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Revenge is sweet!



The successful squad which beat Trent College

Back row left to right: Mr. Offer, Will Britten, Nic Ingleton, Ade Aguinaldo, George Seabrook, James O'Hern, Andy Loadman, Oli Wheeler, Ben Copley, Ben Goacher, Adam Maddy, Sam Ogden, Simon Parr.

Front Row, left to right: Kyle Brown, Bradley Russell-Webster, Alexander Hales, Luke Tupholme, Peter Stocks, Matt Swift, Nathan Moses, Cory Stobart and Conor Holmes.

Carre's U16s 8 – 3 Trent College U16s report by Luke Tupholme

On Thursday 25th September, the U16's and U15's mixed age rugby team went to Nottingham with the aim to defeat a well drilled Trent College team. It was the first game of the season, and was vital for us to win because of the build-up towards the South Africa tour at the end of the season. They also beat our squad last season in the Daily Mail Cup, so the team was seeing it as a game to show what quality can be produced from a group of friends who don't pay to go to school!

When we arrived at the venue changed and ready to warm up, we had only ten minutes before kick off, so no time could be wasted. After a rushed, but intense warm up, we kicked off. Immediately Carre's were applying pressure, showing that all the training was having an effect. After only a few minutes of play a few pick and go's had created an overlap. The ball went swiftly through the backs hands but the last pass, which would have resulted in a certain try, was dropped by Will Britten. Although the team were gutted they had not been clinical and a belief rushed into everyone's mind. The belief was noticeable amongst everyone as big tackles were being put in by all of the players, one particularly by Aguinaldo. For the rest of the half only tiny mistakes that the referee was very sharp on and a desperate defence kept us at bay. Right at the end of the half, a penalty was awarded for another pointless mistake. With Trent College already struggling, they decided to go for goal. To our dismay, they were awarded the three points even though the number 10 actually missed it!

Carre's went into the second half full of confidence but annoyed that we were still behind. A few early substitutions were made, to give the forwards fresh legs. The play was starting to increase in pace, and with Carre's getting quick ball, a miss pass move was given to the winger and Goacher, after stepping back inside, scored in the corner! The conversion was missed, with it just drifting right.

As the second half pushed on, the game became scrappier. Trent College's fly half received a yellow card for constantly trying to kill the quick ball our forwards were producing, giving an extra man for us to help attack. Although the game was becoming less organised, Carre's set play remained solid, especially at line outs, where after only a few hours practice had resulted in Ogden, Copley, Maddy, O'Hern and Russell-Webster, the pack captain, working in unison.

Trent kept coming back with some sudden bursts of pace throughout the half, but Stobart remained solid at the back and did not go to the floor easily when he had the ball. Any time we were defending in our half, Tupholme kicked for the corners to make sure if Trent were to attack, they would have the full pitch to cover.

With only ten minutes to go, a penalty was awarded just behind the 22m line. With the score at 5-3, 3 more points would result in Trent College having to score a try to win. Tupholme, after being encouraged as captain to take 'quick taps', finally stepped up for the kick. It sailed through the posts, and the team roared with delight.

When time had been played, George Seabrook smashed the ball into touch. The whistle blew and the Carre's lads all ran together and hugged in happiness. A base had now been formed to beat Stamford two weeks later and go to South Africa full of confidence.

Sports Round-up

Carre's Grammar School Yr 10 Vs Central Yr 10

We went into our first league game of the season with key players missing, due to commitments or participating in the rugby, national cup fixture. However, hopes were still high and we felt that with the team we had we should still win easily if we were all to play as best as we could. The conditions were great, neither hot nor cold, wet nor windy. We warmed up, and had finished before the central bus had arrived. We were ready to play.

The first 10 minutes of a football game are always the most important, and we could not have got off to a better start: 3-0 up after the first 10 minutes and running the game. The back was solid with Brambles and Alexander commanding at the back. Price and Cobb were dominating midfield and Mercer and Nurse threatening every moment. The first goal came after good possession and a through ball from Cobb which led to Mercer latching onto the ball and blasted into the back of the net. The second goal was an all-round great goal. Alexander had spread it to Dales who gave it to Cobb who spread it to right back Bee. Bee put the ball down the line to Ferguson who passed to Mercer. The ball was then flicked to Cobb who was 25 yards out. He drilled the ball into the back of net. Still in possession of the ball, Carre's created another goal and due to some good work from Mercer, Ferguson slotted home. The full backs were bombing down the wings and helping out with attack and defence. When half time came Carre's found themselves in a healthy position 5-1 up.

