



Football: Swedish tour - first match reports

Wednesday 1 September 2010

A long journey starting at 7am from Shrewsbury finally ended at 1am as we crawled into bed at the Hotel Vasterbacken, Umea. A little extra spice was added with a frantic battle with the traffic jams of Stockholm to reach our second flight. We made the boarding gate with 5 minutes to spare only to be turfed off the plane again to wait in the terminal for a spare part to arrive from Oslo. True Salopian spirit and a 110 Krona food voucher each from the airline meant that the hardship was soon forgotten.

A hearty Swedish breakfast was followed by a decent training session and a chance to get the journey out of our legs. Sadly the U15s picked up 2 injuries and we hope they make swift recoveries.

U15s

During our first match as an Under15 team with an outstanding record the previous season we played at the Umea arena against an Under 16 team playing on home soil. The side played extremely well despite a heavy defeat against a strong opposition. On a wide pitch playing 40 minutes each way going in at half time with a 2-0 deficit was a pleasing start to the tour. We battled hard again in the second half but we tired out therefore conceding a few late goals. We were extremely happy with our passing and movement on the day but with Gittins a lone striker, we had fewer chances than we would of liked. We hope to carry all the positives out the game through the rest of the tour and season.

1st XI

The first match of the season always presents a challenge when playing with others who you have had no previous experience with, and even more so when playing an adult team. However our first game did show a lot of promise. We came up against an Umea 'youth' XI – one of the opposition playing in fact had his child watching. The match started with a high tempo, leading to an early goal for Shrewsbury. Roy Chatterjee played the ball onto Sam Welti who put a ball through to Jack Hudson-Williams, finishing the move with a well placed left-footed strike in the bottom corner. From such an early goal Shrewsbury's confidence rose and we managed to hold on to the lead for around 20minutes, however Umea were able break through and equalise, through a wonder strike in the top corner. These wonder strikes seemed to be a favourite among the Swedish and they ended up putting two more in the top corner, and a powerful bottom corner finish due to a slight lapse in concentration from an inexperienced Shrewsbury back four. Yet these last three goals were slightly controversial as they were all scored after the 40minute mark (the referee mistakenly believing it to be 45 each way). On another note, Henry Lewis kept their score to 4-2 as he made a god-like clearance off the line after their 6ft 7 striker beat John Wells, who otherwise had a very convincing game.

The second half started well for Shrewsbury. Charlie Pilkington played it onto Max Pragnell who then made a good run beating his man, then passing it onto Roy Chatterjee in the box, who was then fouled and a penalty was given. As per usual Roy happily took up his mark and slotted it into the bottom right corner. Umea then immediately went on the offensive and scored another before Jack Hudson-Williams latched onto a stunning lofted through ball by Mark Prescott, then

confidently placed the ball into the bottom corner. Shrewsbury then defended very well for a long period, keeping their shape until a scramble in the penalty area lead Umea to another goal. Shrewsbury had another chance near then end where a hand ball gave us another penalty. Astonishingly Roy Chatterjee failed from the spot giving the keeper a chance to get a good hand on his effort to a saved penalty.

Overall a very promising performance from a young new Shrewsbury 1st XI side.



Oxbridge Success 2010

Wednesday 1 September 2010

We are delighted that the following 17 pupils have all achieved the required grades to go to either Oxford or Cambridge in 2010:

Cambridge

Max Emmerich - Medicine, Trinity
Sam Lawley - Modern & Mediaeval Languages, Homerton
Galane Luo - Maths, Emmanuel
David Shipton - History, Magdalene

Oxford

Aue-aut Angpanitcharoen - Engineering, St. Catherine's
Rory Antcliff - PPE, Exeter
Alex Beaumont - German, St. Hilda's
Frank Collings - French, St. Edmund Hall
Michelle Degli Esposti - Experimental Psychology, Brasenose
Lilly Grosse-Buening - Music, Christ Church
Gessica Howarth - Maths, Exeter
Chloe Huckstep - PPE, Pembroke
George Huntley - Geography, Christ Church
David Kell - Physics & Philosophy, Balliol
Alice Walker - Engineering, Worcester
Ben Williams - English, Hertford
Chanon Wongsatayanont - Psychology & Philosophy, Corpus Christi



Football: Pre-season tour to Sweden - overview

Monday 6 September 2010

We arrived in Holmsund (Northern Sweden) after 3 coach journeys and 2 flights; the travelling was probably the only downside to the whole trip. We trained on a nice grass pitch in the village of Holmsund and due to the low temperatures, we were able to train twice a day and also do some theory work in the evenings on the white boards in the hotel.

Both squads (Under 15 and Under 18) played three matches. Bearing in mind, though, that their Swedish opposition are two thirds of the way through their season and we are only just beginning, the matches were very tough. The Under 15's were also always playing against under 16 age groups, so they lost their 3 matches but they were never disheartened. They worked very hard and their defending became very good. Their second match was a 0-2 defeat, and although the last match was 0-4, they only conceded one goal in the second half of the match.

