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4 – 4 Old Boy's Goal Fest



The two teams pose for pictures prior to their annual battle at Carre's Grammar School

In the annual First XI v Old Boys game the crowd was not only treated to some fantastic weather, but also a high array of distinguished talent. Within a few minutes, the crowd were already treated to some light entertainment by Ben Machin, who after crossing from the right failed to realise that there was a corner post in his way, and after subsequently falling over the corner post quietly took up his position hoping no-one noticed him. They did. The first meaningful on field action resulted in a goal, when Jamie Shaw followed up for a tap in after keeper Tom Maplethorpe had been unable to hold the initial Old Boys shot. The Old Boys were looking dangerous, especially from Machin crosses from the right (who by this point was more concerned about the corner post than any First XI defender). However, the First XI, led by captain Chris Bates, dug deep and were able to haul themselves back into the game. After a couple of efforts had easily been dealt with by keeper Danny Tomlinson, an equaliser was scored. Will Allen pushed forward from right wing back, and his shot was going wide before Gareth Burton nipped in to take the ball round Tomlinson and score into an empty net. Gareth Burton then had a chance to score again a couple minutes later, but failed to get a good connection from a Chris Bates corner. With half an hour gone it was commented by much of the crowd about how well centre back Dom Fieldhouse was looking after Jamie Shaw. The First XI then took the lead after some poor defending from the Old Boys. It was a long Joe Braithwaite ball downfield that caused the problem and Ben Elkington was able to get a shot off through two defenders past the unsuspected Tomlinson in goal. The First XI were now buzzing with confidence and took control for the rest of the first half, with a couple of opportunities to extend their lead. The First XI tactic of playing three upfront was really troubling the Old Boys, with Burton, Elkington and Paul Crampton causing all sorts of problems. With added confidence, the first XI were now playing close to "total football" and David Broadbent proved this with a flick past Mr Young which left him clearly embarrassed. At half time the First XI were unlucky not to be leading by more than a 2-1 score line. Mr Wilkinson felt the score at half time was a fair one, while First XI defender Johnny Green felt that his team had played the better football. With Gareth Tomlinson in goal for the First XI now, for the second year running at the opposite ends of the pitch were the Tomlinson brothers. The question was who would be the victor at the end of 90 minutes. After the change over at half time, the Old Boys were happy to see the wind pick up in their favour but were unable to take advantage of this in the opening stages of the half.. However, after 55 minutes Jamie Shaw again showed his class by controlling a free kick and expertly firing an equaliser into the corner of the net. A hardly deserved goal, but it levelled things up again.

The Old Boys had a chance to retake the lead when Gareth Tomlinson handled outside the area, but the free kick was not just put over the bar, but also the fence, and then the hedge, and ended up in the cemetery. Carre's legend Mr. White, along with the rest of the crowd had a little chuckle to themselves about the awful quality of that free kick. The final quarter, due to both fatigue and some quality play saw a goal fest for the crowd to enjoy. It all started when, you guessed it, Jamie Shaw collected the ball 30 yards from goal, turned his marker before sliding it past the helpless dive of the younger Tomlinson. This gave Shaw his hat-trick, but much of the Old Boys play was running through either winger Robin Holderness or central midfielder Craig Wells. However, Shaw was doing an expert job at putting the ball away. The First XI heads could have dropped after this, but to their credit they got straight back into the game. At this point, England Schoolboys star Tom Siddons was introduced to the game and straight away he made an impact. This meant that Sleaford towns own S.A.S (Siddons and Shaw) were now playing for opposing teams. (continued on page 5)



Old Boys keeper Danny Tomlinson watches the ball fly into the back of his net from Tom Siddons.

Year seven rugby crowned district Champions

The Year 7 rugby team maintained their winning ways by being crowned South Kesteven District Champions in March. The competition is open to all of the schools in the sports district, but unfortunately, this year saw only three entries. Carre's played the hosts, Queen Eleanor, in the first game. They made very hard work of it in the first half, only scoring one try. The second half was easier, and as tackles were missed, Carre's picked of the scoring opportunities.

The second game was eagerly anticipated, as it saw the boys pitted against the only team to have beaten them this year - Bourne Grammar. In the previous meeting at Bourne, the red and blacks had gone down 30-10, and this was still fresh in everyone's mind. Happily, Carre's out-thought, out-played and out-muscled BGS to win 30-0.

