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The Federation takes 5 teams to Regionals!

Monday saw us take 43 girls to Leeds Tag Rugby Regionals at Crawshaw Academy. With so many players even this reporter would struggle to cover the tournament in any depth. There were many highlights however; many players stepped out of their comfort zones to lead their teams and get positive results.

With lots of schools in attendance the competition was fierce; Shadwell were able to get a team to win their group and qualify for the city finals, with some other teams narrowly missing out in close groups in a lot of cases teams were unfortunate not to get more from the day.

Nevertheless, it was absolutely fantastic to see so many pupils out there competing and representing the Federation! Well done to all

involved and we're excited to see how the Shadwell team gets on in the City Finals!

Shadwell Y6 Boys get off to a winning start!

After a few days competing in other sports tournaments, the Federation's attention turned back to the World Series. This time it was Shadwell Y6 boys vs Shadwell Y5 boys. Going into the tournament pundits were predicting Y6 as heavy favourites to win their group; with a squad boasting no less than 6 Leeds Tag Rugby Champions it would take an almighty effort to overthrow them but the Y5s would fancy their chances of an upset.

Despite their energy and enthusiasm the Y5s struggled to prevent Y6 taking the lead initially and it took them till partway through the first game to make the breakthrough as George sprinted down the left to score (he'd later power his way down the other side to score as well!)

The Y6 tries in the first game couldn't be more spread around with five different scorers in Ethan, Jackson, Kasparas, Max and Dexter, each showing their skill and determination to get the ball over the line and demonstrated the excellent strength in depth the squad has! Some great tagging from Prem, Kasparas and Oscar were also a particular highlight as the first game finished 5-2 to Y6!

Y5 got off to a roaring start in the second game, learning from any mistakes and inexperience to storm to a 2-0 lead to start the match, both Joey and Geoffrey scoring in the first few minutes to really put Y6 onto the back foot, giving them a big shock! Once they got back into gear however Y6 were able to answer back with three quick tries from Jackson (2) and Joe.

A potential 'Moment of the week' happened in the second game as Ethan took the ball down the full left flank shifting like he'd come straight off the Strictly Dance Floor with a couple of shimmies and shakes thrown in for good measure!

Y5 weren't giving up without a fight, battling back with tries from James, George and Theo and some fantastic last ditch tagging from Y6 near their own try line was all that prevented Y5 from claiming an equaliser. This time it was Y5 who had five different try scorers, showing they too could match Y6 in terms of all-round threat!

Towards the end Ethan was able to finish off his hatrick of scoring and Max also got in on the act to make the final score 7-5 to Y6. Spectators claimed that it was the most entertaining match-up so far and it would be difficult to disagree with both sides sharing the ball and giving everything in defence it'll be interesting to see how the rest of their World Series journey turns out.

Battle of the Youth Academies!

Wednesday saw Bramham's Y3 girls begin their World Series adventure as they travelled over to Shadwell to take on their Y3 counterparts. Having never played a sports match for school before the Bramham players were brimming with enthusiasm and optimism as they entered the Shadwell Theatre of Dreams.

Shadwell, hardened from their battle against Y4 last week, had a wealth of experience to call upon, with all players having participated in their previous match. This would show throughout both games, with a total of 6 different try scorers!

Whilst Bramham had some absolutely fantastic runs from many players there was only one player who was able to break the Shadwell line; Aoife managed no less than FIVE tries across both games! Not a bad return for a debut and an effort which puts her among the top scorers of World Series so far!

Bramham would no doubt have had more tries had it not been for determined Shadwell tagging; both Amara and Sienna put their bodies on the line for the cause, taking bumps and bruises in their stride.

On the attacking side of the ball notable Shadwell tries were scored by Khadijah (who scored a great try with a lightning run down the right), Penny W and Olivia; these girls have speed all over the pitch! Notable try contributor for Shadwell was Emily with three. Player of the day Ava also chipped in with one. As did Penny M whose technique of “take-the-ball-back-to-my-own-try-line-no-matter-where-I-am-on-the-pitch-and-then-take-on-the-whole-opposition-team” paid off big style!

Bramham’s player of the day went to Phoebe, who not only covered lots of ground with the ball but also made some crucial tags late on! Bramham really grew into the games and learned from this experience, communicating more effectively with each other; players Alice and Milly a key part of everything the team did!

A potential “World Series Moment of the week” occurred partway through the first game. The Shadwell girls are always great at helping each other out, usually through verbal communication. This time, however, Sienna decided to physically guide running team mate Eliza through the Bramham defensive line, shepherding her in the direction she thought best! “I was only trying to help” exclaimed Sienna, defending her tactical strategy! With Shadwell winning this particular game, who are we to argue?! Credit to all the girls who took part, not only were they great at helping out their own team, but also the opposition, with compliments flying about almost as much as tags it was a really fun and friendly atmosphere to be a part of!

Bramham Boys split the series!