The 1st XI fared slightly better. They played 2 mens' teams and 1 youth team. They lost 3-6 in their first match to a mens team. They then beat an under 18 team 5-0, and they drew their last match against a mens' team 3-3 after leading 3-0.

We showed great progress on the training ground and the players have started to learn their new system of play. We now have to build upon the experience gained from these matches to ensure that we have an enjoyable season.



D of E: The first-ever Gold assessment expedition by Salopian girls

Monday 6 September 2010

During the last week of August, five girls from the Sixth Form - Alice Brett, Marianne Shawe-Taylor, Portia Hibbert, Elli Hill and Felicity Davies - took advantage of the good weather and completed their Gold DofE Assessment Expedition in the Peak District National Park. This was the first all female group Shrewsbury has seen since girls joined the Sixth Form in 2008.

The girls covered 88km in the four days, each carrying 15kg of food and equipment. The expedition was completely unsupported, and passed over the moor in the Dark Peak area which is challenging in itself.

The girls found it a challenging and emotional experience, but finished in fine form except for a few blisters and aches and pains.

Well done to all.

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CCF: New Training Room for the Cadets

Monday 6 September 2010

Decades of cadet history was finally archived and cleared away during the summer break, allowing space for the building of a self contained Skill At Arms training room.

The training room can accommodate twelve cadets for post-exercise weapon cleaning and Skill at Arms lessons. It's a great room and will be much needed when the winter weather draws in.

Days of freezing cold hands whilst weapon training are now over.

Senior School Play 2010: Racing Demon

Thursday 9 September 2010



Shrewsbury's Senior School Play February 2010, and Edinburgh Fringe August 2010

Racing Demon was played again, for one night only, on Friday 20th August 2010 at our own Ashton Theatre, prior to going to the Edinburgh Fringe from 23rd - 28th August. The official review in Fringe Report enthused '*Tight production, beautifully played*'. See www.fringereport.wordpress.com for the full review.

Alasdair Richardson was also fulsome in his praise for the production: '*The acting from this young cast is phenomenal ... student drama which puts the professionals to shame*'.

Please also see Peter Fanning's [Edinburgh Tour Report](#).

Racing Demon – Review

David Hare's 'Racing Demon' is about exposure, laying bare a cross-section of tensions within the Church of England, from the institutional to the deeply personal. Exposure, too, is the running theme of Peter Fanning and Eoin Bentick's exquisite production of the play at the Ashton Theatre. Actors are shunted onto a intimate square of carpet downstage centre, dwarfed on the flanks and from above by projection screens that remind the audience not only of the setting but the enormity of their vocation.

A team ministry, responsible for God's work in a misery-laden inner city parish, are at the centre of Hare's study. Spiritual angst has taken its toll on the team leader, Lionel Espy, portrayed with mature integrity by Bentick, a study of doubt captured in face, body and tone. Espy has not the strength to counter the evangelical energy of his new curate, Tony, to whom Nick Constantine gives a frighteningly taut and commanding portrayal, eyes just wide enough and head uplifted enough to make the audience believe in the imbalance of his conviction. The attempts of Harry and 'Streaky' Bacon, the final two members of the team, played by Joe Allan and Dan Bradshaw respectively, are not enough to save him. Their two excellent performances show an acute understanding that the comic is not enough to stave off the tragic in Hare's dark play.

The outer world, which should be the focus of the team ministry, has instead become invasive, projected to us on screens (an ingenious solution to the many scene changes) and complicated by personal relationships. Hebe Dickins captures the clarity of Frances, Tony's former lover; with an economy of movement she is able to portray the fine nuances of the role, ironically the character most capable of human ministry.



The Bishop, who has made Lionel's unseating a matter of personal prejudice, finally steps in. Tom Elliot's angry, angular portrayal at the play's climax is a tour de force, laying bare his bitterness towards Tony and the church, riding rough-shod over Freddie Ellery's elegant Bishop of Kingston on the way. Acting support is first rate: Camilla Aylwin, Alex Priestly and Jack Flowers give assured performances of the unsure – incredibly difficult to do without giving in to cliché. Harry Putnam, as the seedy journalist, adds a wholly appropriate noirish shade to the play.

Hare has lingered on the Ashton stage of late. Last year's *Pravda*, the fine Ingram's production of *A Map of the World* and now this excellent and unsettling *Racing Demon* have reminded us of the playwright's continued relevance and deep understanding of personal and societal failings. With a lesser cast the intimacy of this play, with few props, minimal set and no dark corners (excluding the psychological), might be a recipe for disaster; Peter Fanning has, however, recognised the extraordinary talent of his actors and given them the exposure they need to tell this tragic story properly.