The lads can look forward to the County sevens tournament and a local derby against St. George's before their trip to stains in the National Emerging Schools competition.



Above: Ben Borrill flies in for another try against Queen Eleanor, Stamford



Left: With the sun going down, Carre's took on training partners St. George's for a friendly fixture at the start of April.

Due to a Year 7 football fixture on the same night, the fixture against St. George's allowed a good selection of players who have yet to represent the school step up to the mark, and take on the challenge against St. George's. After a close first half, which saw the visitors outplay Carre's in most areas, the hosts managed to pull themselves together and create more chances through stringing together several phases of play. Eventually, it was a well deserved victory and all of the new players, who have trained hard this season acquitted themselves well.

Carres 2nd XI v Lincoln College 2nd XI – 26/3

Carre's entertained Lincoln for the first time this season with only twelve men, and with the late arrival of regular goalkeeper Paul Fawcett, Damon Tunnicliffe went between the sticks for the first half and put in an admirable performance. On a pitch not conducive to attractive football both teams were unable to find their rhythm in the opening stages, but Carre's were able to take the lead when a through ball from Josh Bryan found central midfielder Joel Barlow who easily finished past the Lincoln keeper. However, as often happens in football Carre's quickly let this lead slip as a Lincoln Midfielder equalised with a neat finish. Carre's were on the back foot for much of the first half, but solid defending and the ability of Josh Bryan and Rob Titmus to hold the ball upfront meant that Lincoln were unable to get their noses in front. Carres were always looking dangerous on the break, and they took the lead again with probably the best goal the 2nd team have scored this season. Carres cleared from defence and the ball was passed to Joel Barlow down the left. With only Josh Bryan to pick out up-front Barlow measured his 30 yard cross field pass to perfection, and then Bryan let the ball run across his body before finding the tiniest of gaps in the far corner with aplomb. A quality assist and a quality finish by a striker using his weaker foot. If there was a crowd, they would have gone wild. However again, Lincoln were able to pull themselves level in an eventful first half when a striker was left free in the box to head home past Tunnicliffe. H/T 2-2

With Fawcett back in goal for the 2nd half, Tunnicliffe took up his regular defensive position alongside Josh Wallace in the heart of defence, allowing Liam Atkins to move forward into a more creative attacking position. The second half saw Carre's more on the offensive, and they were able to get in front for the third time in the match when as goal mouth scramble saw David Sampson finish from 8 yards. Not as attractive as the previous Carre's goal but certainly just as important. Carres were starting to dominate now and were looking dangerous every time they pressed forward. Carre's had numerous playmakers in their team, but a lot of the action was going through Bryan and Barlow. However, it was Liam Atkins who set up Bryan's 2nd and Carre's 4th goal when he played a chipped pass through which allowed Bryan to race through and lob the on rushing keeper with ease. Carre's were only ever under pressure when they made mistakes, and when a ball wasn't cleared from the edge of their box Lincoln had a great chance to pull a goal back, but fortunately for Carres the finish was put wide. Carre's finally wrapped up the game in the final few minutes when good play from Julio Galaragga in midfield gave Josh Bryan the chance for a hat trick. Despite the goalkeeper saving his shot, Joel Barlow slid in to hit home the rebound and put the game beyond any doubt. Short of numbers, Carre's really had to work hard in this match but were rewarded with a fine win. F/T 5-2

Charity Football Tournament Wednesday 19th March 2008 by Oliver Shepherd 7C

The whole of our year was asked to raise money for charity so me and Liam Griffith (7C) decided to do a charity football tournament for year sevens. It was very hard work because we had to alert all the forms and even get Mr. Wilson and Mr. Young to referee the games! The rules were simple two leagues and the winner of each league plays in the final.

The winners of each league were 7B and 7W. This meant that they would face off in an all out final! Mr. Wilson blew his whistle and the game started. It was a hard fought battle but eventually 7W broke the deadlock. Mr. Wilson blew his whistle for the last time. The winners were 7W! All in all we raised £45 for R.O.A.D and Cancer Research U.K. Finally, a big thank you to Mr. Wilson and Mr. Young, who refereed and everyone else who made the day a big success.

