y6 Bramham	2	1	0	1	7:6	5

Upper KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y5 Bramham	6	3	3	0	23:18	18
Y6 Bramham	4	0	3	1	15:16	7
Y5 Shadwell	4	0	3	1	14:17	7
Y6 Shadwell	2	0	1	1	7:8	3

Lower KS2 Boys':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y3 Shadwell	4	0	3	1	9:10	7
Y4 Shadwell	4	0	3	1	8:9	7
Y4 Bramham	2	1	1	0	6:5	6
Y3 Bramham	2	1	1	0	6:5	6

Lower KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y3 Shadwell	4	3	0	1	15:12	13
Y4 Shadwell	4	2	0	2	11:9	10
Y4 Bramham	2	1	0	1	3:4	5
Y3 Bramham	2	0	0	2	5:9	2