

Durrington High Schools Sporting Success 2017 / 2018

It has been a superb two terms for Durrington High School's sports team with numerous talented teams having success across a broad range of sports.

Year 10 Rugby

The Durrington High School year 10 boys rugby team have had an excellent year in the district league. The boys started the year with a 40-10 victory against Worthing High School in a 7's game with tries from Patrick Clout, Josh Shaw and Ciaran Laker. In the 2nd game Durrington won 15-5 against Angmering with tries from Connor Gurr and some excellent defensive tackles from Charlie Brierton.

Our next game was against Shoreham Academy at Durrington, it was an extremely tough game with two very evenly matched sides. However, Shoreham ended up winning by 10 points with a converted try in the last play of the game.

Due to this loss we ended up finishing 2nd in the league and therefore qualified for the final against Shoreham who had beaten us 2 weeks before. The final was played at Worthing Rugby Club under floodlights on Wednesday 1st November. Shoreham started strongly with an early try which was not converted. Durrington then got back into the game due to some excellent leadership from Ed Downham and powerful runs from Levi Martin, Ciaran Laker, Joel Gardner and Spencer Owen. Spencer was leading our attacks, regularly taking the ball into contact and breaking the defensive line. This paid off 5 minutes before half time when he broke through the defensive line and dived to score our first try, this was then converted by Levi Martin to take the score to 7-5.

Durrington started the second half very powerfully, regaining the ball due to some excellent tackling and rucking from all forwards including Alex Noakes, Luke Standing and Joel Gardener. After winning the ball back Levi Martin made an excellent 40 metre break, then with a quick ball out the ruck we got the ball to Connor Gurr at outside centre who scored our second try in the corner. This try unfortunately was not converted so the score was 12-5.

Durrington then defended excellently for the remainder of the second half until the last minute where Shoreham finally broke through and scored in the final play of the game. Unfortunately this try was not converted so Durrington won 12-10 and as a result of this became Year 10 District Champions.



Year 10 & 11 Netball

The year 11 netball team made it to the district finals. They faced Sion in the finals, who have been their biggest rivals throughout their 4 years at Durrington. The girls played fantastically however, it remained a draw at the end 18-18. Durrington scored twice in extra time and the final score was 20-18 to Durrington. This makes us District Champions.



The year 10 netball team were unbeaten all season and also made it to the district finals. They faced a very strong Sion team. We put up a great fight and played superbly. It was goal for goal until the final quarter but unfortunately Sion pulled ahead slightly to win 16-12. Well done to the team for finishing as runners up.



Boccia

The Durrington High School boccia team competed in the School Games Area Competition at Angmering School on Wednesday 29th November. It was the biggest area competition to

date with 16 teams entering, split into 4 pools of 4 teams. Durrington were disappointed with their start, losing their first game to Shoreham Academy. The team responded brilliantly and won their remaining two games convincingly putting them 1st in the group on points difference. As a result of finishing first, we were put in the top seed pool with the other three winners from the first round. Durrington won their first game narrowly and their second more convincingly meaning if they won their last game they would win the tournament. The boys were up against a different Shoreham team who also needed to win the last match to win the tournament. It was a close game with Durrington coming out as the overall winners. A fantastic achievement for the team as they will now represent the Southern Area at the School Games in the summer.



Year 7 Football

The Durrington High School year 7 boys football team have had an excellent season this academic year which has culminated in them becoming District Champions. The season didn't start too well losing 4-3 against Angmering, with a late goal mouth scramble denying Durrington an equaliser. The team then had three home fixtures in a row beating Steyning Grammar School, Chatsmore and Worthing High School scoring 12 goals and conceding just 2 including some excellent long range efforts from Felix Doe and Evan Hoarty.

This ensured the team progressed to the semi-final where we would play an unbeaten Shoreham Academy. It was a tough game and conditions didn't suit our free flowing style of play. Shoreham dominated the game early on and Jack Yeo made several superb saves to keep his clean sheet intact. Camden Gill-Ibbitson who was the top scorer for the season was in unstoppable form and scored 2 excellent goals to ensure Durrington progressed into the final with a 4-0 win.

The final was played at Woodside Road and saw Durrington play St Andrews. Durrington, perhaps a little bit over excited found themselves 1-0 down within 5 minutes. The team rallied on and scored two goals in quick succession. The highlight of the first half was a George Gilbert corner which was met with aggression and tenacity by an oncoming Ben

Royal at the near post. The second half started with Durrington increasing their lead to 3-1 after good work from Freddie Coggin saw Felix Doe score at the back post. Louis Austin and Sonny Munns kept the St Andrews forwards quiet with two very accomplished defensive displays. Ben Royal, who was the player of the season, then scored a 40 yard free kick which ensured Durrington were crowned District Champions despite a late St Andrews goal.



Many thanks to Andy Neilands from Elite Property Services for sponsoring the school football teams this year and providing the year 10 and 11 teams with a new kit.



KS3 Badminton

On the 1st February the Durrington High School Key Stage 3 Badminton Teams competed at the County Finals held at the Triangle in Burgess Hill. Both the boys and girls teams had qualified for this event by winning the area tournament. The Durrington teams, representing the southern area of Sussex consisted of 4 players who worked collectively in doubles and singles matches against other schools.

The girls team lead by Alyx Maskell won all of their group matches including some challenging ties against the Priory School and St Leonards Academy. In the final they faced Downlands Community School where they demonstrated a confident performance to be crowned County Champions.