Match Report: by Patrick Devlin 7B Carre's Grammar Y7 0 vs 0 Bourne Grammar Y7

Both sides walked away with a share of the spoils in a well fought draw between Carre's Y7 and Bourne Y7. In the early stages of the game, it was scrappy and tight. Playing on a bigger pitch than usual, both sides were finding the going tough. However, they soon got used to it and both sides from then on looked threatening.

Bourne had lots of the possession and were applying lots of pressure but that was sorted out quite easily by the back four. When they did manage to get in promising positions, Devlin and Orley made strong challenges to put a halt on the attack. Ireland and Yates looked quite comfortable as well. With Jack King lively, Carre's looked good on the break and had a couple of decent efforts. Neither side made the break through though and the half finished goalless.

The second half started with Bourne dominating. Some more last ditch defending prevented Bourne from any clear cut chances, but they looked extremely dangerous from corners. Finally, they had a chance with the Bourne striker controlling and shooting, skimming the post. A minute later, Bourne won a corner, which was cleared by Carre's, only to fall to the feet to another Bourne player. His shot was heading for the top corner until Williams pulled out a marvellous stop to keep the visitors from scoring.

Carre's soon got going and had a couple of long range efforts saved. But Bourne broke, carving open the defence for the first time, being one on one with the keeper. Bourne looked to be about to break the deadlock, Rory Williams, however, had other ideas. He made himself big and pulled off a sublime save to keep the score at 0-0.

Both sides then looked happy with draw and the game finished a stalemate. A fine defensive performance by Carre's and they should be confident in going into the next game.

Carre's line-up: R. Williams; M. Yates, P. Devlin (Captain), S. Ireland, L. Orley; J. King, C. Alexander, T. McIntyre, R. Wiles; P. Keshwara, D. McPherson.

Year 10 football versus Boston Grammar School

A cold and blustery Saturday morning saw Carre's welcome three teams from Boston Grammar School. The pre-match build up was unorthodox to say the least, with players and parents from both schools working together to repair the damage done to the pitches by the local rabbit population!

The Year 10 fixture saw Carre's captain Charlie Ward win the toss and decide to play with the wind in the first half. Despite the assistance from the elements, the home team could not break down a stubborn Boston defence, and a rather uneventful 30 minutes ended goalless.

Carre's knew that they would have to battle hard against the wind in the second half, and they began brightly. The midfield quartet of Ward, Tom Vertigan, Michael McMillan and Ben Light started to assert their authority on the game with some strong tackles and accurate passing. They also began to link up well with the front pairing of Ben Greenwood and Corey Stobart, who were doing an excellent job of holding the ball up under pressure from the Boston defenders.

Gradually Carre's began to dictate proceedings, and they got the reward they deserved when Greenwood finished expertly after breaking through down the right. The lead was soon doubled when Light beat his man and dinked the ball over the onrushing goalkeeper. He was unlucky to see his effort rebound off the inside of the post, but Carre's very own 'fox in the box' Stobart was on hand to tap in unchallenged.

Conceding the second goal seemed to rouse the Boston players, and they began putting Carre's under pressure with some wind-assisted long balls. The home defence held firm, with Sam Ogden looking solid in goal, Ben Lambert and Ollie Starbuck dominating in the air, and Jermaine Olowofela and Tom Coghill putting in some strong challenges when the Boston wingers threatened.

Carre's added a third against the run of play when Vertigan challenged the Boston goalkeeper and the ball fell to Stobart, who once again rolled the ball into an empty net.

Boston pulled one back in the dying seconds when Lambert was unlucky to see the ball skid off his head and into his own goal. This proved to be the last action of the game, as the final whistle blew to mark the end of the best performance from this Carre's team all season.

Year 8 & 9 Lincolnshire Rugby 7s



With the close of the rugby season fast approaching, it must be time for sevens rugby. The annual Year 8 and 9 Lincolnshire tournament, held at The David Williams Pavillion, took place on Thursday 3rd April. The Year 8 team got off to the worst possible start, narrowly losing to King Edward's, Gainsborough 7 -5. Before long they had the opportunity to make amends, taking on Birbeck School, Louth. With a greater sense of how to play open rugby, Carre's ran in six tries and won 35 -0. Unfortunately, even though the red and blacks matched this score-line in their final game against Frederick Gough, Scunthorpe, the loss in the first game meant that they could only progress to the plate competition, where they final finished runners up to LSST. The Year 9 team managed to get to the cup semi final courtesy of winning all of their for group games, but lost to eventual runners-up, William Farr, Welton.