The team talk was; score one more goal and that would leave Central with no way back. Strong work from Price, Alexander and the strikers gave Carre's a good restart. Brambles had come off after a good game and replaced by Garwood. Other changes included; Harling for Price, Macintyre for McManus and Wilkinson for Dales. The second half went smoothly apart from a few anxious moments and silly defending mistakes, which meant Carre's conceded 4 goals. But Antonio Nurse was in the mood. He was unstoppable going past people with ease. Every time Central scored Antonio stepped up a gear and created some great goals, for the likes of Mercer, Ferguson and Wilkinson. But the goal of the game had to Chris Harling. After some great play by Mercer, The ball was put across the box; the defender thought that he had cleared the ball with no problems, unaware of the onrushing Harling, the defender smacked the ball into Harling's face, and the ball landed in the back of the net. A bemused Harling celebrated with a bloody nose to show for his efforts. With the game secure, the back four did not want to let anymore goals in. With Ferguson Heading, tackling and stopping everything that was thrown at him. In the last minute, Centrals, Centre mid, got the ball 40 yards out, on came a rushing Jack Alexander, with the best tackle of his life, unfortunately Central's player came off worse. Mercer and Alexander pushed hard for man of the match, but that went to Antonio Nurse.

Carre's 1st X1 Vs. Hessle High school by Ben Thompson

With Carre's 1st 11 making it into the last 8 of the cup three years running, prospects were high leading up to the game against Hessle High from Hull. A poor pre-season start left much to be desired in performance so the pressure was on. The mighty Gaffer had a week to turn things round and a session on set pieces paid dividends when Paul Crampton delivered the perfect 'POMO' ball which Joe Braithwaite converted into the roof of the net. Carre's were now on top having Hessle on the back foot from the whistle. Carre's became complacent after the early goal and Hessle raised their game in the centre of the park. Hessle really mounted the pressure on the back four creating a number of goal scoring opportunities. The pressure was just too much for Jonny 'I'm the Big Man' Green, who had to result in a rash, mistimed challenge on the edge of the box, giving Hessle a perfect shooting opportunity. The team had already noticed that the left back had a wicked left foot and a free kick from this range spelt trouble. This became apparent when a sweetly struck strike left Gareth Tomlinson rooted to the spot, as the ball shook the woodwork. The whistle for half time was blown and the boys were relieved to hear the reassuring words of the 'Three Musketeers'. The re-emergence of the fans favourite, Colin White, on the sideline spurred the boys on, following a lacklustre end to the first half. Midway through the second half a couple of inspired substitutions were made, seeing Crampton and Godbolt replaced by Harding and Mason. Crampton seemed disturbingly happy to be replaced, only later to find out he wanted a catch up with his girlfriend stood on the sideline that he had not seen since the night before. Hessle High were reduced to 10 men after the captain showed a lack of respect to the referee. Harding made an instant impression with a 30 yard strike just tipped over. 5 minutes later Ben 'Fletch' Thompson came up with the goods with a spectacular half volley following a special flick over the last man's head topping off a man of the match performance. Carre's looked to have sealed their place in the 3rd Round, but another lapse in concentration from Green, meant another mistimed challenge saw a blatant penalty waved away from the referee. This was the last bit of pressure Carre's were put under; as the final 3 minutes were played out in the opposition's half. The final whistle confirmed the victory for Carre's; from a performance that showed vast improvements on the pre-season build up. We are now due to face the Garibaldi College from Mansfield in the next round, which we were 4-3 victors over last year in a very close encounter.

Carre's Grammar School Year 10vs. Bourne Grammar School Year 10

Bourne Grammar were yr10's arch rivals, we had never beaten them at a game of fifteen aside rugby. Every time we played them, we came extremely close but never managed to snatch the win. We were put up against them in the first round of the Daily Mail Cup! We needed to win to get through to the next round.

The team got on to the bus thinking it was going to be a very close game and hoping that we would just snatch the win. As soon as the game kicked off both teams were playing their best and wanting to win. Bourne Grammar school got the first try with a good dummy switch move. We all thought 'oh no is it going to be yet another loss to Bourne'. But, we kept our heads up and came straight back at them. We were camped in their 22 for about 5 minutes but just didn't seem to be able to get through. The ball went through the backs with our one man overlap. For some reason a surprised Stocksy got the ball passed out to him on the wing and trundled over the line for a try! We missed a hard conversion right from the touch line so unfortunately we were still down by 2 points. As soon as the restart was taken we got ourselves back up into their half. We were playing extremely well and had a try almost scored by Ade Aguinaldo. The ball was getting passed along the line again from a ruck, Loady drew the man and then popped the ball to George Seabrook who ran over the line to put Carre's in the lead. Panda got the conversion so we were ahead by 5 points. It was nearly the end of the half and we found ourselves defending our try line. We were holding them off, but everyone was getting sucked in to the ruck so they managed to get an overlap and score a good try right on the wing in the last play of the half. They converted their kick with an awesome attempt from right on the touch line to sneak themselves in the lead by 2 points. We were down at half time, but knew that we could come back if we played as a team.

