



CATERHAM SCHOOL

Netball U14 VII Portsmouth Tour 12-14 September 2014

The Netball U14 VII went on the annual tour to Portsmouth this weekend and had a very successful and enjoyable time. After a two hour training session on Saturday, the girls then played the Portsmouth Grammar School U15 VII in a series of five seven minute matches. Overall the match was lost 15-21, however the girls played some fantastic netball against a tough (and very tall) Portsmouth side, and they did exceptionally well to win two of the matches 6-3 and 5-3.

Then it was time for some rest and relaxation at Gunwharf Quays, followed by the traditional NetCats Ten Pin Bowling tournament. It was a very close affair, with only 32 points separating 1st and 3rd place. However it was the Centre Court team of Neale-Smith, Tuckett, Lack and Leach who went home with the winner's prize of a packet of Starburst.

On Sunday the girls took on another team from Portsmouth Grammar, this time a mix of U13, U14 and U15 players. Again the girls played a set of five seven minute matches, and this time Caterham came out as overall winners, with a score of 20 goals to 4. In the final three seven minute matches, PGS did not score a single goal. This was as a result of the fantastic full-court defence that the girls displayed, and to stay so strong in defence at the end of a tiring weekend is a huge achievement and something the girls can feel very proud of.

The three aims of the tour were: 1. Have fun; 2. Bond as a team; and 3. Play some high quality netball. The girls achieved each of these aims with absolute ease – they showed an enormous sense of 'team' throughout the weekend and a really fantastic time was had by all.

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