

Gazzetta Del Carre's



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END OF AN ERA!



Colin White shares a joke with his family as his team 'Chalky's Bite' play on.

The end of the Summer term was an emotional one for Carre's as it saw the retirement of one of its longest serving members of staff, Mr. Colin White. Colin has been at the school for thirty five years, after originally agreeing to a one year placement.

The two teams, one managed by Colin and the other by Andy Wilkinson, were made up from existing Carre's staff and several 'ringers' brought in by each manager.

Chalky's Bite went on to win the enjoyable and good natured fixture 5-1,

Y8 County Cup Semi-Final V William Robertson School

Monday 16th of September and Year 8 are already finishing the last year's cup due to bad weather. It was not a brilliant day as it was very cold and rather windy. But we went onto the Sleaford ground with confidence. Here is the match report.

Year 8 went into the game full of confidence, believing they could win and go into the final. After both sides had completed their warm-ups, the game began. Jack Gourley (Captain) flipped the coin and we were sent into bat. Charlie Rossington and James Bower went out to the crease and hit a great partnership of 51. James Bower was the first batsman to be dismissed for a total of 20 runs. Sam Wright went in at number 3 and lost his wicket very cheaply. Jack Gourley kept the score ticking over and both Connor Steele and Jonny Twelvetrees made a good contribution in a short space of time. Charlie Rossington top-scored with 31 as the Carre's innings closed on 118 off 20 overs. The William Robertson innings started with Charlie Rossington and Andy Ward opening the bowling. As a pair they picked up early wickets and kept the run rate down below the required level. Jack Gourley, Connor Steele and Jonny Twelvetrees bowled well with Connor ending up taking four wickets. The William Robertson batsmen never looked like troubling the Carre's score and were finally bowled out for a total of 53 runs.

This was a comfortable victory and Carre's can now look forward to the County Cup final.

Sam Wright

Old Boys Cricket:

The annual Old Boys Cricket fixture took place on Wednesday 18th July. This annual fixture sees the schools current first eleven take on a selection of past pupils at the Sleaford ground on London Road. With a poor weather forecast threatening to hamper proceedings, The Old Boys went out to bat first. The opening pair of Andrew Scott and Graham Rickett, made good progress until Joe Braithwaite steamed in with an unplayable delivery and skittled his wickets for 17. Grahame quickly followed next over, being clean bowled for 13 by Adam Bloomfield. This saw James Smith come to the crease and steady the ship, putting on 45 runs before he too met his demise at the hands of Luke Endley. After the allotted twenty five overs the Old Boys had managed to reach 109 runs and everyone headed in for tea. Unfortunately, it was at this time the heavens decided to open to such an extent that the game was abandoned.



Above: Andrew Scott's bails go flying as he loses his wicket to Joe Braithwaite

Carre's killed two birds with one stone on Monday 24th September when they had the opportunity to play The Voyager School, Peterborough in both the Year 9 and 10 national cup competitions. After a long wait as the opposition turned up nearly an hour late, both Carre's sides ran out victorious. Full match reports can be read in the next issue of Gazzetta Del Sport.



Carre's player, Chris Harling, closes his eyes and hopes for the best during the recent National Cup fixture against The Voyager School, Peterborough.

The Daily Mail Cup U15

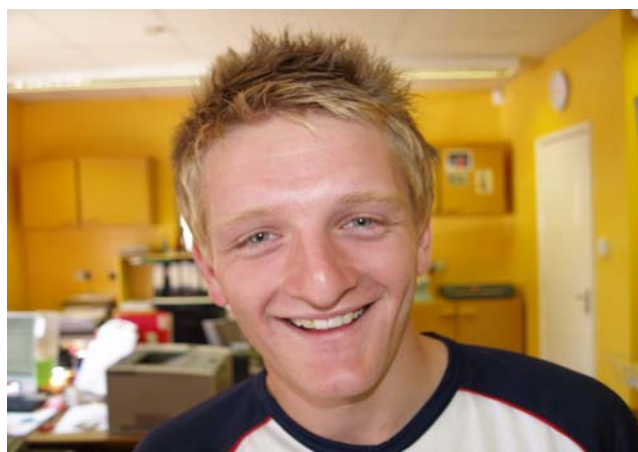


Carre's Grammar School 'v' Lincoln Minster School Daily Mail Cup Round 1 Match report by Jack Williams

The rugby match that took place between these two rival schools started with much apprehension; we had been told that it would be no pushover, and that the Minster would be playing to win. After a fairly good defence, co-ordinated by some of the opponent school's more experienced players, Carre's soon found their feet and pushed the opposition back into their half. Shortly after this, our team scored a superb try, as Nick Ingleton shot passed the Minster's defence and scored the first five points of the day.

