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Carre's Army March to Aldershot for National Final



Carre's 1st XI 2 vs 5 St.Bede's School

Schools from Hesse, Mansfield, Wootton, North Ferriby, Newark, Shrewsbury and Durham have fallen to Carre's on this terrific journey. A journey that has seen Carre's storm to the National Cup Final. It has been a journey full of cheers and amazing achievements. But this was the last stand - the battle between the two best schoolboy teams in England.

The final was held at Aldershot Town FC's stadium in Aldershot. Not only did the actual team travel the 4 hour coach journey, but so did 250 raving Carre's supporters urging the lads on. Wilko's Barmy Army was in full voice, cheering the Pride of Lincolnshire - Carre's.

After all the big match preparation, warm up and the team talk, the game got under way. And what a game it was. Immediately, Carre's attacked from the start, bringing the game to St.Bede's. Ben Thompson was unlucky when his early effort flashed wide of the post. However, it was the private school from Sussex that had the first major chance of the game. A penalty with barely 5 minutes of the game gone. Their striker got behind the defence after a wonderful through ball and was brought down by Tomlinson who had come rushing out of his goal. The penalty was awarded correctly. The Carre's fans sounded their horns and waved their flags to put the penalty taker off. He took a long run up, came to the ball and ... blazed his kick high over the crossbar to the sheer delight of the Carre's fans! The atmosphere was amazing and gave the players on the pitch a morale boost.

Carre's took it to another level with every player doing his job for the

team. The defence stayed strong whilst the midfield put in hard challenges. Mason and Allen down the wing were whipping delicious crosses into the box as well. St.Bede's recovered from the shock of missing the penalty after a while and started creating half chances again. Tomlinson had to make a good stop to prevent their striker from opening the scoring. Soon later, Carre's nearly took the lead themselves when Burton's long range effort flew just wide by the narrowest of margins. Carre's had a good opportunity to score a few moments later when Mason won a free kick in a dangerous position. He whipped the ball in and a Braithwaite got a touch that nearly found the top corner. Instead, it went out for a goal kick but it still looked promising for Carre's.

It was end to end action as both sides looked to get a goal. St.Bede's striker was unlucky with a shot that went just wide whilst another Braithwaite header was well saved following a set piece. Unfortunately, it was St.Bede's who drew the first blood on 31 minutes. Following good work in midfield, a nice touch and go was produced by the opposition that saw the striker through on goal. Tomlinson made a fine stop to prevent him but a St.Bede's player was first to react to the loose ball and tapped the ball into an empty net.

Moments later St.Bede's doubled the lead that could have potentially killed the game off. After good work down the wing, a curling cross was sent into the danger area. The tall striker rose above the defenders to power his header into the bottom corner. 2-0.

Carre's kept on going and could have pulled one back before the break if it hadn't been for the St.Bede's keeper. Following great play in the midfield from Bevan and Neaverson,

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Carre's XI vs Shrewsbury

As the Carre's team lined up for the biggest game of the season so far, it was questioned whether most of the players were over aroused and motivated. This wasn't helped by the pre match shenanigans surrounding a certain fan whose act of heroism and passion were misinterpreted and nearly jeopardised the whole school from supporting the team. An agreement was reached that pupils could watch the game but chants about Darwin and Public schools were strictly forbidden.

The game had an edgy start with neither team managing to keep the ball. Shrewsbury were the first to settle however, but the early through balls didn't pose a threat to the newly found back four. It was a silly free kick conceding by Bicknell that was Carre's undoing, as they played it short and the Shrewsbury striker managed to break the dead lock with a shot that spun into the far corner.

Carre's didn't seem troubled about conceding first, if anything it made them more determined. Carre's soon got hold of the ball but were lacking the final pass and unable to break Shrewsbury back four. It was this frustration that led to rash and persistent fouling from Thompson earning him his first booking since seeing red 3 rounds earlier. Green soon followed in the ref's book no more than a minute later with a miss-timed rather than malicious tackle on the edge of the Carre's box.