In the second half both teams were thinking they were going to win the game and it was getting very tough. The back row and centres of Carre's were putting in some huge hits which seemed to discourage them from running at us. George Seabrook scored a try down the left wing after a succession of great pick and driving by the Carre's forwards. This made the score 17-14 to Carre's. After the restart we went straight back at them with a great run down the right wing by Will Britten who scored under the posts to lengthen our lead. This put us ahead by 10 points. Bourne came straight back at us with a try after a set of some good moves. There was about ten minutes left of the game to play and it was very tense but we managed to hold our win. After the game a very pleased team and coach were amazed that we had finally beaten Bourne Grammar!

Man of the Match was the whole team for an excellent performance all around and supporting each other. Well played lads!

Carre's Grammar School Y8 0 vs 3 Boston Grammar.

This game was technically stated as a *friendly*. To the players, it meant a lot more. It was the first game back of the new season, Carre's Grammar where hosting Boston Grammar. Carre's had a different line-up than last season's side, the main differences being Josh Taylor as striker and Ryan Lamb at right-back.

The game started in a fiery temper, as both sides attacked, Carre's threatening due to runs on the left wing by Jack King. However, the first real chance arrived with Boston, as they split the defence open and only a strong Devlin challenge prevented the visitors from scoring. Orley then made a few decent stops in goal but couldn't do anything when Boston broke the deadlock. Some tidy football and Boston were through one-on-one. The Boston striker fired home to make the score 1-0.

After that, Carre's showed more interest in attack. Tom McIntyre did well in midfield and lofted a wonderful pass to front man Matt Hemsall. Hemsall's cheeky lob smashed against the crossbar. Boston cleared the danger and soon were on the attack again. They smashed the ball over the head of Moss and Orley charged out of his goal line to collect the ball. Unfortunately, he spilt the ball into the grateful feet of the Boston striker. He tucked it away to make it 2-0.

Carre's heads went down after that and Boston scored once more, another long ball over the top, and despite the best efforts of Griffiths and left-back Devlin, the striker scored his hat-trick. The half-time whistle then went and Carre's got their team-talk by Mr. Newell.

After the interval, Boston started to get thuggish. A couple of horrendous challenges came in and Devlin went off with an injury. In a triple substitution to rescue the match, Taylor, Hemsall and Devlin were replaced by Cliffe, Smith and Whittaker. A few chances were created in the closing minutes but the Boston defence stayed firm, ending the game in frustration for Carre's. There were good aspects of the game to take away though, and in more important matches, surely Carre's will prevail.

Team Line-up: Orley; Lamb (Cowly 30), Griffiths, Moss, Devlin (Whittaker 40); Alexander (Keshwara 30), McIntyre, Stubbs, King; Hemsall (Cliffe 40), Taylor (Smith 40)

Reporter: Patrick Devlin 8B

Deepings Y8 4 vs 2 Carre's Y8

Despite a two-nil lead early in this national cup game at Market Deeping, Carre's still managed to be knocked out of their only cup competition in Y8. In another physical match, Carre's played in a different format with a 3-5-2 when attacking and a 5-3-2 when defending. With Carre's only bringing 12 players to the 45 minute journey to Market Deeping, it was to be a tiring game for the players. But Carre's had to make do with the shortage of substitutes and kicked off after captain Liam Griffiths won the toss.

Carre's got off to a fantastic start with a goal in the first few minutes. After a surging run forward by Matt Hemsall, his shot was parried by the keeper. The defence couldn't clear the ball and Josh Taylor poked the ball in the net to make the score 1-0. Deeping didn't know what had hit them. When going forward, the 3 man defence of Griffiths as sweeper and Devlin man-marking with Moss prevented anything getting to Carre's goalkeeper Liam Orley. Carre's looked the most threatening side and soon made it count again.

Carre's won a corner and the big men from the back came forward. Alexander whipped in the corner which was cleared away by the Deeping defence. It fell to Griffiths at the edge of the 18 yard box who laid it off to Alexander. He drilled a shot low and hard that took a deflection right in the direction of Devlin. From 20 yards, he hammered a shot with his left foot that curled around the oncoming defenders and into the bottom corner of the net. 2-0.

Carre's let the foot off the gas and Deeping found a way back into the match just before half-time. A cross from the winger found a un-marked striker who headed home. Deeping then added more pressure but Carre's kept their ground until half-time.

After the interval, Deepings made a huge impact. They immediately equalised with a low drive and could have got a couple more in the next few minutes if it wasn't for Griffiths, Devlin and Orley. They did get the inevitable lead though, another cross was sent in to another free man in the box who finished coolly. Carre's had a chance to level things but Hemsall's shot fired agonisingly wide. Deepings did get the killer fourth goal, Moss slipping at the wrong time to allow the Deepings striker a one-on-one with Orley. He rounded the keeper to send Deepings through to the next round. Nothing much happened after that and Deepings ran out winners. Unfortunately, Carre's are out of the national cup, but still are fighting for the league.

