

U9's B Squad Reach Semi's at Cobham, 7th October 2007

Teddington Under 9's B Squad put in a very strong performance to reach the semi final of the Cobham B Festival on Sunday, 7th October.

The Festival was well run, with good sized pitches which really gave the games a chance to develop. Cobham organised and marshalled the event very well as ever.

Squad; Marcus Williams, Lewis Williams, Oliver Washington and Ciaran Donnelly (Forwards), Rory Smith, Keagan Davis, Fergus Blackwell (Half Backs), Ciaran Doley, George Fraser-Smith, Harry Morgan, Matthew Stevenson, Evan James, Joe Brodin (Centre & Wings)

First match: Guildford – Teddington won 2:1

Strong opposition, which put us under a lot of pressure. After a sustained play, we made it through for a try in the first half. In the second half they came back to get on the score board. However, the boys were establishing control and continued to take the game back to them until we got another try.

Second match: Aldershot – Teddington won 4:1

A great team game, with support in all quarters. Our opponents had already lost to Guildford, but weren't about to give-up. We ran in a wonderful opportunist try from a scrum 5 meters out. This was followed by a backs breakthrough to score and then a runaway try later. They rallied enough to get the next score, but as just reward we run in our last move to make it a 4:1 win.

Semi-final: Reeds – Reeds won 4:0

Having watched Reeds in their earlier games we knew they would be strong, but hoped to get the ball moving to get round them. However, we hadn't reckoned on their sheer determination to 'get the ball', the boys found themselves being stripped of the ball time and again. Despite a lot of good play on all flanks, they scored 4 tries, and we were unable to get past their defence. Unfortunately we lost a few players to their 'power plays', but we coaches and parents were rewarded with some heroic play and signs of some of the best team development I've seen! I'm sure giving all boys the opportunity to play in this tough competition will bring its just rewards later in the season and beyond. No player in the squad failed to give their all they stuck at it to the end. Well done to our opposition on an excellent performance.