Carre's soon calmed down with tactical changes moving Allen to wide right, Neaverson to the centre of the park and Thompson up-front. Carre's were now managing to run the game creating chances, with Thompson and Burton showing to feet every time, it left space in behind the oblivious Shrewsbury defence for Mason and Allen to capitalise on. Alex Bevan started running the show in centre mid and although the youngest in team brought composure to the whole team.

Carre's equalised when the now ubiquitous Green made a fine challenge and relieved all pressure when a 50 yard pass found the feet of Allen who instinctively penetrated the back four with a single flick giving Mason not a lot to do but smash the ball into the net. Carre's had been knocking for a while and final got what they deserved.

The back four had dealt with everything since the goal, but bad news struck when, yet another, clinical push from the Shrewsbury striker made Braithwaite go over on his troubled knee. It was instantly clear that Braithwaite would play no further part in the game, and maybe even the next round. On came Pollard. Bicknell became centre half and Pollard straight to left back, the very same back four that got Carre's this far.

The rest of the half belonged to Carre's who were keeping the ball and Mason and Allen looked dangerous every time they went forward.

The half time team talk was placid in an attempt to calm the team down, a job that was so very hard to do when the demonstrative Braithwaite gave a hug to every player who came out the dressing room, the boys knew who they were doing this for now!

Carre's came out the blocks straight-away and against what seemed a lethargic Shrewsbury team. The boys were on top now and piling on the pressure. Smith found himself with lots of space at right back and was picking passes all over the place. It was him that started the move for the second, with a pass down the line to Allen, he then managed to find

Bevan inside who switched the ball to Mason whose first touch was immaculate before hitting a wonder goal from 25 yards which found the top of the bag.

Carre's began to sit back a little inviting pressure, but soaking most of it up. The game was now in the balance and the next goal was crucial, with Carre's knowing that another goal would put them into semi's. That's why it came as a blow when Shrewsbury scored 10 minutes from time, with a scramble inside the box and Bicknell failing to clear, the player managed to get a shot off which rattled against the post, but in true Tomlinson luck, it rebounded back off the post to hit him and trickle into the net. The Shrewsbury coach got carried away with his celebrations giving several of the Carre's crowd rude gestures, little did he know he did this at his peril.

Shrewsbury then picked up belief and thought they could win, so came on the offensive, while the Carre's team stayed composed knowing there would be one more chance in this game for them yet. This chance came 4 minutes from time with the perfect counter attack. Big tackles from the two centre halves put Carre's back in possession, a perfect pass from Pollard down the line to Mason whose quick look up and thinking found Thompson 20 yards from goal. A bizarre run from Crampton miraculously pulled the defenders away from Thompson leaving him one on one with the centre back; there was only one winner. Thompson wrong footed the defender before smashing the ball home to win 3-2. The crowd went ballistic with one fan jumping over the side and running up to opposing coach returning the gestures he had earlier received.

Carre's are now through to the Semi's and have learnt that £8,500 a term doesn't buy inspiration!



Ben Thompson battles for the ball against Shrewsbury School in the national quarter finals.



Year 10 Basketball

By Alistair Macpherson

On Thursday 5th of March the year 10 Carre's basketball team faced up against William Robertson School. We were playing at home in the sports hall, we started well, playing aggressively and fighting for chances. We were passing the ball well and making some good space, but we didn't manage to score. After the first few minutes, the William Robertson team decided that their defending formation wasn't working, so they changed from a key formation to a full court press, meaning that they were marking each of our players very tight. This made it very difficult for Carre's to break free from their own end, as the passes kept being intercepted. Since a big team was taken to the game, the substitutes were constantly rolling on and off, so everyone got a good part of the game.

In the end, William Robertson played a good game and managed to put the points away as well. So the final score was 39-9 to the visitors, with Ali Mac scoring 5, Joe Mayfield scoring 2 and Ade Aguinardo scoring 2.

