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Huge final week in World Series!

As we entered the latter stages of the competition, there was so much to play for in each group as every team tried to finish as high as they possibly could!

We began on Monday as Bramham Y5 boys made the trip over to play Shadwell Y6. Knowing two wins would seal their position at the top of the league, Y6 were motivated and it showed. Getting off to a strong start with tries from Max (2), Jackson (3) and Ethan.

Despite the fightback from Y5, scoring from Alex (2), Charlie and Thomas giving them every chance; Y6 had just too much firepower on their side and eventually sealed a 6-4 win!

The second game was another end-to-end classic; Dexter was able to find the time to put down his pre-match ice cream and replace it with a rugby ball, though rather than try to eat it he decided to

score a try with it; weaving his way down the right side avoiding outstretched Y5 hands to increase the lead for Y6!

Bramham again answered back with tries from Sidney and Frankie but Samsaam then put the second game out of reach with a smart try through the middle; credit is due as he's a brilliant example of someone who's pushed himself this World Series and fully deserved this try! As the final whistle blew, Jackson & Sidney were rightfully awarded player-of-the-day honours.

Y5 have shown what maturity they have in close team games and have grown throughout the tournament; it'll be exciting to see what they can achieve next year! Y6 have put on strong displays throughout World Series and really are a talented bunch who don't take themselves too seriously; they've embraced the fun of World Series whilst also involving everyone and remaining competitive, the mark of a true champion!

So, two wins means that Shadwell Y6 have grabbed the top spot in the Upper KS2 boys league, but there was still plenty to play for as Tuesday rolled around!

Thrilling Tuesday as one group is decided!

In the second day of huge games for the Upper KS2 boys' group, Bramham's Y6s made the journey to Shadwell to take on Y5. With the competitive desire of elite athletes, Bramham got off to a tremendous start. Bodie really set the tone and got the ever-impressive mark of five tries in a game, with a couple from Connor added in for good measure!

Bramham were cooking on gas all over the pitch, communication and effort on point throughout! The commanding lead they built up initially saw them win the first game despite Y5 scoring four themselves through George (2), James and Theo.

Bramham picked up where they left off when the second game begun, only this time it seemed pretty much the whole team contributed to the try scoring with five different players getting themselves on the scoresheet (namely Adam, Connor, Bodie, Paddy and Will) and they had to be at their tagging best to prevent Y5 from breaking the line on a few occasions.

Y5 really were going for it, and even took the lead through Joey, and later scored tries from Geoffrey and another from George. It was always going to be a tough group to get anything from but Y5 gave their absolute best efforts and really made the Y6 teams work for it; the only game Shadwell Y6 lost was to this Y5 team, which shows what quality they have!

A well-deserved 2nd place for the Y6 boys, narrowly missing out on first place due to the results from the previous day. Nevertheless, they couldn't have done any more and showed the desire and teamwork that will make them great successes at high school and beyond; thanks for your efforts lads, you've been a pleasure to teach and coach!

Brilliant Wednesday for Y6 girls!

Wednesday's closing group games followed a similar theme to earlier in the week; Bramham and Shadwell Y6 girls had lots to play for in a close group as both teams could very possibly finish second as the match kicked off.

In what is definitely the most competitive week of World Series action ever witnessed, the girls got out to a storming start; Carrie was on her usual top form, contributing no less than three tries in the first game – Olivia (2) and Fevziie for Shadwell meant the first game ended 3-3 and put all the emphasis on the final match up!

The second game was just as closely matched as the first. Eventually, Shadwell edged it towards the end with tries from Kaya,

Maya and Sharn (2). Bramham stayed with them throughout, breaking a strong Shadwell defensive line on three occasions with tries from Ella, Carrie and Lorna (who will no doubt be delighted with another Bulletin mention!). Velvet and Carrie got player of the games for each side; well done girls!

A super way to end the group with both Y6 teams going head-to-head. We've been really impressed with the communication on both sides, with players really pushing themselves out of their comfort zones, with tremendous results! No doubt both classes will continue to make their mark in school sport as they continue throughout high school.

Stunning Finale on Thursday!

It seems a lifetime since World Series kicked off with Shadwell Y3 Boys vs Shadwell Y4 Boys on June 6th; after 22 match-ups, weeks of competition and endless cracking moments the competition drew to its conclusion on Thursday with another Bramham Y4 double header; this time both boys and girls' teams made the journey to play Shadwell Y3s.

