

## Columbines too hot for Otters

**Okehampton Ladies** .7  
**Otter Crickets Ladies Hockey Club** .....2

The persistent efforts of Okehampton midfielders Alex Collins, Louise Weller and Jane Jones to drive the ball forward gave Jo Moppett and Tara Davidson several attacks on goal.

Otter defended strongly but they remained undeterred and their efforts paid off, as Jo Moppett sliced the ball past the goalie to score the first goal.

Otter fought back but tight marking, good communication and determination by Carol Taylor, Jo Drake and Sandra Douglas ensured that goalie Viv Weatherington had little to do.



■ Oke ladies (in quarters) against Otter.

Carol Taylor quickly defended a short corner fed the ball up the pitch to Tara Davidson who speedily passed it to

looked build their lead. Kim Davey, on the right wing, narrowly miss scoring on several occasions while Jo Moppett hit the ball across the goal mouth before Winnie Rademaker seized the opportunity to make it 3-0.

Otter fought back and skilful interceptions by Alex Collins and Carol Taylor kept the ball away from the Okehampton defence but the visitors eventually found the net. Several minutes later, they scored again. Okehampton increased the pace and teamwork paid off as Jo Moppett scored to make it 5-2.

The match was a fast pace and an enjoyable game helped by good umpiring.

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Moppett to scored the second and make it 2-0 to Oke at half time.

Returning from the interval Okehampton

## Weber pounces for Tavistock winner

**Tavistock** .....4  
**Penzance A** .....3

**TAVISTOCK** Hockey Club played their second league match against Penzance and were pleased to have the first competitive win of the season under their

belts. The game ran smoothly and there were frequent substitutions to compensate for the hard work put on while the players were on the pitch.

Tavistock scored with an early goal by Luke

Daniels but any realisation of an easy win was soon put to bed with an equalizer soon after.

The home side then went a goal down but Tavistock players fought back to equalise through Jake.

After half time the strong opposing team took the lead again. As the second half progressed Tavistock

looked the better team and scored two more great goals in the dying moments of the game.

The equalizing goal was a blinding second goal from Luke Daniels. The winning goal was a well worked team goal with great play from Simon to give Josh Weber the chance to put it away.

Tavistock man of the match Josh Darcy.



■ Action between Tavistock and Penzance A on Saturday. Pictures by James Bird



## Not good day in Dorset Tough on Tav A

**West Dorset** .....5  
**Okehampton** .....2

OKEHAMPTON suffered their first defeat of the season in the toughest of conditions in Bridport.

Oke never really got going in the open 15 minutes and the hosts were denied by some good defending and goalkeeping. The hosts took the lead though through a lack of marking leaving John Jarvis exposed and helpless to stop the striker from converting. A second soon followed and Okehampton were battling to stop the game going out of there reach, Andy Paterson then played a lovely ball to Mark Parsons who dinked it over the goalkeeper to half the deficit. Greg Williams then played a superb ball across the area but a miss control prevented a certain goal. Dorset scored a third



■ Okehampton men A beat West Dorset A 5-2 at home. Picture by [abphotographic.com](http://abphotographic.com)

before half time and the game was slipping away from the visitors.

The second half improved with Oke applying the pressure but looking vulnerable to a break. Williams reversed stuck an effort just wide and Luke Miller hit the post. A penalty against the

visitors broke Okehampton resilience. The hosts converted and soon added a fifth. Although Oke lost there were a few positives to take from the game especially the emergence of Josh Balsdon who was outstanding.

■ This week Oke host ISCA B at 1pm.

Tavistock continued to boss the game but were caught napping and CSOM were back on top. Digging deep Tavistock found the net again with a well worked goal following a good run by Elliott.

The visitors went two goals behind in quick succession, but were aware that they were still very much in the game. Bellard was mopping up play at the back and Aveyard was shining in the mid field like a beacon. Tavistock ground out another goal through the energetic Kelly following numerous short corners, but time was against Tavi to take any points out of the match.

■ This week Tavistock A are at home to Bude A at 4.30pm.

## Players earn coaching certificates

BATs Badminton Club, based in Bere Alston, and Callington Badminton Club, based at Callington Community College, are celebrating after five players from the clubs — Matthew Barwell, Glecly Bernardo, Chris Ryan, Eve Robertson and Hannah Robertson — successfully completed their Badminton England level one coaching certificates.

BATs run junior coaching at Bere Alston School on Monday's and at

Horrabridge School on Wednesdays. In addition the club are working with Tavistock College and Tavistock Community Sports Centre to supply coaching to the local community.

Sunday sees the start of the Tavistock Community Sports Centre Sunday morning no-Strings Badminton Sessions.