Hockey News

Spalding's 6th form team were the first opponents of 2009 for Carre's Grammar school's hockey team. In the Carre's team, only two of the players were 6th formers the rest were Yr10's with one Yr 11 and Yr9. It was also Alex McConnell's, Connor Lennon's and Dale Line's first competitive hockey match.

Spalding got the pushback, and were putting the pressure on from the start. The first goal came early on in the game. It came from a dashing run down the left wing by a Spalding player, skilling two players before crossing it and a striker put it into the back of the net. The back four was reshuffled slightly moving Ben Brown to left back. Spalding carried on putting the pressure on, and after two fantastic saves by Tim McManus managed to secure the second goal. Carre's didn't manage to break down the Spalding back four but they were a lot more experienced 6th form side. Harry Woodcock saved a fantastic shot on the line from a short corner. Spalding came back and the 3rd goal came from a cross that managed to make the striker one on one with the keeper. Unfortunately he put it into the back of the net.

The second half showed a completely different Carre's side to the first. Carre's were a lot more confident and were not scared to stick a tackle in. The team was functioning well, seeming though it was the first time they had player together. The fourth goal was a major blow. It came from a short corner that Tim could not "steer around the post." Tim produced some fantastic saves and Carre's were beginning to pick up the pace. Jake Whitaker was hitting the ball up to Luke Tupholme and Ali Macpherson. The 5th goal was scored when Arron Pilgrim went down with an injury in his own box and the striker put it past Tim into the back of the net. The final goal was a fantastic shot, near the edge of the D that no one could do anything about. Carre's Grammar bounced back and all of the players were playing well. Carre's were almost unstuck when Arron was faced with a four on one, luckily the guy passed it straight to him and he managed to break. David Nelstrop put in a good last minute shot which was saved by the keeper.

The final score was Carre's 0 Spalding 6.

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Burton was sent one and one with the keeper from a tight angle. He shot across the goal but the keeper got a vital fist on the shot and it was eventually cleared away. A couple of minutes later the referee called a stop to the game with the half time score 2-0 to St.Bede's.

After a rallying team talk by Mr. Wilkinson at half time, Carre's flew out of the traps in the second period. Mason and Allen were storming down the wings whilst Braithwaite and Green kept it secure at the back. It wasn't too long when Carre's had their first couple chances of the second half. Mason won another free kick in a dangerous area and his ball into the box was met by Braithwaite's head. His header was fantastically saved by the St.Bede's keeper. This lifted Carre's and the keeper had to make another smart stop from a long range effort which resulted in a corner. Neaverson stepped up to take the corner and curled it in... to the top right hand corner of the net. Carre's would take a goal anyway it came and it was much deserved.

Surely Carre's couldn't score again? With the fans egging them on, the players on a high and St.Bede's bewildered, anything could happen. Then the impossible dream at half time became reality. A goal to equalise in the national cup final from 2 goals down. The goal had to be special though didn't it? Neaverson collected the ball in St.Bede's half before thundering a pile driver from 30 yards into the top corner of the net. The shot was so powerful it nearly broke it! The Carre's fans went mental and the players showed their elation by the celebrations.

Carre's carried on looking for the 3rd goal and the St.Bede's keeper was kept busy for the next 5 minutes. Despite the constant Carre's pressure, it was unfortunately St.Bede's who put their noses in front again. Against the run of play, St.Bede's broke away quickly before a cross was drilled into the Carre's box for the St.Bede's striker to poke home. It was a severe blow to Carre's but they reacted well with Thompson unlucky not to immediately equalise with a mazy run then shot. Crampton then came on for Mason, who had played his socks off like all the team. He made an impact straight-away when he forced the St.Bede's keeper to produce a good save.

