

THETFORD NETBALL CLUB

Trials for winter league teams

The winter season kicked off with some extra tough team trials! With 44 players trialling for a spot on one of the winter league teams, the decisions were very hard for the selectors. However after some fabulous play from everyone, the teams were decided. A big thankyou to Sue Collins, Gill Alexander, Julie Amys, Laura Denniss, Jo Walmsley and Mick for the difficult job of team selection. Also to our umpires, Jane and Becky, Emma Allison-Vije, Phil James, Emily Shedwell, Katie Fuller and Katie Clay. Finally, thank you to Jettie for providing teas and coffees to our selectors and the parents who stayed and helped run the trials smoothly!



Cambridge league

This league started off with a tournament where Thetford Netball Club played against many teams that they had never played against before. After a rough start to the tournament, the regional team got together and started taking the wins. They left this tournament knowing that their teamwork paid off and with the amazing news that they had won! With all other teams now in panic with this new awesome squad entering and winning, Thetford knew they had made a great entrance to the Cambridge league. Well done ladies!

With matches most Sundays, and a different squad each week, the Cambridge league has been fantastic to watch as players grow in confidence and determination. There was some awful weather, rain and wind but play was never stopped. We battled through this rough weather with many wins, and sometimes losing, however, don't forget that practice makes perfect!



UEA A team

The A team got off to a great start in the league, winning matches one after the other, and it is great to see that this has continued throughout the season. Early in November the A's did not make it easy for any spectator. With a head to head race to win the match, the final score against Red Knights was 40-39! Well done to Emma for scoring that all important last goal! Our fantastic A's know just the way to keep everyone on their toes.



UEA B team

Just like the A's, the B team are playing amazingly in the winter league. Determined to keep their over 2 year winning streak, the B's do not take any game easily. They fight for the ball until the last whistle, pushing themselves to the limits. After the first couple of games, the B's knew that this division was going to be tough but we had the determination to succeed. The first 3 matches showed such power and strength within

the B team, with every player giving their all. These matches were won with pride to be a member of such a fantastic club. After a little slip in our fourth game (but we will not mention that one) the B's came together and they fought for the ball until the last whistle, pushing themselves to the limits. Such a huge success for the B's at the beginning of the winter season, well done to you all.

C team

The awesome C team have started their winter season brilliantly. With a brilliant win of 46-7 against Newmarket and a 35-12 win against Jetts Diamonds, their hard work during training has paid off.

D team

The D team have made a positive start to the Winter season and although they narrowly lost their first game 15-18, they played really well together and played with such great team spirit.



U15's team

The U15 team have been playing lots of friendly games this winter season in Cambridge in preparation for the ERYL (East Region Youth League) qualifiers later on in the year. The team have learnt a lot from these matches and have been applying different tactics during all of their games. One of their recent friendlies was against Saffron Hawks when they won 67-33, despite ending the game a player down. Well done girls and keep up the good play!



U14's team

The U14's have also been playing some friendly matches against other clubs. One of their first, against M17 was a very tough match. Although they did take the win, their strength and determination is what brought them together; working as hard as possible. Well done on a 23-17 win!



EXCELLENT CLUB NEWS

At the beginning of September, 6 of our players took their time to the court to trial for one of the Mavericks Futures squads. With all 6 players being successful in gaining a place for the 2019/20 season, a huge congratulations goes to Emily Shedwell, Katie Clay, Katie Fuller, Georgia Mason, Emma Allison-Vije and Melita Gosling.



We would also like to congratulate Melita on being chosen as part of the Mavericks U15 long squad. This is a huge achievement and we wish you all the best luck over the season, in the hope of being selected into the squad for the school games!



Furthermore, in addition to this excitement, after many trials and long squads, the club has also got many players being selected into the Suffolk Development, Satellite, County Futures and County squads! So a big well done to Cassie Clements, Taia Lawlor, Sophie Peace, Thea Irvine, Katie Rogers, May Seldis, Abby Clements, Fern Bourne and Megan Clements.

COACHING NEWS

Congratulations to Zara Veasey and Kim Smith on passing their Level 1 coaching qualification! It is great to have 2 more valued coaches in the club, and we cannot wait to see your coaching in practice! Well done to Sue Collins and Gill Alexander who are now qualified Walking Netball coaches too!

UMPIRING NEWS

Congratulations to Emma Allison-Vije for passing her INTO officiating award earlier this winter season. A big well done to you and we look forward to seeing you umpire many games!

NEW WEBSITE

A big thank you to Deanna Stokoe for setting up the club's new website, where you can find out more about our club coaches, committee members and look at the upcoming events on the calendar. Make sure you take a look at the brand new website.

<https://www.thetfordnetball.co.uk>

KIT UPDATE

Thank you to Anna Pettit and Kate Clements for their hard work, effort and perseverance with the new kit which has now arrived. This has been such a challenging job and every player is very grateful for your efforts! There is now a shop online where additional kit can be purchased. <https://www.silverfx.co.uk/category/sports-clubs/thetford-netball-club/>


BINGO NIGHT

Once again, the club would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets, came to bingo and donated the prizes. Thank you to Zara Veasey for getting some fantastic prizes that allowed everyone to have such a good time. But most importantly, to the fundraising team, Laura Denniss, Amy Stanton, Tina Taylor, Jo Walmsley and Emma Allison-Vije for organising such an amazing event for all the club to enjoy. On this night, we made the most money we have ever achieved in the club from a fundraising event...

£648.91 !!!

Finally we would like to wish every Thetford Netball Club member and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year !!





**Interested in
becoming an
umpire or
coach?**

Umpiring:

Please speak to our umpiring secretary Philippa James who can help and guide you. And don't forget, go and speak to one of our newly passed beginners Emily Shedwell, Katie Clay or Katie Fuller and ask them any questions about umpiring! Give your time to help the club out!

Coaching:

Speak to Sue Collins, Laura Denniss or Gill Alexander about these opportunities! Or speak to Zara Veasey or Kim Smith who have also just passed their level 1 coaching! The more the better!

Important links and address

Website

<https://www.thetfordnetball.co.uk>

Easy fundraising

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/thetfordnc>

Our Breckland Lottery

<https://www.ourbrecklandlottery.co.uk/support/thetford-netball-club>

Team C express logistics Ltd

<https://www.teamc.co.uk/>

Silver FX

<https://www.silverfx.co.uk/category/sports-clubs/thetford-netball-club/>

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