Going into the match-up Bramham boys knew they needed just one win to see themselves crowned World Series Champions, though they would have to wait till the second match to have that happen. Y3 put up a spirited display in the first game and held the Y4s to a 3-3 draw with tries from Jude, Ranveer and Oliver. Bramham had previously taken the lead through Jake, Joey and Louie.

Meanwhile, on the girls pitch it couldn't have been closer as three potential teams could have finished at top spot; Shadwell Y4 were waiting in the wings hoping for either two draws or try difference landing in their favour. One win for either side competing on the day would mean a three-team tie at the top; World Series rule makers had their calculators on hand should such an event occur!

As it happened, it would be Bramham who would take the first game as early tries from Ada, Grace and Remy were too much for Y3 to overcome, despite a late surge resulting in scores from Penny W and a hat-trick from Olivia! When Ada and Remy both got their second of the game, Y4 edged out a narrow 5-4 victory!

Going into the final games, Bramham boys still needed at least a draw to win their group, and Shadwell boys needed a draw to claim third place. Not ones to see out a 0-0 (these lads are far too competitive for that!) both teams went for the win, risking everything in a battle of enthusiasm and tagging the likes of which Shadwell Stadium had never seen before; to say it was intense would be an understatement. Y4 took the lead when Joey bundled the ball over the line, with Jake adding a second later on. Despite George adding two for Shadwell it was George from Bramham who got the crowning moment of a glittering World Series team display to give Y4 that all important 3-2 victory and with it, the championship!

At the same time, Bramham girls were trying to avoid defeat, something which would give them top spot. As discussed before, a win for Y3 would create that three-team tie!

Talk about a back-and-forth game! Each team traded blows and there really were some brilliant tries and some close calls for others! Credit to the Y6 referees who kept their cool and stayed away from any controversial decisions!

Remy, Sophie, Grace and Rose got on the scoresheet for Bramham, but in a game where the scoring table could barely keep up, there were also tries for Penny W, Eve, Emily and Khadijah from Shadwell as Y3 threw everything at the Bramham defence in an attempt to get that all-important win! Despite their efforts, Y3 came up just short, still earning a very credible 4-4 draw against who would turn out to be the champions! Rose and Austin got player-of-the-day

awards for Bramham, with Lucas and Khadijah getting the nod for Shadwell.

A very successful ending for Bramham Y4, with both teams earning winners trophies to take back home with them, but also a phenomenal effort from Shadwell's Y3s. It's easy to forget when watching the games that they're competing against a team who's a year older than them (which counts for a lot at this age!), but they made sure that they'll be remembered for pushing Y4 all the way and should be proud of how they played! A fantastic way to round out World Series!

World Series Moment of the week!

This week's moment goes to Samsaam whose try for Shadwell Y6 saw them finish World Series with two wins and helped them seal the top place in their group!

Mr B's Stats of World Series!

1. **8** – The greatest try difference margin by any team was Shadwell's Y6 boys, who finished with a + 8!
2. **2.17** – They may not have finished top of their group, but Shadwell Y4 girls can claim to have the toughest defence out of all the teams, only conceding 13 tries, averaging 2.17 opposition tries per game!
3. **326** – The number of tries scored in this year's tournament, meaning an average of 6.79 tries per game! Did your team beat the average?
4. **5th** – Out of the 16 teams competing, Shadwell Y3 Girls won the 5th most amount of games, yet found themselves in 3rd place in their own group of four teams; how's that for a competitive league!
4. **2** – The number of teams who didn't lose a single game! Credit to Y5 Bramham Girls and Y4 Bramham Boys!
5. **215** – The most important stat! The number of children who played at least once during World Series! Well done everyone who pushed themselves and gave it a go!

Final League Tables!

Upper KS2 Boys':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y6 Shadwell	6	5	0	1	29:21	21
Y6 Bramham	6	4	0	2	26:20	18
Y5 Bramham	6	2	0	4	21:24	12
Y5 Shadwell	6	1	0	5	21:32	9

Upper KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y5 Bramham	6	3	3	0	23:18	18
Y6 Shadwell	6	2	2	2	20:20	13
Y5 Shadwell	6	1	3	2	20:23	12
Y6 Bramham	6	0	4	2	21:23	10

Lower KS2 Boys':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y4 Bramham	6	3	3	0	22:16	18
Y4 Shadwell	6	2	3	1	17:14	15
Y3 Bramham	6	1	2	3	17:24	11
Y3 Shadwell	6	0	4	2	14:16	10

Lower KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y4 Bramham	6	4	1	1	21:16	19
Y4 Shadwell	6	4	0	2	18:13	18
Y3 Shadwell	6	3	1	2	23:21	16
Y3 Bramham	6	0	0	6	13:25	6