St.Bede's nearly got their 4th goal if Tomlinson hadn't brilliant saved from a header by the St.Bede's striker. They would get it though a couple of minutes later. The striker was put through by a superb ball and he rounded Tomlinson but wouldn't have scored as Bicknell was going to clear away. However, Bicknell fell down with an injury that looked pretty serious to allow the striker to tap the ball in the net. Pollard replaced the injured Bicknell and a few minutes later Allen was subbed for Godbolt.

St.Bede's finished the game off when Carre's, having to get everyone forward, were left short at the back for the St.Bede's player to calmly finish past Tomlinson. In the final minutes, Tomlinson was replaced by Chambers in goal and Braithwaite by Harding. The final whistle soon went afterwards.

The final score of 5-2 wasn't a fair reflection of the game and Carre's should be extremely proud of their achievements. After the valiant effort, the players collected their medals. The fans were brilliant like the players. But 2nd in the whole of England is quite exquisite. Well done lads!

1st Squad for the National Cup Final

Tomlinson, Smith, Bicknell, Braithwaite, Green (C), Bevan, Allen, Neaverson, Thompson, Burton, Mason, Crampton, Chambers, Pollard, Godbolt, Harding, Shukla, Vertigan.

Head Coach: Mr. Wilkinson

Assistant Coach: Mr. Cossins

Physio: Andy Allen (Big A for a reason)

Photographer: Coach Evans

Army commander: Ben Stocks

Reporter: Patrick Devlin

Twickenham dreams dashed early for Year 7 and 8's



Emerging Schools Rugby

The Lincolnshire Emerging Schools rugby has traditionally been the first stepping stone on the route to Stains and Twickenham, but this year, no such luck.

The Year 8 lads were particularly unlucky to not lose a game, yet still not make it through to the next round. After a lack-lustre first game against Bourne Grammar (10-0), the lads had to take on the might of Central School, Grantham, a team who they had beaten twice this season already. Despite their best efforts, Central's 'schools of rugby' centre kept Carre's at bay, and away from the try line. The red and blacks pushed on after going 2 tries to 1 down and sneaked over the line at the death of the game to claim a draw. This meant that Carre's had to win by seven tries against TVA, an Academy from North Lincolnshire, and rely on Bourne Grammar beating Central School. The first part of this challenge was relatively easy as Carre's backs ran riot through the opposition, but alas, Central were too strong for BGS and dominated the game beating them 3-1.

The Year 7's had their most successful day of the rugby calendar. The aggression and cohesion they had been lacking managed to emerge and they met challenges head on. They only suffered one loss all day at the hands of Central School, Grantham. Going down 1-0 was a moral victory and indicative of what they can achieve as on previous encounters, Central have run away with the game.



Clockwise from top left: Year 7 Squad. Year 8 squad: Callum Hutton barrels through the LSST defence, Will

Years 7 & 8 Rugby versus King's, Grantham

Carre's Y8 Vs King's Grantham Rugby

It was a warm and sunny afternoon on the King's School playing fields. Carre's received kick, and almost immediately Charlie Stubbs ran in and planted the ball down straight between the posts to bag Carre's the first five points, but the conversion was missed. This was soon to be followed by a flurry of three other tries (Will Lyon, Craig Anderson and Will Lyon), the conversions for these were also missed. Soon, after that King's responded with their first try of the match to put the score at 20 - 5. With Carre's beautiful flowing passes and brilliant recycling Carre's managed to bag one last try before half time (Charlie Stubbs).

With the Carre's team nice and fresh after half time by replacing Rory Williams with Charlie James as Second Row and James King with Charlie Swan at Hooker. With Carre's in the lead with the score at 25-5 Charlie Stubbs ran straight in and bagged another try, to put Carre's even further ahead. With the next kick being knocked on, King's had the advantage and won the scrum. But because of Kieran Matthews' brilliant tackling ability the ball was immediately turned over. Following this Carre's took the opportunity and flowing the ball out to Josh Brown, yet again, to score another try for Carre's. Then Josh Brown was taken off and replaced by second row Rory Williams. Almost immediately after Carre's managed to bag three more tries to put the score at 50-5 (Will Lyon, Charlie Stubbs (pictured below) Will Lyon). Finally, the match entered the final ten minutes. King's were now tired and all attempts of scoring were effortlessly swatted away by more brilliant tackling from Kieran Matthews. Finally, in the last 5 minutes Dave Titmus managed to run in and score Carre's final try. Putting the score at 55-5 then Carre's scored the conversion and the match was stopped with 4 minutes remaining. What an end to the last match of the season.