Above left: Jimmy Bower prepares for a tackle from a Birbeck player.

Above: Ady Aginaldo celebrates going under the posts for another Carre's try.

Proof that boys are better than girls?



In a battle of the sexes, a select hit-squad of Carre's Year 11 boys (beach bums) took on the might of Sleaford and Kesteven Girl's School (fairies) at netball. Below are match reports from both camps.

Fairy Catastrophic..... By Holly sturgeon

Ribbons in and tutus on the KSHS 'Fairies' made their way up to Carre's to play the boys Basketball team at Netball. We were in high spirits and confident that this game was in the bag! Who needs fairy dust? Approaching Carre's sports hall, the familiar boys' smell hit our noses, followed by the not so familiar sight of the boys in Hawaiian shorts.

After a magical warm up and a selection of netball drills we were ready to start the game! High on enthusiasm, the first quarter was a breeze; the boys' shorts made them look slightly sillier being beaten by girls in tutus. We finished the first quarter 6-4 and confident that this game was ours. Sadly, this confidence was short lived! The following 3 quarters of the game were a disaster, the boys upped their performance, it must have been the shame it would have bought them being beaten by girls in tutus). Every ball we threw was intercepted, and then once they had the ball they were just too fast for us to keep up with. The boys were just simply too tall for us to compete with!

The Carre's team suffered a major setback a few days prior to the big day, our captain, centre and only person that knew the rules, was injured playing basketball. However, being the quick thinking and intelligent lads we are we managed to use this to our advantage. Turning Oli Guillatt into our expert coach, sacking the mediocre coach of the previous game, Mr Offer.

We had won the last time we met, so we believed we would easily walk over the girls again this time. Especially as we looked cool wearing flowery shorts and to be honest they looked poor wearing their Tutus. To begin with they had a massive advantage, for some unknown reason we weren't concentrating on the pass itself, just the receiver of the pass. This and some horrific shooting from 'Dirty Daga' (about 17% shot conversion) meant we came in from the first half losing 8-6ish.

Then Oli Guillatt proved his position as coach, swapping Stewy and Daga around, so Daga played GD and Stewy played GS. This proved very effective, as Daga's height made shooting much harder for the girls and Stewy's 2 point shooting was generally immense. We stormed in front finally winning by a possible score 16-9, 17-9 or maybe 18-9, not too sure but I would place my bet on 17-9.

This being another successful netball match for the Yr 11 Carre's boys, but on reflection our win was solely down to one person... mmmmmmmaaaaaaaaggggggggssssssyyyyyy

Hockey report by Kieran Hardern

The first hockey game for Carre's Grammar took place on Tuesday 25th March. The hockey team made up of Year 9s, 10s and 11s played the Girls High School on our new all-weather pitch.

Despite not having as many natural hockey players as the opposition, we managed to gain an early lead within the first 15 minutes with both Sam Mason and Neil Ireland scoring once each. The two goals were both well worked for and were deserved by the team because of good passing, running and work on the ball. At this point it seemed to us that we had the game in the bag, however we were made to work harder for most of the rest of the game.

We managed to progress further in the first half, only to be disappointed when the Umpire disallowed a second goal for Sam Mason. A strong hit (and arguably a dangerous ball) was played in from Neil Ireland from outside of the D towards the penalty spot where Sam Mason attempted a dramatic second goal. Using a cross between golfing, hockey and cricket he volleyed the ball in mid-air into the back of the net – only to find out a few minutes later that he wasn't allowed to do this.

It wasn't only the two goal-scorers who played well though. Over the entirety of the game the ball was passed around the field, and everyone made good passes or recovered the ball on multiple occasions. All of the year 9s who played did not appear out of place amongst the older team mates and opposition. They managed to move around the pitch and use their heads to get into useful positions for attack, as well as defence. Because of this we were able to dominate most of the play even if we found it increasingly difficult to score.