■ For more details email [batsbc@gmail.com](mailto:batsbc@gmail.com) or visit the website [www.batsbadminton.co.uk](http://www.batsbadminton.co.uk)

## JUNIOR RUGBY ROUND-UP

**Tavistock U10s** .....20  
**Plymstock Albion Oaks U10s** .....20

TAVISTOCK took the lead shortly from kick off with a jinking run by Henry Varnell-Dawes after some hard work from the Tavy pack — Harry Richardson, Oscar Campbell and Tom Gardener working their way patiently down the pitch. Plymstock attacked with strong rucks and equalised. Tavistock hit back with a two superbly worked tries — from Harry Edwards and Noah Berridge. Plymstock's attacks were thwarted by a strong defence from the Tavistock midfield with Dan Pett and Louis Peake combining well and Jack Bellamy making use of the touchline.

After half-time Plymstock gain an edge, running in three tries.

Tavistock pulled back with a forward led try from Harry R after good support work from James Kenyon, Jack Baker and Ollie Sampson. This was a great team performance.

**Tavistock U10s** .....20  
**OPMs U10s** .....0  
**Tavistock U10s** .....55  
**OPMs U10s** .....5

TAVISTOCK went from strength to strength and they dominated in all areas. The determination of the OPM defence held Tavistock to four tries in the first game but buckled under the force of the disciplined Tavy side in the second. Harry Edwards at scrum half was player of the match for game one and Dan Pett and Jack Bellamy shared the honours for the second. Try scorers, Henry Varnell-Dawes (5), Noah Berridge, Louis Peake, Harry Edwards, James Kenyon, Jack Lancashire, Jack Bellamy (3), Oscar Campbell and Dylan Owen.

**Oke U10s** .....5 tries  
**Barnstaple U10s** .....0

BARNABY Waddell put in a good all round performance and scored the winning try after a break from scrumhalf, Joshua Burgoyne, George Cox, Cole Pengeley and James Stevens covered the pitch well picking up a lot of loose ball. Daniel Wannacott and Will Cunningham both made good carries into the Barnstaple defence. James Close and Saul Holliday did some good rucking with the latter proving to be a real menace in the Barum mauls.

**Oke U10s** .....5 tries  
**Barnstaple U10s** .....10

DANIEL Tomkins and Joshua McCulloch both had strong running games

breaking the Barum defensive line on several occasions. Daniel Tomkins also scored a fine try. Jordan Hill, Robert Whitby and Mathew Denning had steady games. Joshua Parsons had a good game at flyhalf making some good line breaks. Jake Laing-Taylor combined well again with Sonny Luxton in the line outs to retain the ball.

Harry Laing-Taylor at fullback produced some of the tackles of the match. **Okehampton U9s** .....2 tries  
**Barnstaple U9s** .....1

THE Okehampton team won their last two matches the previous week at the Exeter Saracens festival and continued their good form to win again against Barnstaple.

Oliver Johns scored a good try, which saw the Oke off to a good start. They fought hard, but had a slow start to the second half, allowing the opposition to score a try that brought them back into the game.

A try by Theodore Jackson Clist just before full time secured a deserved win by the Okes.

The whole Oke team were tight in their defence and showed excellent form in their tackling. **Tavistock U9s** .....9 tries  
**OPMs U9s** .....1 try

TAVISTOCK had much to improve from last week's showing and stepped up the intensity and commitment. Tasha, making her debut for Tavistock, Ewan, Jacob and Lily all got stuck in on the tackling to ensure OPM's only score once.

Marcus, Jonathon and Logan all got their hands on the ball. Tom and William linked up well for Tom's first try. Good vision from Isaac gave him a fine individual try on the blind side before OPM's scored. After that Billy, Toby and William started charging into tackles and making a lot of ground as Tavistock led 3-1 at half-time.

In the second half Tavistock started to throw the ball about more and this brought excellent results with tries from William, Toby, Tom and Isaac stretched the lead, but Katherine, Oscar, Ewan and Tasha also came close to scoring.

**Barnstaple U8s** .....5 tries  
**Okehampton U8s** .....7 tries

OKEHAMPTON started the game with Joe as captain. The young Okes made some superb tags and held their defensive lines well - forcing Barnstaple to turn the ball over. This fine defensive display enabled Oke to get on the front foot and score some fine tries by Marcus (3) Joe (3) and Jacob 1. The whole team



■ Oke U8s on the attack against Barnstaple.

could be proud of the efforts especially Aedan, Alex and Isaac for their defensive play.

