



St Benedict's Newsletter 275

13 December 2024



U16 Boys 2nd Round of the Suffolk County Cup

St Benedict's 9 – 1 Stour Valley

The U16 boys kicked off their 2024 season with an impressive victory over Stour Valley on Thursday 12 December. The team, fresh off an unbeaten run that culminated in winning the West Suffolk Cup last season, were eager to continue their winning ways.

Bennies started the match as they ended last season: dominant, clinical, and hungry for goals. The first goal of the game came courtesy of an excellent interception from captain Mati Szczech, who controlled the ball expertly before playing a precise half-volley through ball to Charlie Oxborrow. Showing great pace, Oxborrow outran the Stour Valley defence and calmly slotted the ball past the goalkeeper at the near post.

Continuing to dominate possession, Bennies linked up well, especially down the left wing. This resulted in a one-on-one chance for Paddy Matthews. His effort was saved by the Stour Valley keeper, but Oskar Lipinski reacted quickest, slotting the ball into the far corner to double the lead.

From the ensuing kick-off, Bennies pressed high, and it paid off. Oxborrow's relentless pressing forced a poor back-pass from the Stour Valley defence, which Oxborrow intercepted,

finishing coolly past the keeper to make it 3-0. The first half concluded with another goal for Bennies. After some excellent build-up play through the midfield, Lipinski played a precise through ball to Ollie Hayes, who struck first-time on his weaker foot. A fortunate bounce saw the ball slip over the keeper's body, making it 4-0 at the break.

The second half started with Bennies showing some complacency. Stour Valley managed to pull one back when a well-delivered free-kick from wide found the back post, where their striker converted to make it 4-1. However, Bennies quickly regained control. A high press from the team saw Oxborrow intercept a goal-kick from the keeper. A quick one-two pass with Szczech sent Oxborrow through on goal again, and he finished with composure into the far corner to restore the four-goal lead at 5-1.

The deadly combination of Szczech and Oxborrow continued to wreak havoc on the Stour Valley defence. Once again, Szczech's intelligent ball distribution found Oxborrow in space, calmly slotting home for his third goal of the game to make it 6-1.

Oxborrow wasn't finished yet. In a dominant display, he was the first to react to a loose ball on the edge of the box, clinically striking it first-time past the keeper to complete his hat-trick and make it 7-1.

Pushing for even more goals, Lucas Barrett played a fantastic ball down the left wing to Oxborrow, who cut inside and laid it off to Lipinski. The latter unleashed a powerful strike from the edge of the box that flew past the keeper to extend the lead to 8-1.

The final goal of the game came just before the final whistle. Bennies earned a free kick from 30 yards out, and Hayes stepped up to take it. His well-hit strike over the wall was unfortunately mishandled by the Stour Valley keeper, who let the ball slip through his fingers, allowing Bennies to complete their dominant 9-1 victory.

It was a commanding performance from Bennies, who showcased clinical finishing, high pressing, and excellent teamwork to secure the first win of the season in emphatic style.

Player of the Match – Oskar Lipinski & Ollie Hayes. Both players were integral to the team's success, contributing with goals, superb distribution, excellent work ethic, calmness on the ball, and hard tackles throughout the match.

Mr Bates



Exam Certificate Evening



CLASS OF 2024

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

EXAMS CERTIFICATE

AFTERNOON

TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2024

3:45PM - 5:00PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

PLEASE JOIN US TO COLLECT YOUR SUMMER 2024
EXAM CERTIFICATES, ENJOY TASTY REFRESHMENTS &
CHAT WITH STAFF & FRIENDS

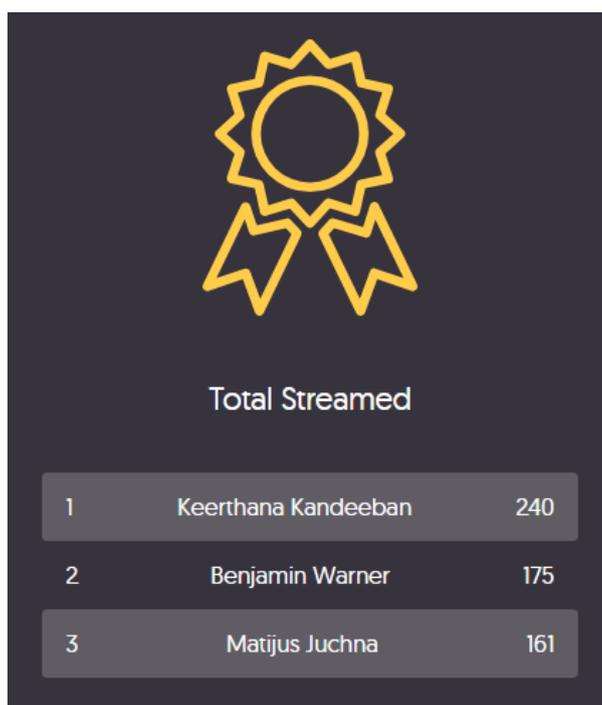
GCSE Pod



Well done to all of our Year 11 students for completing their mock exams. Exam feedback sessions may have revealed some areas that need a bit more attention. GCSEPod is an excellent way of addressing any topics that would benefit from a bit more revision during the Christmas holidays.

[Parent Resources](#)

We are currently 26 out of 428 schools which is amazing, keep up the good work!



1 - Current Leaderboard

New to Hockey



NEW TO HOCKEY
WITH BURY ST EDMUNDS HOCKEY CLUB

Inclusive hockey sessions led by qualified Bury Hockey Club coaches. Wear sports attire; sticks provided. Shin pads and gum shields recommended but optional.

DATE 
EVERY TUESDAY IN MARCH

TIME 
YEARS 5&6 4-5PM
YEARS 7&8 5-6PM

LOCATION 
NOWTON PARK IP29 5LU

PRICE 
£15 FOR 4 SESSIONS.
PAYMENT ON ARRIVAL

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER! 

For more information, please visit our website ([click here](#)) or email our Club Development Manager - bseclubdevelopmentmanager@outlook.com

Reporting Absences

Reporting your child's absence

If your child is unwell or has an appointment e.g. dentist/doctor could you please leave a message by 9.00am including the reason for the absence via:

Phone: 01284 753512 and Choose option 1:

And then choose option 1 for students in year 7-11 and option 2 for students in the sixth form

OR

Email: attendance@st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk

For information on what to do if your child has COVID-like symptoms please see the following link for NHS guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

If you do not inform us by 9.00am or use the above phone/email address, it will be highly likely that you will receive a text alert at home or at work. Please note the school operates a first-day response to absences.

If, in exceptional circumstances, you need to request permission for your child to be absent from school during term time, you should complete a **leave of absence application form (please see link below)**, at least three weeks in advance, stating the reason why the absence must be taken in term time. Please note that the Fixed Penalty Fine is now £80 per legal guardian for unauthorised absences of 10 sessions (5 days) or more.

<https://www.st-benedicts.suffolk.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=74&type=pdf>

Thank you very much.

Mrs Wesley - Attendance Officer

Dates for your Diary



17 December - Exam Certificates Evening

17 December - Alumni Careers Talk at lunch in the drama studio with Kate McGreavy (editor for Mail Sport)

18 December - School Christmas Lunch

20 December - Last Day of Term - Non Uniform, Sparkles!

6 January - PD Day

7 January - PD Day

8 January - Students back in school

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