



COMPETITION MANAGERS County Durham



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Cricketers reach Northern Finals!



A team of girls from St. John's RC School, Bishop Auckland recently took part in the Northern finals of The Lady Taverners at Leeds. They won through in the southern section at the Dolphin Centre and then won the North/South play offs against Durham Johnston.

At Leeds they won 2, lost 3 but were only narrowly beaten, with Appleby School from Cumbria winning the day and going forward to play in the finals at Lords.

In the photo the girls are alongside Danielle Hazell – a current England player.

Report by Darren Brown – Club and Coach Development Officer

High 5 Netball County Final – 20th April, 2010

The annual High 5 Netball County Final was held at Maiden Castle, Durham on 20th April, 2010. A total of 92 primary schools took part in this year's SSP competitions, with 11 making it through to the finals. Everyone played really well – a testament to the hard work that teachers and coaches are putting into our schools and it was a hugely enjoyable morning. The group winners and highest placed runner up competed in the semi-finals with Durham High and St. Patrick's winning through to contest the final. Durham High edged the final 10-3 to win the trophy.



Final Positions

Winner – Durham High School

Runner Up – St. Patrick's

3rd = Green Lane and Ouston

5th Sedgefield Hardwick

6th Bishop Ian Ramsey

7th Neville's Cross

8th Pelton

9th Ferryhill Station

10th Shotton Hall

11th Howletch Lane

Congratulation to both Durham High School and St. Patrick's RC Primary School, Dipton who will now go on to represent County Durham at the North East Regional High 5 Netball Final at Cochrane Park, Newcastle on Thursday 27th May.



A big thank you must go to Katie Metcalfe for her help in organising the event and to Maiden Castle for hosting the competition. Also to Vicky Steel and Fiona Johnson from England Netball, Leanne Weatherburn from Durham City SSP and the students from Durham University who expertly umpired all the games.

60 Young People Qualify for Regional Finals at County Durham Disability Athletics

The annual Durham County Disability Athletics Event took place on Tuesday 27th April 2010 at Shildon. Over 100 secondary aged young people from across the 6 School Sport Partnerships took part. They were invited to try any of the events on offer including sprints, long distance runs, throws and jumps as well as wheelchair events including club, slalom and grip ball.



The mass participation event doubles as a qualifier for the DSE Regional Athletics Finals and if a young person reaches the relevant distance/time for their disability they would be invited to compete at the next level. 60 young people from across the County accomplished the relevant time/distance and will go on to compete at Regionals at Gateshead Stadium on the 19th May 2010 with the chance of qualifying for the National Finals.



Young People from County Durham Take Part in the North East England Legacy Games



To commemorate the UK School Games being held in the North East this year a Legacy Event was organised for disabled children across the region. The two day event incorporated the DSE Regional Athletics Championships and a brand new event aimed at young people with Learning Difficulties.

On Day 1, 19th May 2010, 58 secondary aged disabled athletes from across County Durham competed in the DSE Regional Athletics Championships at Gateshead Stadium. All the athletes had qualified for this event through the County Durham Disability Athletics. Competition was tough with every young person there competing to qualify for the National Finals. There were a variety of events including short distance races, long distance races, throwing and jumping field events as well as specialised events for wheelchair users. In total 12 young people from County Durham Qualified for the National Finals in July and we wish them the best of luck!

On Day 2, 20th May 2010, approximately 100 secondary aged pupils with

Learning Difficulties from Durham travelled to Gateshead Stadium to take part in a mass participation sports event. All the young people took part in an athletics section where they took part in 1 track and 1 field event. They also had the opportunity to try out a number of taster sports including indoor rowing, golf, rugby, dance and many more. A great day was had by all!

High 5 Netball North East Regional Final – Thursday 27th May, 2010

Players from St. Patrick’s RC Primary School, Dipton and Durham High School for Girls represented County Durham at the High 5 Netball Regional Final. They performed extremely well and Durham High came away victorious:

“We were very excited about reaching the North East Regional Final but also very nervous particularly as we didn’t know any of the other teams. We soon relaxed as some of the students did a fun aerobic warm up with us. Eight teams took part, two from County Durham, two from Tyne and Wear, two from Northumberland and two from Tees Valley. In the group stages we played Yarm from Tees Valley and won 5-0, Ponteland Middle School and won 8-0 and St Albans and won 10-1. We therefore qualified for the final where we played Sacred Heart RC. This was a very exciting and tense match with both teams playing very well. At half time we were 4-2 down and realised we needed to give it our all in the second half. We did and the final score was 7-5. We were really pleased and very excited at winning. We also watched a senior students’ match which was great to see good netball played but unfortunately it was rained off with big hail stones! Thank you to all the organisers.”

(Report by Durham High School for Girls)



Year 3 Mini Tennis Final - 17th June, 2010



Twelve teams arrived at Sunderland Tennis Centre on 17th June, 2010 to compete in the Tony Blair Sports Foundation Tennis Challenge Cup County Final. The scenes were reminiscent of the Wimbledon Championships as two places in the coveted Grand Final were at stake. Schools from across County Durham had won through their cluster and SSP Final rounds and had earned the right to play on the big stage. Points were allocated both from matches and challenges which included Rally Rebound, Can Knock Down, Net Rally and Volley Ladder. The atmosphere was one of excitement and nerves as the four boys and four girls in each team tried to achieve maximum points in each event. After nearly three hours of play the final scores were announced in reverse order and the Winners and Runners Up were crowned. Congratulations go to Shotton Hall Juniors and St. Patrick's RC, Dipton who will now represent County Durham in the Grand Final on 9th July.

Group A

- 1st – Shotton Hall
- 2nd – Shotley Bridge
- 3rd – Staindrop
- 4th – Ouston
- 5th – St. Godric's
- 6th – Sedgfield



Group B

1st – St. Patrick's

2nd – Lanchester EP

3rd – Wolsingham

4th – St. Joseph's

5th – St. Michael's

6th – Westlea



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