Blue Jays B – Match Report
11th September
Downton Jades 29 – 37 Blue Jays B

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|   | **First Quarter** | **Second Quarter** | **Third Quarter** | **Fourth Quarter** |
| **Score** | Downton Jades 10 Blue Jays B 4 | Downton Jades 16 Blue Jays B 15 | Downton Jades 25 Blue Jays B 23 | Downton Jades 29 Blue Jays B 37 |
| **Played** | GK: AmyGD: JemimaWD: LaurenC: AliceWA: LibiGA: MelGS: Lily | GK: AmyGD: JemimaWD: LaurenC: AliceWA: LibiGA: MelGS: Lily | GK: BethGD: Molly RWD: Ellie RC: AliceWA: LibiGA: MelGS: Lily | GK: BethGD: AmyWD: Ellie RC: AliceWA: Molly RGA: MelGS: Lily |
| **Sub** | BethMolly REllie R | BethMolly REllie R | AmyJemimaLauren | JemimaLaurenLibi |

Overall, a really good match and extremely well fought in the last quarter. The ground was wet, meaning the ball was then also wet which did lead to a lot of dropped balls and missed passes. Due to it being slippy, footwork was also pulled up a lot, especially when we were fighting hard to get it back down to our shooters.

Everyone was rusty to start, but once we got into our groove it did start to come together. Amy, Jemima and Lauren are all new players to each other so it will take them a bit of time to gel together more, which is only natural. I’d like the three of them to be able to train together each week.

We swapped the defence in the second half and the fresh legs helped. Molly R hasn’t played Netball in 9 years and she had an absolute blinder – super impressed!

Massive shout out to Mel and Lily who worked really well together within the D and especially hard in the last quarter, it was well fought. They played together in the summer league so there bond will only get stronger.

Considering this was our first game together, we are off to a great start. Massive well done to everyone.

**Amy Oak was voted opposition’s player of the match.**

Pointers for training:
- Defence need to work on their back line passes
- Practice marking the opposition’s centre passes – defence need to shout which way for our C player to go
- Footwork – it was slippy tonight, but there was a lot which resulted in a fair few turnovers for Downton
- Learn to slow the game down, because we were behind it ended up being rushed in places, leading to silly mistakes and more footwork.