After the first 2 goals we had to work harder to get everything done as the girls seemed to dislike losing to us and fought back extremely well. Although the last goal was scored well before the final whistle (again by Sam Mason) it was not the last excitement for us or him. Our goalkeeper Tim McManus was feeling a little left out of the game and so decided to switch teams for the second half. This meant that determination to score was even higher and so just before the final whistle Sam Mason worked the ball up from Left Back and attempted to take the ball around Tim to score. Tim, however, had the last laugh by sending Sam head over heels, missing the ball and claiming that it was accidental which fooled no-one.

The final score was 3-0 to Carre's – a good victory for our first ever game.

The Old Boys continued.....

A cross from the right was headed back across the goal by another substitute, Joel Barlow, and Siddons calmly finished to make the score 3-3. The game was now becoming more open, with Braithwaite of the First XI and Holderness of the Old Boys forcing either keeper into fine saves. With only ten minutes to go, it looked like the First XI might have got a piece of luck that might win them the game. A ball into the box fell to Josh Bryan, and while losing his footing the ball came to the feet of Elkington who gladly finished with ease. The First XI then nearly scored a fifth when an excellent Josh Bryan header from a corner was cleared off the line. This kept the Old Boys in the game, and they stunned the First XI when with just a couple of minutes to go, a defensive mix up 25 yards allowed Old Boys midfielder Tom Wilmot to run through and chip Tomlinson for final goal of the game. An excellent match saw both sides play attractive football, and a draw at the end seems a fair result, although the First XI will have been disappointed not to win the match. Injured striker Ben Tomlinson was distraught the match didn't end on penalties, while Mr Wilkinson gave the First XI man of the match to Dom Fieldhouse and the Old Boys award to hat-trick hero Jamie Shaw.

Reported by Paul Fawcett.

More silverware for Bond



At the recent inaugural Lincoln Head, Tom (Newark Rowing club) and his partner Lawrence Arnold from Notts Rowing club not only won their 3 K race in a double, they also won the price for the fastest junior crew. Tom and Lawrence shown here, receiving their fastest crew trophy from Andy Ripley, 1970's ex England and Lions rugby team member and David Hutchison of Lincoln's Rotary International.

Sleaford School's Golf Tournament



Football: Deepings Y7 3 vs 1 Carre's Y7

A sublime Liam Griffiths free kick wasn't enough to beat a physical Deepings side in a second half dominated by Carre's. After the long journey to Market Deeping, Carre's had time to mentally prepare for the last game of the season. And after a quick warm up when Carre's arrived, the game got under way.

Deepings attacked Carre's from the kick-off, pressurising the 3-man defence. They got their reward too, opening the scoring in the first few minutes. Deepings won a corner and a beautiful in swinger landed in the 6 yard box, for a Deepings striker to tap home. Deepings pressed for another goal, but the two strikers were handled well by the defence. Frustration crept into the home side who couldn't find the killer second goal. They made some rash challenges, one a bad raised elbow to the head of Devlin as he went for a header. But the half finished 1-0, with Deepings not taking advantage of their pressure fully.

The second half started with Carre's passing slickly and quickly and interesting individual battles between the Carre's defence and the Deepings attackers forming. Yates on the wing was dealing with the Deepings winger brilliantly and Devlin sorted out the Deepings striker. Carre's then found the equaliser. After some quick feet by Moss, he earned a free kick 30 yards out. Surely too far out? Not for captain Liam Griffiths. He stepped up in confident fashion and there was only one place it was going to go. He put his foot through the ball and it curled into the top corner. Stunning.

Carre's looked certain to get the winner and Griffith's came close from another free-kick. But Deepings, with more substitutes available than Carre's, brought on fresh legs. It paid off, as the Carre's midfield pushed up, looking on the winner; they left the defence on their own. Deepings broke, 5 on 3, passed their way through the defence and scored, despite the best efforts of Williams in goal. Carre's heads went down, like in earlier games, and they conceded again a few minutes later. Shortly after that, the final whistle went. Carre's certainly felt they could have won the final game in Year 7, but with the quality we have, BRING ON YEAR 8!!!

Carre's starting line up: R.Williams; P. Devlin, L. Griffiths (Captain), S. Ireland (L. Orley 30); A. Smith, C. Alexander, J. King, J. Moss (S. Ireland 55), T. McIntyre; D. McPherson(M. Yates 30), P. Keshwara (R. Wiles 30).

Reporter: Patrick Devlin

The 16th annual Sleaford schools golf tournament was held on the 25th April with 39 golfers competing for the selection of trophies. These trophies included best boys gross, best girls gross, best boys nett, best girls nett and the best team.