Bramham hosted their first World Series game on a roasting hot Thursday as Y5 Boys played Y6 Boys. It was the Y5s who got off to a hot start, searing to a 2-0 lead early on and showed no signs off cooling down! Two tries from Liam really put Y6 on the back foot. Liam would round off his hat-trick later on but not before Alex had scored one himself; scorching down the right to just about avoiding the defenders.

Once Y6 got going it was clear they were a threat. Adam was able to pull one back initially before Bodie added two later on in the game though crucially the Y5s were able to hang onto the first win! Both teams did a good job of rotating positions, and the ball, which was important to keep everyone fresh in the heat; Y5 were also able to boast an entirely new line-up for the second game, although Y6 were able to continue to work as a unit.

Not only did Y6 score early on, but the tagging effort really upped in the second game too, not least by Coby who, spurred on by his team mates, was grabbing every tag in sight, motivated as well by the potential of a Bulletin mention. Well Coby, here you go!

Mustafa scored for Y5 and even a last second try from Noah could salvage anything for Y5 from the second game, thanks to Y6 tries from Bodie (2), Connor and another from Adam; but that all-important victory in the first really counted for a lot and both teams ended up coming away with a victory each to start their campaign.

Bramham Y5 Girls get a winning start!

Week 2 of World Series concluded with Bramham's Y5 girls travelling over to Shadwell for their first games, playing their Y5. Having played Bramham Y6 last week Shadwell were looking to

build on their two draws (and undefeated record!) against an enthusiastic Bramham side.

Shadwell were able to take the lead in the first game; player of the day Chloe opening the scoring for the afternoon and would later add a second through Ella.

Bramham were able to fight back however, and did so twice with Ruby and then Phoebe, who potentially got try of the day; due to the hot weather hats were allowed and as Phoebe accelerated her way down the pitch and through the Shadwell defenders hers flew off! Not to be deterred though Pheobe kept on running and ended up scoring the crucial equalising try – hats off to her!

The second game was much more open and this time it was Bramham who took the lead and never looked back. Player of the day Ruby equalled Aoife's record from earlier in the week by scoring FIVE tries; her tagging wasn't too shabby either! Joined in defence by her team mates, each of whom made exceptional tags meant it was difficult for Shadwell to break down.

Shadwell did manage to pull some tries back via determined running from Emilia and Emily being able to get the ball down just in time but unfortunately for them they were a couple short. Immy added another for Bramham late on to seal victory!

Both teams couldn't have 'try-ed' any harder (get it? 'cos they were working hard as well as scoring tries...) anyway, credit to both teams; like the Y3 match earlier in the week both games were played in try-mendous spirits (ok, that's enough now...) and the players should be really proud of how they conduct themselves on and off the pitch!

Updated Fixture lists (Still Subject to Potential Change!)

Week 3

Mon 20th June – Sh Y5B vs Br Y5B
Tue 21st June – Sh Y6G vs Br Y5G
Wed 22nd June – Sh Y3B vs Br Y3B
Thur 23rd June – Sh Y4G vs Br Y4G & Sh Y4B vs Br Y4B
Fri 24th June – Br Y5G vs Br Y6G

Week 4

Mon 27th June – Y5/6 Shadwell Boys Football Semi Final
Tue 28th June - Sh Y5G vs Sh Y6G
Wed 29th June – Sh Y3G vs Br Y4G & Sh Y3B vs Br Y4B
Thur 30th June – Sh Y4G vs Br Y3G
Fri 1st July – Sh Y4B vs Br Y3B

Week 5

Mon 4th July – Shadwell Sports Day
Tue 5th July – Bramham Sports Day & Sh Y6B vs Br Y6B
Wed 6th July – Y5/6 Girls' Tag Finals
Thur 7th July – Br Y3G vs Br Y4G
Fri 8th July – Br Y3B vs Br Y4B

Week 6

Mon 11th July - Sh Y6B vs Br Y5B
Tue 12th July –
Wed 13th July – Sh Y5B vs Br Y6B
Thur 14th July – Sh Y6G vs Br Y6G
Fri 15th July –

World Series Moment of the Week!

This week's moment comes from our Y3 girls' game as Shadwell's Sienna gave a helping hand to her team-mates, physically manoeuvring them through the opposition defence on their way to two victories! What a team player!

Latest League Tables!

So here's the part you're all really interested in! 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 2 here's what the tables look like!

Upper KS2 Boys':

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

Upper KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y5 Shadwell	4	0	3	1	14:17	7
Y5 Bramham	2	1	1	0	8:5	6
Y6 Bramham	2	0	2	0	9:9	4
Y6 Shadwell	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

Lower KS2 Boys':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y4 Shadwell	2	0	2	0	4:4	4
Y3 Shadwell	2	0	2	0	4:4	4
Y4 Bramham	0	0	0	0	0:0	0
Y3 Bramham	0	0	0	0	0:0	0

Lower KS2 Girls':

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	F:A	Points
Y3 Shadwell	4	3	0	1	15:12	13
Y4 Shadwell	2	1	0	1	7:6	5
Y3 Bramham	2	0	0	2	5:9	2
Y4 Bramham	0	0	0	0	0:0	0