Carre's Line-Up: Orley; Moss, Griffiths (Captain), Devlin; Wiles (Lamb 20), Yates; King, Alexander, McIntyre; Taylor, Hemsall.
Reporter: Patrick Devlin

Year 10 v Boston Grammar School

It was an early, bright Saturday morning when we kicked off on the all-weather pitch for our first game of the season against Boston Grammar School. We were without our usual captain, Tom Thacker, so Jack Alexander stepped in to fill the role. We were also without Alex Hales, Frazer Cobb, Sam Garwood and a few others.

The captains went for the toss and Carre's won it. We chose to kick off, kicking from the opposite end to the sports hall. We started off brightly having the lion's share of the possession. They didn't threaten us at all really. In the middle of the park Price and Oglesby were commanding the game at their own pace.

About 20 minutes into the game, Carre's got a goal through striker Adam Mercer. Price played a through ball into the path of Mercer who did the rest. Not long after, Carre's were awarded a penalty thanks to a deliberate handball from the Boston centre back. Mercer stepped up to take it, and scored his and the team's second goal. The half-time whistle blew and Carre's went for their team talk two goals up.

The teams came back out after the break refreshed and ready to go. It was Boston's kick off and straight away they looked like they were up for it. Some good passing in the middle of the park from the two central midfielders for Boston looked to threaten us. But, some good play down the right hand side from George Seabrook and Matt Bee resulted in our third goal which was scored by Antonio Nurse. A cracking finish from the forward.

Will Britten and Jack Alexander were dealing with everything that was thrown at them. Liam Dales also looked sharp as he was constantly ping-ponging good balls down the left hand side. Against the turn of play, some questionable defending from the stand-in captain resulted in Boston's only goal. From then on in, Carre's dominated the rest of the game.

Carre's fourth goal came not long after thanks to some brilliant determination down the right from Seabrook who chased a lost cause and turned it into a tap in from Nurse. The two subs who had been warming up all game came on and one of them, Ben Wilkinson, was straight in the mix of it and probably should have marked his debut with a goal. Carre's fifth and final goal rapped up an outstanding performance from everyone. It was fitting that Mercer scored the last goal because it resulted in his hat-trick.

Mr Wilkinson was very pleased with everyone who participated in game as this at first didn't look like a very easy prospect to take on. But we coped well with every aspect of the game and in most places, out-played them. A very satisfying and pleasing team performance.

Score: 5-1

Goal scorers: Mercer (3) Nurse (2)

Man of the Match: Price

In the spotlight



Name: Shane Ward
Job: Competition Manager

I was appointed as Competition Manager for the Lincolnshire Central and South West Lincolnshire School Sport Partnerships back in April this year. I am based out of Carre's Grammar School and The Central Technology and Sports College in Grantham, 2 ½ days a week at each. When I am at Carre's Grammar school I work in the sports office next to the Gym and work closely with Andy Allen, Andy Wilkinson, PE staff and Matthew Evans.

The main aim of a Competition Manager is to increase the amount, variety and standard of competitive opportunities on offer in the School Sports Partnership. This could be creating new competition or building on the excellent work already taking place by increasing capacity or widening access.

Over the next year we hope to provide a variety of new competitive opportunities at both Primary and Secondary school level. This will be done by working closely with the excellent SSCO network, Young leaders, Schools and Community Clubs. We hope some of these competitions can culminate in County finals with winners moving to Regional and maybe National finals.

Since starting in April, myself and the other 3 Competition Managers in Lincolnshire have launched a School Competition website (www.lssc.co.uk). This allows schools, parents and pupils to view fixtures, upload results and enter competitions online.

I am employed by Carre's Grammar School who receive the funding for the post via the Youth Sports Trust. Each School Sport Partnership in England now has a Competition Manager working within it, with some of these being in post for 3 years.

Our work over the next three years will be targeted towards creating a high quality competitive school sports structure throughout Lincolnshire.

Shane



Competitions manager Shane Ward



Ben Borrill

Stamford School V Carre's Grammar-Y8 by Ben Borrill

On Wednesday 8th October Carre's Y8 rugby team travelled to Stamford to play what they thought was going to be one of their hardest games yet. Both teams looked strong and determined to win, but only one could.

From the kick-off Stamford were proving that they didn't like to lose. Their forward pack was aggressive and kept driving Carre's off the ball. But this didn't stop Carre's defending superbly. Stamford slowly gained ground and eventually broke through Carre's defence to score a try. With Stamford missing the conversion the score settled at 5-0 to Stamford. Stamford had most of the possession for the rest of the half, attacking strongly and creating overlaps. Poor handling gave Stamford a 5 metre scrum from which they scored their second try. Stamford missed the conversion bringing the score to 10-0. Then 5 minutes from the end of the half the ball was passed down the line out to Charlie Stubbs who beat 3-4 defenders to score Carre's first try. With Sandy Ireland narrowly missing the conversion it brought the score to 10-5 at half time.