The team result is decided by the best 3 nett scores outside of the prizes. Carre's were the current holders of this cup.

There were a number of good scores and a few poor scores. The 1st boys group produced the two best gross scores with me shooting a 2 under par 70 and James Burnett shooting a 4 under par 68. The 3rd member of our group shot an immense 101 playing off 6. Tom Maplethorpe and James Beinlich came 3rd gross with 76. Kirsty Condon shot the best girls gross with a steady 76 and the girls best nett went to Nikita Walley with 70.

The best score of the day came from Ben Partridge in Yr 10 from Carre's, shooting an amazing nett 58.

The day was a great success and only ran so smoothly due to the efforts of Mr Cossins and Mr Wallington but also because of ex-pupils Lloyd Bailey and Luke Revel.

On the road to Wembley

Report by Sam Gilmore

We eagerly waited outside school wondering what the day would bring. It was 8am and we were on the way to Wembley to watch Tom Siddons represent the England football school boy team in their match against Scotland to compete for the Bobby Moore trophy.

We travelled down to Wembley in two coaches. The journey was uneventful, but when we saw the Wembley arch, our faces lit up as if someone had flicked a switch. Everyone was trying to take pictures on their phones whilst others gazed at the architectural wonder. We knew we had arrived at Wembley! When we got off the bus we saw a mass of people walking towards Wembley and we were hit by the colour, excitement and noise of the occasion. People were waving flags, blowing horns, and selling souvenirs.

It took a while for us to walk around the stadium as it is huge. The arch was massive and appeared to tower over us. Before we took our seats we entered the gift shop. The gift shop was full of overpriced memorabilia; a flag was around £5! However we still went in anyway, some of us even spent our money. Eventually we reached our seats, and what a view! The pitch was there in front of us, and the arch was above us. On the pitch were pre-match fixtures including a national primary school tournament, and a football match between Scottish and English celebrities, none of whom we knew!

At last, what we had been waiting for was happening, England and Scotland walked onto the pitch, including our own Tom Siddons. The majority of the crowd were England supporters, so there was a massive roar of pride when the English national anthem was played. After Scotland's national anthem, which was significantly quieter than England's, the game kicked off.

The game was full of pace, with England having the majority of possession. There were plenty of shots, with both teams having a disallowed goal, because of them being offside. There was even a penalty given to Scotland; fortunately the England keeper saved it. Siddons even came close to scoring himself. We were enjoying ourselves too. Throughout the match, there was a Mexican wave flowing around the stadium, and there was chanting as well. We were singing our hearts out in support of Siddons. After 90 entertaining minutes the game ended with England winning 2-0. The England team climbed the stairs to lift the Bobby Moore trophy, to the triumphant cry of the English crowd.

We left the stadium buzzing, and headed for the coach home. It good to see England play at Wembley, I look forward to going again, whenever it may be. We arrived back at school at about 9pm tired but glad we went to see Tom Siddons play for England at Wembley. Well done Tom!

Twickenham dream comes to an end at Staines

What a day!!! An early rise, a long journey, bags of excitement, sickening nervousness, some wins and some losses. The lads met at 4am to board the bus and amazingly all were on time. With the RFU not being able to find the team accommodation closer to Staines on the Friday night, there was little option other than to set the alarm clocks and bite the bullet. They arrived in good time at Staines RFC to find the military helpers had everything organised. Some had clearly camped overnight in the plethora of tents found all over the fields. Carre's first game against Philip Morant representing London North was a very scrappy affair. Although they won, the red and blacks were far from playing the quality of rugby we were capable of. Unfortunately, this set the tone of the day, as the expansive field, much bigger than the previous rounds, was clearly daunting for the Carre's boys, who seemed reluctant to spin the ball. The poor wingers saw a lot more defensive duties than they did offensive!

With only the winners of each of the two groups progressing to Twickenham, it was clear that a single loss was going to see us on an early bus home. Despite a more fighting spirit in the second game, Carre's still appeared intimidated by the occasion, going down to a single try, in a see-sawing game. The writing was now on the wall. It was a real do or die spirit in the last pool game, where a small, but well drilled team from Harrogate wore Carre's down and finished their chances well.