King's U12 v Carre's U12

It was first kick to King's and almost immediately Josh Allen took down number 13 who had made a run down the left wing. While the maul took place, King's gaining the upper hand, Callum Hutton and Sam Wheeler jumped in to win the maul. Then Oliver Harrod got the ball and made a run down the centre. Dodging the oncoming opponents with amazing agility, he almost got to the try line before a prop took him down. Carre's lost the maul and number 13 suddenly made a dash down the right wing and scored a try before Matthew Orme and Josh Allen could reach him. In the scrum, with both teams driving with all of their might, the ball was won by Carre's, leaving King's dazed and wondering where the ball was. Josh Allen was running valiantly with Matthew Orme, Callum Hutton and Oliver Harrod hot on his heels. The four were overwhelmed by the mass of the oncoming King players. Carre's lost the maul and yet again number 13 zipped down the wing and scored another try. After losing by 2, Carre's stampeded to the try line to be greeted by King's whole team. Carre's won the maul and Joe Tyson grabbed the ball and scored Carre's first try. This try boosted Carre's morale and they won the scrum with ease. Sam Wheeler scooped up the ball and ran as if his life depended on it. King's tackled Sam and took him down. Number 13 grabbed the ball and zoomed down the centre, dodging the Carre's flankers, scoring another try for King's. The half time whistle blew and everyone gave an exasperated sigh. Both teams went to get a drink and have a rest. The whistle blew and it was first kick to Carre's, straightaway Matthew Orme caught the ball and made a run for it, taking down 2 forwards before falling himself. The maul was won by King's and number 13 took the ball and ran to the try line, scoring another try for King's. With thirteen minutes left, Carre's tried their very hardest to score a try, but King's were too fast and they scored another try. The remaining five minutes flew by, making King's the winners of the match. Carre's shook hands with King's and congratulated them.

The match ended with a score of 5 and 1 to King's. Carre's will do their very hardest to win if they ever face King's again.



Left: Charlie Stubbs rounds the flailing King's defence to score one of his four tries.

Above: Carre's pack down in the eleven try score fest.

First XI Battle through to National Final



ESFA National U18 Schools Semi Final Carre's Grammar School 1st XI 2 -1 Durham Gilesgate Sports College

The first eleven won through to the first national individual schools final in the history of Lincolnshire sport following a very tense battle at Durham City FC.

Following a night of relaxation at a Darlington hotel the lads were raring to go by the time kick off came around. Whilst nerves were evident the managerial team of Mr Wilkinson, Mr Cossins & Mr Allen (the Three Musketeers) calmed the troops and following a short delay (waiting for the referee to arrive) the game got underway.

Unfortunately after only 7 minutes Reeves, the very talented England Centre Forward from Gilesgate School rounded Gareth Tomlinson to finish well and Carre's were behind. As the nerves disappeared Carre's got their passing going and were soon testing the Gilesgate goalkeeper. It came as no surprise that Carre's equalised just before half time following a move between Ben Thompson & Gareth Burton. Burton forcing the ball home from close range following a goalkeeper's error.