**Barnstaple U8s** .....4 tries  
**Okehampton U8s** .....6 tries

ISAAC was captain for this match in which he managed the defensive and attacking lines superbly. This seemed a closer game than the first with a lot of close play and little room to pass the Barnstaple team. With Milo, Finlay and Cameron making some great runs and gaining confidence from their excellent play this helped the whole team to another deserved win. **Tavistock U8s** .....6 tries  
**Plymstock U8s** .....7 tries

THE first match was a close encounter which saw Plymstock take a 3-1 lead at half time. The Tavistock team did much better in the second half and were soon back on level terms before losing out 7-6.

Tavistock captain Jack Lane scored 2 tries, Jared Hunter (2) and Charles Bowden (2).

The second match was a tight, entertaining encounter which ended up 6-6. Tavistock's captain Joe Wheldon scored three superb tries and there was one each for Jonathon Griffiths, Ted Kenyon and Ollie Pett. **OPMs U8s** .....5 tries  
**Tavistock U8s** .....7 tries

IN the first game OPMs took a half time lead of 4-2. In the second half Tavistock were much better organised in defence, making their impressive tagging count, and forcing errors from the hosts.

Alex Richardson capitalised on these errors to score four tries. Captained by Billy Wilkinson the team played well and deserved their win. Alex Richardson was man of the match, further tries were added by Ted Kenyon and two from Joshua Lancashire.

The second game saw a completely changed Tavistock team. OPM did well during the initial stages to make it 3-3. Thereafter

the Tavistock team dominated with excellent defensive pressure and fantastic supporting play to win 13-4. Liam Watts scored 4 Joe Wheldon and Ollie Hawkins (3each), Jonathan Griffiths (2), and Tyler Hunt who scored on his debut.

**Okehampton U7s Barnstaple U7s**

OKEHAMPTON had a great turnout against Barnstaple away despite the rough weather conditions.

Two matches were played with everyone trying really hard throughout and some players making their debut. Some lovely tagging by Adam, William and Saul to name a few. Many tries were scored with Adam and William again shining through.

Next week they play away again to Exmouth 10.30am start. Players: William Denning, Jacob Friend, Adam Stevens, Shey Simmons, Archie Short, Dan Butt, Fin Carey, Saul Jackson Clist, Korben Smart, Josh Cook, Gary Alford, Ben Cole, Hamish McDougall.

■ **Mount House rugby teams** will level. **Away to Exeter Cathedral School, the Mount House first team** through two tries from captain Will Hadow and a fine individual effort from Will Partington gave Mount House a 19-0 half-time lead.

In the second half, Will Hadow secured his hat trick, and man of the match Benedict Pugsley scored his first ever try for Mount House as they won 33-0.

The Colts A won 26-12 win against Exeter Cathedral while Mount House U9s beat Kelly Prep by 7 tries to 5.

■ **KELLY College U11s** won 36-10 against St Petroc U11s in Bude. A quick try by Freddie Williams set the stall and there were three more tries before half-time. Excellent handling and running from captain Jacob Staig, Freddie Williams and Jack Whitson-Fay, was pleasing and the side continue to look for consistency.

The forwards battled well, led by Lachlan Fulton. Player of the match was Louis Bailey.

## Owen Owen wins hill climb

A RECORD entry of 38 riders took part in the annual **Tavistock Wheelers Yogi Cycling Hill Climb** last Sunday.

The warm weather brought out a good crowd of spectators to watch the cyclists climb the hill from the Dartmoor Inn at Merrivale to the finish line at Rundlestone, near Princetown.

The ideal conditions produces a new course record from the winning rider **Owen Owen** of the Primal Europe team who was first with a time of 7 minutes 40 seconds; his teammate **John Halbridge** was second with 7.53.

Local hill-climb specialist **Marvin Laing** of Tavistock Wheelers was third

in a time of 8.04, just beating last years winner and previous course record holder **Josh Bullock** (8.10).

Other Tavistock riders performed well including **Richard Brown** (8.49), **Mike Deacon** (8.54), **Rod Stewart** (9.3), **Peter Branfield** (9.4), **Sam Waddy** (9.35), **Dan Worth** (9.42) and **Martin Williams** (10.36)

Twelve year-old **Robert Waddy**, riding his first time-trial recorded a time trial of 14mins 16secs.

■ For more information about Tavistock Wheelers, please visit [www.tavywheelers.co.uk](http://www.tavywheelers.co.uk)

## Prep lose to Petroc's

**KELLY Prep U11s girls** played against a fast St Petroc's School team but good defence, particularly from Elizabeth Clinton kept them in check.

Flora Germon dominated at centre ably assisted by Rhianna Ferney.

St Petroc's scored four goals in the last quarter to finish the game 10-5.

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