Carre's started the second half with their heads held high after their recent try. The forwards went in more aggressively than ever with Craig Anderson winning loads of balls in the rucks and mauls and Ben Stafford's awesome tackling. But Stamford would not give in. They came back just as hard! Ten minutes into the second half Carre's were on an attacking phase. The ball was shipped out to the backs and with a nice little dummy from Sandy Ireland, space was created for Ben Borrill to run through and score Carre's second try. With Sandy Ireland kicking it just to the right of the posts the score was now ten all. But their lead was short lived when Stamford's forwards broke through to score a try to equalise. With a well struck conversion from Stamford's kicker it brought the score to 17-10. Both teams were starting to look tired but with one last burst of energy from Stamford allowed them to score their fourth try and secure the game.

The overall result was 22-10 to Stamford. Carre's went home feeling disappointed with the loss but happy about the way they had performed.

Year 7 Rugby Carre's 5 Vs Stamford School 7

The year seven rugby team began their season with a real baptism of fire against Stamford School in early October. In a variation of structure from what they will play for the rest of the season, they had to play fifteen a side on a full size pitch, in the beautiful surroundings that Stamford offers.

It was, to be fair, a battle which saw each side cancelling the other out, particularly in the pack. With some heavy tackles on show, neither side managed to gain any real advantage, and the score was 0 – 0 late in the game. Jack Warren made many a good run, picking up at eight from the back of the scrum. Although clean ball for the backs was a rarity and they often took the ball standing still, Sam Wheeler made some stunning breaks. Stamford found him a handful and often had to tackle him illegally in order to prevent him going on to score.

Deep into the game, Carre's tried to push a pass in the centres which was intercepted for a long run in under our posts. The try was duly converted. The Stamford school celebration was epic and very nearly premature. Within the next three minutes, Carre's second row Tom Wright broke free from a maul to gallop clear and place the ball down under the posts. Callum Hutton was unfortunate to miss the conversion. Although disappointed with the loss, the year sevens showed great potential throughout the match. They had good positional awareness both in defence and attack and showed a fighting spirit which will stand them in good stead in the future.

Year 11 Football County Cup v Bourne Grammar School

After finally arriving late Bourne Grammar school were ready to start the game down on the Governors Field against a strong looking Carre's eleven. After a scrappy start Carre's managed to get a grip on the game when Charlie Ward opened the scoring, picking up on a cross from Nick Bates. Carre's continued to put on good pressure with Micky McMillan pushing on with the ball down the left hand side. The defence competed very well with Ben Lambert clearing his lines to set up various attacks. Charlie added two more goals to complete his hat trick soon after which included a superb front post header. Just before the break Bourne got a somewhat fortunate goal back, after the ball went looping over the Carre's goalkeeper, Sam Ogden. At the half time whistle, Carre's looked much the stronger side but needed to get a firmer hold on the game.

The second half proved just as exciting as Carre's enjoyed a lot of possession. Some solid defending from the centre backs was the basis of the Carre's attack, particularly the two Year Tens Jack Alexander and Tom Thacker who were competing very well at the back. This allowed the midfield to push on and create more chances for the Carre's strike force. Two neat finishes from Harry Bartlett and a Tom Vertigan strike took the game away from Bourne and left Carre's happy with the 6-1 scor line. Carre's next cup match is against Deeping at home.

Sir William Robertson School vs Carre's Grammar School 14th October 2008

Carre's eagerly anticipated their first league game of the season, hoping to get off to a good start against a team which holds a lot of personal rivalries against our lads. It was cold, windy and the pitch was not in best of conditions, but the game went ahead.

The first 20 minutes was a tough challenge for the Carre's boys, Will Rob were not a good footballing side, but were hard in the tackle and competed well, scrapping for every loose ball. But the deadlock was broken about 10 minutes before the half time whistle was blown, by Light with a brilliant individual goal and a coolly taken finish. As the teams went in for half time the score was 1-0 to Carre's.

Some tactical substitutions were made by Mr Young during the half time interval, Ogden was left in goal, while right back, Stobart was taken off in replacement for Olowafela, Marr was swapped for Lambert at centre half with Bevan (Captain) playing along side him, and Ingelton staying at left back to complete the defence. Both central midfielders were taken off - Bates and Hales - for Coghill and Alexander. Bartlett was to drop into centre midfield with Alexander with Light and McDonald stayed as left and right midfield, respectively, leaving McMillian to remain upfront along with the substitute Coghill.

After another battling half against the wind this time, Carre's hard work finally prevailed when McMillian was free on the right hand side, beating his man and delivering a perfect cross right on the head of Light, scoring his second of the match.