Due to a mix up by the officials, the Bay House (South) were told that they were progressing. Their travelling support were sent on to the stadium and the lads were put onto the official bus, only to be removed minutes later as the agonising mistake was recognised.

As the correct teams were taken away for their day in the sun, the playoff games began and it was time for the Carre's boys to play for a bit of pride, and play they did. A very physical game against Whitby High saw the team play their best rugby of the day; committed, defiant and aggressive. The resulting draw was a fair reflection of the game and meant that out of the hundreds of schools across the country eligible for this competition, this little Grammar school in sleepy Lincolnshire had found themselves the fifth best in England. A feat, which in the disappointment of the day, should not be forgotten!!



Year 9 Cricket 'B' Team Match Report

The match started with Carre's winning the toss and captain Luc Chignell choosing to field first. The first over was bowled by Nick Lynch who started off the game well giving away only 2 runs. The next over was also successful with Connor Holmes only letting past one run. After bowling two overs each Nick and Connor were replaced by Philip Smith and Luc Chignell. Phillip got the first wicket for the team after a great ball which knocked out the batsman's middle stump. Luc Chignell then continued the success of the team and gained a wicket himself. Phillip continued his spell letting past only five runs in total. Luc took himself out of the attack after one over and replaced himself with Sam Pacey who gained a wicket with his first ball after the batsman hit the ball in the air straight to Connor Holmes at mid-off and then bowled another player out. Then from the other end Connor Holmes bowled his final over to the captain of the other team. Sam then continued his spell getting another wicket in his 2nd over. Then from the other end Edwin Carter bowled his first over which started off quite well and got better throughout the rest of the over. From the other end, replacing Sam Pacey was Craig Miller who bowled well, but failed to get a wicket. The rest of the overs were also bowled well with two wickets coming from the final over by Luc Chignell.

After the short break between innings, the opening pair, Philip Smith and Luc Chignell came out to bat and made 27 runs in their four overs. The next pair in were Matt Swift and Craig Miller. Both players batted brilliantly together and ended with a great score of 35. After getting off to a good start with the first two pairs the runs still kept coming, next with Connor Holmes and Sam Pacey. They also continued the scoring with Holmes scoring all around the ground and Pacey picking up quick singles to keep the scoring rate high until the first and only wicket of the game fell after a great ball which took out Pacey's middle stump. The final pair was Edwin Carter and Nick Lynch who batted well and made a good end to the innings. At the end Carre's ended on around 310 (having started on 200) while they managed to keep the other team to only 227 after some economical bowling and seven wickets.



Early exit from County Cup as Year 9 fail to fire

A frustrating day at the crease saw the year nine cricket team crumble in pursuit of an easily achievable 67. Their first round opponents were Boston Grammar School who are traditionally strong, but in recent years haven't provided too much resistance. Early on it looked like this was going to be a good win. Gascoigne and Thacker bowled well, keeping the batsman contained to just 24 runs from the first nine overs. If anything, Gascoigne bowled too well, as the batsman found it very hard to even make contact such was the speed of his deliveries. Behind the stumps Cobb was working well and Carre's were unlucky to miss out on a well worked run out opportunity pictured left. The pick of the bowlers was Hales, taking five wickets for only 12 runs. Boston finished on 66 from their allotted twenty overs, leaving a comfortable run rate for Carre's to chase. Things went well for the opening pair, who ticked the runs off without playing any silly shots. However, when Ramana and Brewster saw off Hales and Gascoigne, things went decidedly downhill. Thacker managed to put up a spirited 13, but when seven of the batting side went for 2 runs or less, it was clear that it was not going to be Carre's day. In the end, Carre's were bowled out in the final over for just 59 runs.

Left top: Fraser Cobb finishes off a fine piece of fielding, narrowly failing to claim the wicket of Boston Grammar's O'Hargain.

Left bottom: Hales claims another wicket as Boston Grammar's Trevor jumps out of the way of a fine delivery.



Sports Day 2008

Unbelievably, Carre's Grammar School Sports Day, held at the Princess Royal Arena, Boston, was once again bathed in sunshine. A difficult head wind going in to the home straight meant many records that would have otherwise been broken, remained, but the day still saw it's fair share of great performances. The timing of the Event means that there isn't enough room to print the full results so they will have to wait for the next issue. However, it seems only right to show some of the pictures taken of the performers.