At half time 1-1 was a fair reflection on the game, with Carre's perhaps just edging it. Unfortunately this was not the case in the second half but through endeavour, hard work, determination and some outstanding goalkeeping from Gareth Tomlinson the score remained the same. Joe Braithwaite, Jonny Green, Julian Bicknell, Alex Bevan and Adam Smith weathered the Gilesgate storm and against the run of play Carre's scored the winning goal. Joe Braithwaite now moved into midfield won an important tackle and the ball was cleared upfield. Ben Thompson chased the ball and pressurised the defender into an error. Whilst the crowd shouted for



Above left: Sam Mason picking out someone to pass to.
Above right: The team celebrates around goal scorer Gareth Burton
Bottom right: Paul Crampton defends a Durham attack.

a penalty the referee played an advantage and the ball was calmly slotted into the empty net.

The remaining 7 minutes plus 5 minutes of injury time seemed to take an eternity but the final whistle blew and Carre's were through to the final. After the handshakes on the pitch and the small celebrations in the changing rooms Carre's began to look forward to next week's final. The team enjoyed a few songs lead by Mr Cattermole and Coach Matt on the bus on the way and a few celebratory Diet Cokes were consumed that evening.

St Bede's School have England U18 Centre Forward in their team so we can expect a key man marking job to be given to the outstanding Joe Braithwaite.

Bring on the final!!

Carre's Host Multi-Skills Festival

On Thursday 22nd January, Northgate Sports Hall hosted a Multi skill festival for primary school children from Church Lane, William Alvey and Rauceby. The event was organised and run by Mr Wilson with the help of 20 sporty Year 7's and 8's from Carre's. The day was a great success and every child left with a smile on his or her face.

To begin with, the children were registered into 10 groups. The groups had a mixture of schools in each group so the children could make new friends. The groups were led by 2 of Mr Wilson's helpers. The groups were named after cities where the Olympic Games have been held, like London and Beijing.

Following all the paperwork, the children got straight into a warm up that was carried out by their group leaders. The warm up was fun and exciting for the children, with the group leaders adding twists to a usual warm up.

Each pair of helpers, especially chosen by Mr Wilson for the event, was assigned to an activity station. They would stay on that station for the rest of the festival. Stations worked on agility, balance and hand-eye coordination. The children had 10 minutes on each station before they moved on to the next station. Their scores were recorded on their scorecards. For example, 1 point was awarded for every 5 seconds a child balanced on the balance beam and then their score was recorded down. Once all the scores were recorded, the station leaders would let the children have some more fun goes on the station before the change over. After 50 minutes (5 stations) the children and helpers had a well deserved break.

After the break the last 5 stations were completed and then Mr Wilson thanked the children's teachers and his helpers for their help. But Mr Wilson should be praising himself as he organised the whole event extremely well and deserves a lot of credit. The children left happy following a couple of hours of enjoyment. Overall, the event was very successful and possibly could happen again in the future following its success.

Report by Patrick Devlin 8B.



I came 8th in the National 1Km.

6. How many trophies and titles have you won?

In Lincolnshire I'm the 15 mile two up (pairs) champion and the 15m Under 16 champion.

7. What has been the low point in your career?

Getting cramp in the GHS ten mile. I would like to think that I would have won it as I was 33 seconds in front of the next best when it happened.

8. What is your advice to other youngsters interested in taking up cycling?

Train as hard as you can and get on your bike as often as you can.

9. Do you have a motto?

You create your own luck!

10. Is turning professional and making a career out of cycling your ultimate goal?

Yes. I want to ride for a Belgium club. I have links to a club and have already spoken to them. They are interested in three young riders, but they need to come and see me race.

11. What are your future plans in the short term?

Try and become under 18 1km time trial champion.

12. In the long term, how realistic does the 2012 Olympics in London sound?

Doubtful, but I can dream.

1. What sport do you play?

I'm a cyclist.

2. Which club do you compete for?

I joined Sleaford Wheelers three years ago and became part of the GB squad last year.

3. How often do you train?

I normally do between 15 and 20 hours per week. That's split between bike and gym work.

4. What aspect of fitness is most important for you to focus on?

Muscular and cardio-vascular endurance.

5. What is your greatest achievement?