As the match continued it was beginning to come clear who the better side was out of the two, as Carre's had countless opportunities to make the game safe in the last few minutes, with Will Rob hitting on the counter and hoping to get a lucky shot past Ogden. But late in the game Light pounced on a ball Will Rob could not clear out of their box, completing his perfect hatrick; left foot, right foot, head.

So as the final whistle blew Carre's let out a sigh of relief having known they had got the job done under difficult circumstances, and without the presence of 4 main players; Ward, Vertigan, Greenwood and Starbuck. Getting their league campaign off to a good start without playing overly well, against a rough, battling side, which didn't let Carre's show what a good footballing side they are. But taking confidence from the result Carre's will now go on to face Deepings in the second round of the cup on Thursday 23rd October.

Carre's Vs Stamford Grammar School

Carre's arrive with a strong side as fullback Stobart was missing. The game started well for Carre's within the first 20 minutes. Carre's defence started strong as it repelled each of Stamford attacks. After 15 minutes Stamford fly half slotted home 3 points from a penalty on the edge of the 22. In the one visit to their 22 in the first half Aidy Aguinaldo ran a good line off Luke Tupholme and managed to get behind the defence. However due to a lack of support Stamford quickly managed to turn the ball over and cleared their lines to a safe distance. Problems were quickly arising from the scrum Copley being taken apart at tight head and we were failing to win our own ball convincingly, meaning that the backs were getting poor ball and no ground to go forward. After 20 minutes of basically non stop defending and only 1 visit to the Stamford 22 Carre's gradually began to tire but managed to keep the deficit down to 3 points at half time. After half time Stamford began to take control and began by scoring an early try. Carre's attack became lack lustre and in attack we managed to end up going backwards due to no line or depth of running off Tupholme. Stamford managed to keep the ball and Carre's became worn down as they had made so many tackles. Stamford scored another 20 odd points and managed to comfortably win the game. There were glimpses of hope with Ingelton and Aguinaldo putting in some tremendous hits on their opposite numbers and Ogden having a good game from 7. The building blocks are there and it is only really fitness that let us down. Bring on South Africa!

Carre's 2nd XI Vs Horncastle 2nd XI By Ben Padley

Wednesday afternoon we went to play Horncastle Grammar School away. We went into the game with a limited squad due to selection problems with injuries and county trials. The start team was very different with a lot of new faces in it. At the start of the game you could tell that many of the team had not played together before and we were getting caught out of position. Having said this though in the first 15 minutes we were on top of the game and we created a few chances through Oliver Guilliet and Jack Nicholls. As the half went on though Horncastle got more into the game and scored just before half time leaving us with a lot to think about at half time. At the start of the second half Horncastle started in the same fashion as they ended the first and caught the Carre's lads napping at the back and scored a second. After this shock though Carre's started to play and created a number of chances. Then Horncastle got a corner kick mid way through the half which keeper Ben Stocks came and bravely claimed and he released the ball to start the counter attack which lead to Jack Nicholls being able to pull a goal back but unfortunately there wasn't enough time for the boys to get an equaliser and the game finished 2:1 to Horncastle.

Year 10 Premature exit from Daily Mail Cup

Y8 Football Will Robertson 3 vs 1 Carre's



Mr. Offer tries to rally his troops ready for the second half.

Carre's Grammar U15 Vs Ecclesbourne School U15

The Carre's Grammar rugby team had their third Daily Mail Cup game at home against Ecclesbourne school from Derby, Carre's went straight into the game having to defend.

Unfortunately Carre's conceded two tries in the first twenty minutes, towards the end of the first half Carre's had an opportunity to score with Adrian Aguinaldo make a break down the wing. This came to nothing unfortunately due to a lack of support. Ecclesbourne ended the first half on a high note with another try.

The second half was a little different Carre's went back out wanting to get level with Ecclesbourne, with the Carre's team pushing deep into the 22 and creating some try scoring opportunities, which were repelled well by the organised Ecclesbourne team. Ecclesbourne soon replied with a few scores of their own. The final score was 42 - 0, however this did not reflect the game, as the quality from both sides was very high.

Team: Matthew Swift, Nathan Moses, Peter Stocks, Will Stamp, Joe Richards, Andrew Oglesby, George Seabrook, Andrew Loadman, Conor Holmes, Alex Hales, William Britten, Adrian Aguinaldo, Callum Fisher, Joe Burnett, Oliver Watts.

Subs: Charles Cowell, Tariq Ajumal, Thomas Jenney.

Written by Charlie Cowell

Y8 Football: Horncastle Grammar School 2 vs 2 Carre's Grammar School

Carre's would have to be pleased with the attitude of all the players in the second half as they rescued a game to get a point after being 2-0 down at half time. Carre's had chance after chance in both halves to put the game out of sight but it just didn't go in the net for Carre's.