It soon turned out that Sleaford's wrath could not be contained, and as their confidence rose, the Minster's game took a turn for the worse. Further tries were scored by Ted Polkey, Will Britten, Adrian Aguinaldo, Bradley Russel-Webster, Sam Ogden twice, Nick Ingleton twice more, and George Seabrook. Luke Tupholme, the teams fly half scored a farther 12 points on conversions. Despite the Minster having access to some brutally large players, no tries were scored against Carres, and we went home victorious with the over all score being 62- 0.

In the spot light



Matthew Evans

I joined the school from the Lincolnshire Sports Partnership where I worked as a community sports coach. My role was to support teachers and coaches in the inclusion children with disabilities in PE lessons/physical activity.

I originally come from Leeds (no jokes about Leeds United please) but moved to Lincoln to attend University. I graduated in 2006 and am in the process of moving to Sleaford.

My role here is to get as many people as possible playing football. Fortunately I have a fantastic facility to work with (one of the main reasons I applied for this job!). If you are already playing football; I'm here to help your club/team develop.

My appointment highlights the commitment made by both; the Football Association, and more importantly Carre's Grammar School Sports College, to developing football for all in our community.

If I can support your football in any way – send me an e-mail:

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Matt Evans, Carre's new football development Officer

New football Tournament: The Social Sixes

Social sixes is the new 6-a-side league unique to Carre's Grammar School's community. It is currently the only league in the county to be played on a rubber crumb state-of-the-art surface. With bibs, balls and goals all provided by the facility, the league has never been easier to join: all you need to play is a few mates!

Match day squads are limited to 6 and 2 subs (8 in total) but you can have as many as you like in a squad. Currently there is only one division of the league: The Supreme Division but more will be added shortly.

The first season is running for 7 weeks with each team playing each other twice followed by a finals night. There are medals for the winners and the runners up in addition to a fair play award.

Friendly fixtures are available ahead of Season 2 (starting Monday 29 October).

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Social Sixes Match Reports by Tom Ward

Season One

Perhaps if the local shelf stackers organised their defence as well as their deli counter they wouldn't have suffered a 5-1 defeat to league favourites 'Boyzees'. A reason for this distinct lack was the last minute transfer arrangements made by club captain Craig Twell. Only with clearance seconds before kick off, Sainsbury's Stonkers went out and, to be fair to them, reacted positively to what was clearly a mammoth challenge. Having strung several good pieces of possession together, they were only to be denied by the Boyzees in the final third. The laid back approach adopted by the Boyzees was paramount to their non-rushed, cool finishing. Their free-flowing, easy football is clearly the reason for them being placed as firm favourites early on in the competition.

However, it nearly caught up on them as the Stonkers (second half) goalkeeper was allowed to cruise forward 50 yards, beating several players and striking only to hit over.

The later kick off saw a much more even fixture between Therapists FC and The Machines. It was Captain Jason Thickpenny who put the Machines ahead early in the first half only to initiate some up-tempo play from the Therapists who hit back with a quick two goals shortly after the break. Some sublime goalkeeping held the score at 2-1 for long periods, but a fantastic counter attack coupled with a cool finish allowed a 3-1 lead for the Therapists. The Machines refused to pack up and battled on linking up well to pull one back with thanks to "the big man".

This didn't last long as The Therapists immediately hit back to send the score to 4-2. A late consolation goal was fair for The Machines as the score ended 4-3.

Season Two

The night kicked off at a fast pace with both Sainsbury's Stonkers and *The Therapists* competing well. After last week's 5-1 defeat the determined **Craig Twell** and **Chris Mot** put The Therapists under serious pressure. However after pressing too many forward **Scott Norris** completed a great finish on the break. This went on to become the turning point in the match as *The Therapists* stepped up a gear. The electric **Ben Elkington** went on to score 5 taking his total to 9 in the last two games, with **Norris** claiming all assists; this partnership must send a warning to favourites Boyzees. However the Stonkers showed character as super sub **Brendon Oakley** scored with his first touch; however this was only a consolation. Sainsbury's Stonkers are still in search of points and will meet The Machines next week. Final score 7-1.