The boys team showed great quality in their group stages, beating tough opponents Tanbridge House three games to two to qualify for the final. In the final Durrington faced The Priory School and showed a determined performance to win the County round. Scott Haysom remains undefeated in both doubles and singles Matches in the National School Championships. The teams now progress to the regional stage of the competition to be held in March.



U13 Cricket

The U13s girls' cricket team competed in the area indoor tournament on the 28th February. Durrington played two games; the first against Chichester Free School was a close contest. Jaz Williams opened the batting and swiftly retired after 15 quick runs as Durrington set a good target for Chichester to chase. Excellent bowling from Heidi Sheridan and Jessi Lownds helped keep Chichester at bay and Durrington won by 7 runs. The second match was equally as hard fought; opponent's Chichester High School won the toss and opted to field first. Once again an excellent batting performance by Jaz Williams saw Durrington begin the match well, the team improved upon their batting performance in their previous game and set a target of 56 to chase. Chichester batted well but excellent fielding from Durrington saw six different bowlers maintain the Chichester batters who finished on 48 runs. Durrington now compete at the County finals in March.



Year 8 Basketball

The year 8 basketball team have had another brilliant season after winning the district league last year. The season started strongly with a comprehensive 38-12 win against Bohunt. The side then continued their winning start by beating The Littlehampton Academy, The Angmering School and Chatsmore to top Pool A. Stand out performances from these games came from Harry Cooper, David Onwuzuruike, Henry Parish and Mia Faris. This meant that we qualified to play against Sir Robert Woodard Academy in the semi-final which we won 29-14 with Ewan Borrett being named MVP for his excellent ball handling.

The final was against St Andrews who finished top of Pool B and proved to be our biggest challenge last year as we narrowly beat them by 1 point. The final was a closely contested match with the gap between the two sides never extending past 4 points. Ewan Borrett guarded the experienced and talented St Andrews point guard superbly and MVP went to the player of the season Harry Cooper who was the highest point scorer on the day and of the year. His performance along with the rest of the teams led to Durrington winning the final 21-18 and becoming undefeated District Champions for the second year in a row. A great achievement for the team and a massive congratulations to all of the 17 students that represented the team at some point in the season.



Year 11 Basketball

The year 11 basketball team have had another extremely successful year in the district tournament. Our first two games were against Steyning and Shoreham Academy. Durrington beat Steyning 29-8. We then played a strong Shoreham Academy who are always a tough opposition, however, some excellent 3 point shooting from Mike Landy, Lucas Bitton and Tom Nederpel meant Durrington won 39-17, MVP for both games was Mike Landy.

Our second set of fixtures was against Worthing High School and Chatsmore. Durrington beat Worthing 21-9 and then played Chatsmore. In a really close game where both teams defended and rebounded brilliantly it came down to the final 30 seconds when Durrington were up by 1. Chatsmore made a fast break and scored a 3 point shot with 8 seconds to play, Chatsmore now led by 2. Durrington inbounded the ball and Lucas Bitton dribbled down to the other end and scored a buzzer beater 3 point shot to secure Durrington a 21-20 win, MVP was Lucas Bitton.

We then played St Andrews who have often competed for the district championship, Durrington were missing Tom Nederpel who is a key player for the team. However, during this game Archie Fletcher took control and was excellent throughout, scoring over 25 points and leading Durrington to a 68-57 win.

Our final league game was against Littlehampton, Durrington once again performed excellently and ended up winning 56-18. MVP goes to George Fowle for scoring over 20 points this game.

Our next game was the district semi-final against Angmering who beat us in the County Cup final last year; Durrington played well throughout and ended up winning 48-35. MVP was Archie Fletcher once again for scoring over 20 points.

We then progressed to the District Final against St Andrews, despite having a slightly depleted team due to illness Durrington once again performed excellently. Tom Nederpel guarded the strongest player from St Andrews brilliantly and reduced him to only 4 points in the first two quarters. James Lee rebounded brilliantly gaining 7 rebounds in just the first quarter. However MVP goes to Mike Landy for making 5 three point shots and scoring 26 points in the final where Durrington won 56-35 and became District Champions for the 3rd time in 4 years.



Durrington High School U15s girls' rugby team

The girls rugby team competed in a County 7's tournament held at Worthing Rugby Club. The girls dominated the group stage of the competition remaining undefeated, despite picking up injuries along the way. The girls comfortably won their semi-final although Emma Foxwell was ruled out of the final with an injury. In the final they faced Millais whom they had drawn with in their group stage. The team worked tirelessly and both teams showed an excellent display of skill and determination. After a hard fought game Durrington were crowned County Champions. Outstanding performances by all the team, particular mention to Poppy James for a solid performance throughout the day producing numerous tries in the final, and Millie Rowland for her consistent kicking.

Off the back of their tournament win, Durrington hosted their first home tie of the season. The team having never played on the school pitch, facing a strong Weald team who they had not yet previously played. Durrington were strong throughout, the forwards Willow Turrell, Millie Rowland and Chloe Robinson dominating the scrum and at the break down. Excellent work from the backs Gracie Garratt, Poppy James, Aurora Nation and Rachel Casey produced outstanding attacking play. Player of the match was Rachel Casey with 5 tries for the game as Durrington won the game 62-31 and continued their undefeated season.