The game started brightly for the away side after the long journey to Horncastle. From the first second, McIntyre was already spreading beautiful passes to the wide men and crosses were flying in to the Horncastle box. Cliffe had a superb chance to put Carre's ahead after only 5 minutes but his weak shot from 10 yards was clutched gratefully by the home side's keeper. Another 2 minutes after the glorious chance, Cliffe had a second bite of the cherry. His shot from 12 yards, after good work on the wings, forced the keeper into a great stop. However, Carre's suffered a massive blow when Horncastle took the lead. A through ball from the midfield allowed the Horncastle striker to beat the offside trap and finish from close range. Carre's immediately got together again and produced good football. Cliffe had his third opportunity but spurned the chance after turning his marker and fired his shot right at the keeper from on point blank range. Suddenly, the game took a wrong turn for Carre's when Horncastle doubled their lead. Sloppy play from the midfield left the defence exposed 5 on 3 who couldn't get the ball clear. The Horncastle striker rounded Hunt to claim his second goal. A few minutes later and the whistle pierced the deathly atmosphere to signal half time.

If you asked Mr. Wilkinson if it was sheer genius tactically from him or complete fluke I'd know what he'll say. And I'll agree. He rallied the players on and decided to change formation to a 4-4-2 which worked wonders. Carre's entered the last 35 minutes a completely different side. They were up for it. As soon as the second half started the tackles flew in from all around the park. Whittaker, Devlin and Griffiths shut out any slight resemblance of an attack and King was chasing every second ball. The chances came and it wasn't long until Carre's brought a goal back. Alexander came up with another masterpiece when his long ball was poked in by Taylor to make it 2-1. Shortly later King had the perfect chance to level things. A ball was whipped in by Taylor but his 1 yard shot somehow managed to fly over the crossbar. Anderson was then entered in the frame to add strength and it showed. Carre's made it 2-2 with minutes to spare when Taylor drilled a cross in. Anderson used his power to stop the defender from getting a boot on the ball. He dummied it magically to allow Alexander a 5 yard one on one. He didn't miss, his placed shot nestling in the bottom corner of the net.

The last seconds approached for the game and Carre's had one last chance to win it. Alexander laid off a wonderful ball for King which left the goalkeeper in no man's land. King had an open goal from 6 yards. And he skied it. Carre's were in disbelief when the final whistle went. They had achieved the remarkable by coming from 2-0 down to making it 2-2 but had several chances to win the game. So it was a Carre's side that left in bitter disappointment but are eagerly awaiting the crunch match against St. Georges in 2 weeks.

Line Up: Hunt; Smith (Whittaker 35), Devlin, Griffiths (C); King, Moss (Anderson 45), McIntyre, Alexander, McPherson (Wiles 35); Cliffe, Taylor.
Reporter: Patrick Devlin 8B

In the first league game of the season, Carre's looked to this game as a great opportunity to gain the first points of the season. With debutant Shaun Peacock, the side was oozing with quality.

Coach Mr. Newell decided to take the wing-back 3-2-3-2 option instead of the usual 4-4-2 formation. The game kicked off and Carre's immediately looked good. After spell of passing by the home side, Carre's broke away and got the vital first goal within the opening 10 minutes. Callum Alexander played a pass to Josh Tailor who crossed it perfectly for Yates. Yates did well under pressure from the home side's keeper and nodded home. 1-0.

Will Robertson then started to add pressure. Liam Griffiths did extremely well to clear any loose balls and frustrate the home side. But it was Carre's who nearly added a second when Devlin lofted a ball over to Alexander whose superb pass led to a chance for Josh Tailor. His shot stung the palm of the keeper only for Yates to follow up. His shot crashed off the post and bobbed out of play. The half time whistle went shortly afterwards to give both sides a well deserved break.

A few changes were made at the interval with Smith, Peacock, Cliffe and Orley all coming on. But Will Robertson made a change with a huge player replacing the much shorter striker. Will Robertson got the equaliser when their tall players caused chaos in the Carre's box and one headed home past the helpless Orley.

It was all Will Robertson after that and Orley prevented the home side from taking the lead with a couple of astonishing saves. However, it was Carre's who were pressurising the most with Peacock controlling the attacking force for Carre's with super runs and passes. Smith was caught offside most of the time though with a couple of dodgy decisions, leading anything promising into nothing.

Carre's hearts were broken though as they lost due to 2 last minute goals. A 30 yard screamer made it 2-1 before a slip from Stubbs allowed the Will Robertson striker to score. Carre's can take lots of positives out of the game though and will be looking for the win next time.

Line up: Williams (Orley 30); Stubbs, Devlin, Griffiths ©; Yates, King (Lamb 45), Alexander (Peacock 30) Wiles (King 50), Keshwara (Moss 30); Hemsall (Cliffe 30), Tailor (Smith 30).

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Running News

Spire and Steeples challenge

Congratulations to Mr. Wilkinson and Mr Bowes who both recently completed their first half marathon. Below is Mr. Bowes account.

