

U16/U18 County Squads Report- April 20

For the 2019-20 season we have entered U16 and U18 age group teams in the Shires League. We have played Shires League fixtures, the results are;

U16 Team

3rd Nov v Bucks (A), Won 9-11
5th Jan v Herts (H), Draw 10-10
12th Jan v Cambs(H), Won 17-3 & v Norfolk(A), Won 6-14
8th March v Essex(A), Won 9-11 & Middx(N), Won 6-14

U18 Team

20th Oct v Cambs (H), Won 8 – 2
24th Nov v Cambs (A), Won 9-11(Friendly)
15th Dec v Herts (A), Lost 19-1
26th Jan v Essex (A), Lost 14-6
2nd Feb v Norfolk (H), Won 11-9
16th Feb v Kent (A), Cancelled due to weather. Rearranged 4th April
16th Feb v Sussex (H), Cancelled due to weather, Rearranged 4th April
7th March v Norfolk(H), Friendly
4th April v Kent (A) & Sussex (H), Cancelled due to Coronavirus.

The friendly events were specifically for players who have not, to date, represented the county in the Shires League, to give them match experience. More were being arranged, but due to the current pandemic will not be going ahead.

For the friendly arranged v Norfolk on 7th March, the team consisted of 6 boys and 4 girls. The match was very competitive, but because of the players available the combination of games used in shires matches was not played.

All the shires league matches played this season have been posted on the SBA website.

Squad fees for the players in the U16's and U18's squads have been paid. The invaluable help of Jeremy Harvey and Sue Scott with the task of gathering these monies is very much appreciated.

The current situation due to the coronavirus pandemic ;

- The U16 team could at least be involved in the first stages of the Shires League finals. Cost ???.
- The U18 ICT event has been postponed, all the monies gathered from players and sponsors is with SBA. A credit note, for entry fee, has been received from BE, with payment to SBA being made at a later date. Costs– Entry Fee Refund £725; Players Fees £790; Minibus £50 (Deposit, Non Returnable); Sponsors £900. Total refund £1690.
- All squad fees have been paid, but U18 players will receive a refund for a squad session not held. For this team all but 2 of the matches were not played and payment from the venues for these cancelled matches has still to be confirmed as refundable. Total £192.00 plus ??

As a means of keeping contact with the players and parents, that have participated in the squads, we have done two things;

1. With the help of Jeremy Harvey we have sent all the U16 squad players a series of videos from utube, showing exercises that reinforce skills practiced during the squad sessions.
2. We have also sent out a questionnaire to all parents and players as a means to get a feedback on how the season went. Thanks to Katie and Susanne Scott for putting these questions in a more easily used format, with the hope that we get a high percentage return, for all age

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groups. As of today we have had 5 returns from each squad, the players and parents will be reminded in the next few days.

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