At the final whistle of the Sainsbury's Stonkers and *The Therapists match* the eager Boyzees burst onto the pitch aiming to restore their lead at the top of the table. Again the pace was swift with both defences holding strong particular good performances from **Bruiser** and **Rob Titmus**. The game featured a lot of flair from players like Bryan and even goalkeeper **Ethan Davy** with a crafty back heel to deceive oncoming **Liam Atkins**. However the deadlock was broken by a fantastic solo goal from **Josh Bryan** and his quick feet. The pace continued until **Chris Ireland** pounced on a mistake to punish The Machines who were now in an uphill battle. Nevertheless *The Machines* continued with **Wadda** coming through as a very influential presence leading to several great saves and eventually through persistence he grabbed a consolation goal. **JC** continued to make darting runs but was well held off by **Titmus** and **Barlow**. He had this to say:

"Considering I only got out of hospital on Saturday, Adam played with a fractured rib and it is only the second time we have all played together, I am really pleased with how we played yesterday. In spite of losing the first 2 games, I don't think it is because we have been out-classed in either game - I think it has been due to a couple of lapses of concentration that have cost us the games, our link up play has been good, we have been committed and we have a good fighting spirit - another 2/3 games to get fitness levels up and to get used to playing together and think we will be very difficult to play against."

The last 3 minutes were hard fought and finally capped off by another **Josh Bryan** goal. Final score 3-1 but Boyzees will need a better performance to continue winning ways against on form *Therapists*.

Season Three

Boyzees blast Therapists

The night started with the game which all the teams had been waiting for - the top of the league clash, a game which matters more than Man United versus Chelsea or Carre's versus St George's. Both teams took the opportunity to try and unsettle the opposition with friendly banter. On arrival to the game the Boyzees gained the psychological advantage with the knowledge that the Therapists top marks man, **Ben Elkington** was unavailable through injury. However the injury provided an opening for **Marc Blackman**'s debut and the Therapists remained optimistic.

The game started off with both teams confident and any nerves from the Therapists was settled by masses of early possession. However the pressure was well soaked up by the capable **Rob Titmus** and **Joel Barlow**. Despite the Therapist's dominance the Boyzees opened their account with a fantastic half way line effort from **Joel Barlow** which beat keeper **Paul Fawcett** (but perhaps should have been saved?!?!). *The Therapists* came out fighting - still determined regardless of the sudden loss of control. Again they looked strong until a wonder volley from **Chris Ireland** rocketed into the far top corner leaving the goalkeeper helpless. The fast pace started to toll as *the Therapists* began to tire and gaps in their defence opened up providing **Liam Atkins** the chance to score a well deserved goal after a constant battle with the busy **Chris Robinson**. At the start of the second half the ball seemed to drop for the Boyzees and their superior fitness resulted in goals from **Barlow, Bryan and Ireland**. These goals may prove to be invaluable come 15th October (finals night).

Final score 6-0

Battle for third

This game was destined to be a tight fixture. Equal in the magnitude of the previous match; both teams went in search of much needed points. Last weeks super sub **Brendon Oakley**, earned his first start for the Stonkers and offered a target upfront.

The first minute proved the game could go either way and that it would only take one incident to change the match. The pressure built and tackles were strong with few clear cut chances arising. The one chance of the first half was well finished by **JC** who completed a tough run with a sublime finish to make the score 1-0 at half time to *the Machines*.

The second half saw high quality performances from Captains **Jason Thickpenny** (aka **JC**) and **Craig Twell**. The one goal deficit looked slim as **Chris Mot** came out of goal and continued to make dangerous runs at the heart of *the Machines* defence. Although **Wadda** unrelentingly worked hard to battle for the ball it looked like the *Stonkers* might snatch the goal they deserved. Hopes were rocked in the dying minutes when a penalty was awarded against them. *Stonker's* goalkeeper **Kyle Creppy** remained focused diving spectacularly to his right producing what could be the save of the tournament. **Chris Lord** continued to display immense defending as he dominated in the air - working hard to maintain a clean sheet. His performance proved priceless in the overall result as the game was capped off in the dying seconds when **JC** netted his second goal of the match proving himself to be a very smart finisher. Third placed booked. Final score 2-0

New head boy of sport



1. Tell us a bit about yourself?

Sport has been a big part of my school life, from Year 7 right through to Sixth Form. I've represented the school at football, tennis and badminton as well as enjoying the wide range of other sports available at Carre's. I won the County doubles championship at badminton and, with the first XI football team, reached the semi-finals of the National Cup, matching the best result that the school has achieved in recent years.