North Kesteven recently created a new arts and heritage walking trail that covers 26 miles called the Spire & Steeples Arts and Heritage Trail. "The trail takes in beautiful art works and church architecture while roaming through a variety of Lincolnshire landscapes and charming villages." On Sunday 19 October 2008 a charity running and walking marathon in aid of the Wheel Appeal Charity titled the Spire & Steeples Challenge was held. Participants were able to choose either the full marathon from Lincoln Cathedral to Sleaford or 12 miles terminating in Metheringham. A mere month before the run Mr Wilkinson asked if I was up for the challenge and in a moment of madness I replied yes. Fair enough I had only ever run 6 miles before but how hard could it be? We agreed that we would run together for the first hour and then whoever felt the fittest could push on ahead. It will come as no surprise that Mr Wilkinson made the move and finished under 2 hours and I stumbled over the line 15 minutes later. It was a beautiful day for running and we were able to take in some of North Kesteven's beautiful countryside. It has definitely given me the running bug (although I could hardly walk afterwards). Who knows, maybe the Great North Run next year?



House Cross Country

Through wind and rain, the end of term saw the completion of the house cross country competition. Run at lunchtime, the distances grew with the age groups so that the year ten and elevens trudged across nearly two miles. The results are as follows:

Place	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10 & 11
1 st	M. Welsh	C. Stubbs	R. Leighton	M. Bee
2 nd	O. Harrod	H. Vince	N. Dalton	S. Parr
3 rd	I. Charlton	M. Hemsall	C. McConchie	J. Dunderdale
4 th	L. Jones	S. Peacock	J. Twelvetrees	
5 th	J. Young	S. Wathen	J. Gourley	
6 th	J. Larkin	B. Borrill	Z. James	
7 th	T. Wilson	M. Cliffe	T. Carmen	
8 th	F. Carter	A. Roe	C. Ruddle	
9 th	A. Jones	M. Yates	J. Mayfield	
10 th	J. Shelly	J. King	M. Pheby	

Garibaldi sent packing



Joe Braithwaite strikes a stunning free kick, Carre's second goal in their 5-2 victory over Garibaldi School, Mansfield



Carre's Grammar School v Garibaldi

With Carre's looking to progress to the next round of the national and continue the school's impressive reputation, they were drawn at home to Garibaldi School from Mansfield. Carre's were confident going into the match having beaten Garibaldi 3 times out of the last 4 confrontations. A lively start from Carre's saw a very early chance fall to Thompson who couldn't capitalise blazing the ball wide. Gari (as they were known), started getting some time on the ball due to Will Allen being in a more central role rather than the traditional wide wing play, however this was nothing that the back four couldn't deal with, with Jonny Green keeping the defence tight and well organised and the rest coming naturally. Carre's then started getting hold of the ball again and piling on the pressure. The deadlock was broken with a long throw from Braithwaite which was flicked on by Ben Thompson, but it was the windy conditions that needed to be congratulated as it saw the ball glide into the side netting. Carre's scored another in quick succession with a positive and inspirational run from the centre half Jonny Green saw him brought down just off the edge of the area. There was confusion over the free kick with Braithwaite and Thompson colliding during the run ups, however this didn't perturb Joseph Braithwaite as he delicately curled the ball into the top corner. As the back four remained solid as a unit, it became apparent that Ben Pollard's one-to-one training had been of benefit as his performance was better than previous matches. This confidence spread throughout the team when Carre's were awarded a penalty with Ben Thompson was floored by a clean right hook in an off the ball incident which the hawk like referee picked up on and sent the player walking. It was Thompson to take the penalty and claim his second of the game. 3-0 at half time and Carre's were cruising into the next round. The so far non existent wide man Paul Crampton made his first contribution on the game when Gaz Burton threaded a through ball to Paul whose poor first touch luckily rounded the keeper leaving a gaping net. The ball, which was rolling wide, was fired in by Gari's own centre half as he failed to clear his lines. Crampton claimed the glory. A fifth was shortly added after a controversial offside decision saw Thompson clean through. He was aided by an atrocious goalkeeping decision, leaving Thompson unable to miss, clinching his hat-trick. 5-0 was the score. The substitutions were made and Carre's started to get a little complacent. This was helped by some rash challenges made by the midfield. It was one of these tackles that led to Gari spoiling the clean sheet that Wilkinson had desired, when Crampton lunged into a situation in the area that Adam Smith had under full control, penalty given, 5-1. Will Allen was moved into centre midfield, which later proved costly as his man ran from the midfield and round the back of the defence to make 5-2. Carre's eventually got a grip of the game and started winning corners which they had looked so dangerous off. It was from one of these corners that Jonny Green nearly made it 6 with an audacious half volley on the turn which was miraculously tipped over by the keeper. The scored finished 5-2 and overall a pleasing performance.



Benny P out jumps a lacklustre Garibaldi player