

# Knutsford Schools' Sports Newsletter

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This week saw the finale to the football league and the Netball fixtures again were interrupted by the weather.

## Netball league

Manor Park's visit to Bexton was postponed due to some very heavy rain showers.

## Football League

Coming into the final rounds of matches, **Egerton** had a 4 point lead over **Bexton** but **Bexton** had a game in hand plus they were due to play each other in the final game of the league – could it be a winner takes all finale.....

|             | P  | W | D | L | F  | A  | Pts |
|-------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Egerton     | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 6  | 22  |
| Bexton      | 9  | 5 | 3 | 1 | 13 | 4  | 18  |
| Manor Park  | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 6  | 14 | 14  |
| St Vincents | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 14 | 11 | 12  |
| Yorston     | 9  | 0 | 1 | 8 | 2  | 19 | 1   |

**Manor Park** and **St Vincents** were fighting it out for third (potentially second) as the first set of games kicked off. **Egerton** and **Bexton** were playing while also keeping an eye on their title opponent in the next pitch. **Egerton** started quick and raced into a 2-0 lead, only for **St Vins** to pull one back and make it a tense finish. Neither of the top two had it their own way, as **Yorston** worked hard but their lucky and **Bexton's** persistence took the three points.

Round two of the finale fixtures saw Egerton resting and Bexton given the opportunity to bridge the point gap down to a solitary one. Manor Park played well and made it a nervous occasion for the Bexton fans but a precise long range shot and a technically brilliant volley separated the sides.

**Yorston's** whose luck evaded them in the last game, didn't vs **St Vins** and timely volley and a keeper's nose gave YL their first win.

The prophecy came true; it was all down to the last match. Some may remember Man City "Aguerrorroo" from 2012 to win the league but that wasn't against their nearest rivals. Arsenal in 1989 did, however win on the last day/ game of the season vs their nearest rival, Liverpool and now it was **EGERTON VS BEXTON** to decide the title.

While a nervous title encounter was happening on one pitch, on the other pitch **Yorston** and **Manor Park** were locking horns. Some well taken goals from **MP** gave them the victory but **Yorston** never stopped and got a well-deserved goal of their own.

Back to the title decider; both teams had their tactics worked out and their personnel all knew their roles and responsibilities. Half time came and went and it was still 0-0, **Egerton** staying a point clear, **Bexton** needed to win to take the title. A flowing passing move down **Egerton's** right end with switch to the left and their left winger in space....he pulled back his left foot....struck the ball 'sweetly'..... the ball hit the far right hand post....went along the goal-line and span into the opposite bottom corner...this gave **Egerton** the lead, a lead they would hold onto till the final whistle and take the title and trophy back.

A huge well done goes to each and every single player that took part, a real credit to your school.

The final league table:

|                    | P         | W        | D        | L         | Pts       |
|--------------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Egerton</b>     | <b>12</b> | <b>9</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>28</b> |
| <b>Bexton</b>      | <b>12</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b>  | <b>24</b> |
| <b>Manor Park</b>  | <b>12</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>5</b>  | <b>17</b> |
| <b>St Vincents</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>6</b>  | <b>12</b> |
| <b>Yorston</b>     | <b>12</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>4</b>  |