2. Why did you apply for the Head of Sport?

I applied for the position of Head Boy of Sport because of my interest in sport and the belief I have of the importance of sport in school. I saw it as an opportunity to give something back to the school and to help the younger age groups play as much sport as possible.

3. Why is sport such an important activity to take part in?

My advice to all students is to get involved with as much sport as possible. It's a great way to keep fit and make new friends as well as having a chance to play competitive team or individual matches.

4. What do you think of the opportunities to do sport at school?

Sport at Carre's is on a high at the moment with the school becoming a Sports College, which has allowed us to purchase a new all-weather pitch, which is a big improvement on the Governor's field and allows outdoor sports to be played throughout the year. Also there is an excellent gym available for all pupils yr 10 and above which will help you improve yourself as a sports player. Finally there is a wide range of sporting opportunities for all abilities (like lunch time and after school clubs), so it's a great time to be a sportsman at Carre's right now.

5. Do you have a sporting motto?

Winners never quit, and quitters never win.

6. Are you optimistic about the school's chances in the sports sphere this year?

Yes, very much so, of what I've seen in the previous Gazzetta Del Carre's leaves me very optimistic. All the cricket teams are doing well especially in year 9 and 10 with them progressing through their regional competitions. Many of the years continue to perform well in rugby and also in individual sports such as golf, showing the wide range of sporting opportunities around the school. Finally, football at Carre's is looking once again to match the high standards of previous years and from what I have seen and heard from all the years there is every reason to be very optimistic.

Cricket Report by Luc Chignell

On a brilliant day for cricket Carre's were ready to play St Georges in the district final for Year 8, despite now being in Year 9. Captain Alex Hales won the toss and chose to bowl first hoping to dismiss St Georges quickly. Sam Gascoyne opened the bowling with a good over in which the first wicket was taken after a brilliant piece of fielding from Jack Alexander at gully. Alex Hales had the next over which was also a brilliant one as he took the second wicket also caught by Jack Alexander. At this stage St Georges were 4-2. Hales and Gascoyne carried on this great bowling throughout all their overs with Hales adding another wicket again caught by Jack Alexander. Then Jack Alexander was introduced to the attack, replacing Gascoyne, who had bowled all his overs, Alexander bowled a good first over. From the other end Tom Thacker was brought into the bowling attack and his first over went for 5. Both Alexander and Thacker bowled well with Thacker getting a wicket caught behind by Cobb. Bowling a few wides, he was taken out of the attack after 3 overs and Richard Rickett replaced him. Alexander carried on for one more over before bowling all his allotted overs and Will Conyers replaced him. After a good opening over from Rickett he followed this up with a wicket in the second after the batsman's off stump was knocked over from a great ball by Rickett. Conyers kept up the good bowling by Carre's contributing with a wicket himself on his second to last ball. For the last over Rickett was replaced by Chignell who bowled a very wide ball to start off with but got into the flow of things by getting the St. Georges number 8 stumped after some brilliant glove work by Frazer Cobb.

As Carre's came into bat only one thing was on their mind, runs. We learned in the break between innings that St. Georges had only 17 runs with the bat yet got 69 runs due too sloppy bowling at times letting by too many extras. Alex Hales and Sam Gascoyne came out to open the batting and started well before Hales was run out for 8. Jack Alexander came in to bat. Gascoyne worked well with Alexander for a while before knocking one back to the bowler for a very reasonable 31. Thacker walked out knowing not many were needed but still didn't take it slowly and batted through to the end for the last few runs. Thacker ended on 8* with Alexander finishing on 10*. Carre's had won the district final through a combination of good batting and good bowling and are now ready for their next challenge, the county final.

Rugby News

The first week back after the Summer holidays is usually a quiet time on the fixtures front, but not this year. Not wishing to waste any time, FOUR Carre's teams pitted their talents against Deacons Academy, Peterborough, in friendly fixtures. All four teams came out of the tie victorious scoring a combined 255 points and conceding just 36. It was a wonderful way to start the rugby season and bodes well for the rest of the year.

Man of the match awards:

- U13 = Jack Gourley
- U15 Samoa = James Wathen
- U15 = Sam Ogden
- U16 = Blake Harding



Mr Offer's rugby squad in a training session.