

## **Sporting News: Miss Trudgeon reports:**

The week started with two very exciting netball matches for the U15 and U16 V11 against Notre Dame. The U15 V11 started well and dominated the first quarter with some excellent defending by Bella Milliken and Rose Phillips. The match continued along the same vein with the final score resulting in a 17-9 win and Bella Milliken being awarded 'Player of the Match'. The U16V11 started the match with determination and they entered the 4th quarter with a slight lead. Unfortunately, the Notre Dame GS scored in the last 6 minutes and the team lost 16-9. Well done to all the players. Laura Cheese was awarded 'Player of the Match' this time.

On Wednesday, the U13 A and B seven a-side teams travelled to Edgeborough. Both teams played with enthusiasm and they worked hard to create scoring chances. Unfortunately the A team struggled to keep the goal out of the D and Edgeborough were the eventual winners 7-3. The U13 B team dominated their match and the result was a commanding 7-0. Well done to Holly Smith and Grace Richardson who were awarded 'Players of the Match'.

The 2nd X1 were also playing on Wednesday and they took an early lead against King Edward's School, Whitley with a strong goal from Georgia Zambakidies. Unfortunately, KES immediately responded with an equalising goal which resulted in a final result of at 1-1. This was an excellent match. Well done to Alice Barnes for her efforts throughout the game!

This weekend the 1st and U15 X1 are off to Kent College in Tunbridge Wells. Good luck to everyone who is playing.

## **ATP World Tour Tennis: Bella Milliken and Tara Jameson report:**



On Wednesday November 25, 21 fourth and fifth year PE students embarked on a journey to the ATP World Tour Tennis Championships at the O2 Arena.

We started off by having a quick ten minute wander around the extravagant O2 Arena, where we were interviewed by Sky Sports, asking who we wanted to win! Buzzing with excitement we took our seats to watch the men's double finals between Austrians Oliver Marach and Lukasz Kubot and Belaurus Max Mirnyi and Andy Ram. Andy and Max secured a one set lead after beating their opponents 6-4, but Kubot and Marach levelled the tie after taking the second set 6-4. They went on to win an epic, nail-biting tie-break 16-14.

We were unaware that we were in for a special treat. Rodger Federer walked on court to receive his cup for winning the ATP Men's Singles championships.

After a delicious lunch, we returned to our seats to watch the men's singles final between Novak Djokovic and Robin Soderling. Soderling fought hard to beat the number 3 seed Novak. In the first set, Swedish player Robin was leading 5-4, before allowing Novak to match the score, resulting in a tie break. He was winning 6-4 in the tie break and secured it by one of ten aces, taking the set. In the second set, he broke Djokovic early and sailed to victory. Tired and hungry we set off back to school, gossiping about which tennis player was better looking, and agreeing it was a well-spent day.

Thank you to Miss Trudgeon and Miss Farnell for taking us on a very interesting and enjoyable trip.