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Shrewsbury School Foundation raises funds for a new mezzanine floor in the Art School

Monday 13 September 2010

Due to the generosity of one Old Salopian, the Foundation is pleased to announce that work has started on a new mezzanine floor in the Art School. This will provide much needed extra work and display space. Head of Art Philip Woolley describes it as being 'spectacular', even in its current unfinished state.

The mezzanine floor is due to be in place for the Old Salopian Day on Saturday 9th October, when an art exhibition will also be held.

Shrewsbury School Foundation raises funds for a new Boathouse

Monday 13 September 2010

The oldest part of the School Boathouse which was built in the late 19th century is due to be replaced with a brand new state of the art Boathouse following a campaign to raise funds completed by the Shrewsbury School Foundation.

Plans have recently been submitted to the local Planning Department.



Old Salopians cycle from John o' Groats to Land's End for Cure Leukaemia

Monday 13 September 2010

Three 2009 Leavers - Alex England (Rt), Tom Wordie (SH) and Edmund Magnus (Rt) - cycled from John o' Groats to Land's End in 12 days, raising over £4,000 for Cure Leukaemia through Blue Chairs.

Despite torrential rain, the boys completed the 960 mile journey, enjoying a lunch at Attingham Park with friends, family and supporters as they passed through Shropshire.

The infamous Land's End signpost now includes a finger for Blue Chairs!

Please see the [full account](#) of their adventure that Edmund Magnus has written.



Fives: Girls and Old Salopians compete in the EFA Under 25's at Eton

Monday 20 September 2010

Shrewsbury School was represented at the Eton Fives Association Under 25s event, at Eton on Sunday 19th September, by both Old Salopians and present pupils. This was the first time the school had entered pairs.

OS Players

Tom Cox (Captain of Fives 2005), Matthew McKeever (Captain of Fives 2008), Rory Griffiths (Captain of Fives 2009), Alex Sale and Alice Walker (Captain of Girls' Fives 2009/10)

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U6th

Hannah Blofield (Captain of Girls' Fives 2010/11), Alice Brett, Lucy Rands

L6th

Sophie Walker, Isabella Barber

Results

Alice Walker & Hannah Blofield - 4th Place

Alice Brett & Lucy Rands - 5th Place (Winners of the Plate)

Isi Barber & Sophie Walker - 7th Place (3rd in the Plate)

OS Rory Griffiths & Matt McKeever - Runners Up

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Girls' hockey: week commencing 13th September 2010

Monday 20 September 2010

Shrewsbury School vs Shrewsbury Sixth Form College 5-0

The first match of the year was against Shrewsbury Sixth Form College. Shrewsbury started quite tentatively with the score remaining 0-0 for the first 15 minutes. Shrewsbury passed the ball around well and easily had the upper hand, but kept falling at the final hurdle. Eventually, after 20 minutes, Becky Corkill scored. From here Shrewsbury went from strength to strength with Annie Brentnall scoring a penalty flick and Becky scoring her 2nd. The whole team continued to play well, keeping a clean sheet and knocking in two more goals before the end. Maddy Fisher got the fourth and Becky Corkill rounded things off with a hat-trick. Player of the match was Hebe Dickins.

The 1st XI play King's Chester this Wednesday.



Football: 1st XI undefeated so far this term...

Monday 20 September 2010

The 1st XI match against Hulme Grammar last Wednesday was very one-sided. We dominated the game and three goals each from Roy Chatterjee and Max Pragnell, and two from Jack Hudson-Williams gave us a comfortable 8-0 victory.

Saturday's match at Kings Chester was much more even. We struggled at first to come to terms with the pace and the physical side of the game, and entered the half time interval a goal down. We certainly upped our game in the second half and ran out worthy 4-1 winners with goals from Roy Chatterjee (2), Max Pragnell and Charlie Pilkington.

To catch up on results from the start of term, the 1st XI have beaten Thomas Telford 5-2 with the 2nd XI winning 3-2. The 1st XI have also beaten Liverpool Ramblers 3-2 and the 2nd XI winners 4-1.

This weekend sees 1sts to 4ths play the Old Salopians, whilst other senior and junior teams take on Repton.



Public Nose: Inside Scoop with Mr Middleton, RSSH Legend

Friday 24 September 2010

The winner of the annual Tucks race last year was a foregone conclusion; Mr Middleton, head of the hunt, lead the way in a blistering time, devastating the competition. The twenty-nine year-old Scotsman has been running competitively for over seven years and has an impressive track record; he ran in the UK inter counties for Shropshire, completed the 2009 ‘Tough Guy’ challenge and has run several double marathons.

His favourite distance to run is a half-marathon, and with a Personal best of 75m 09 it’s no wonder that he usually wins the Tucks. However, Mr Middleton will not be participating in the 179th annual race, as he has assumed charge of organising the event. Despite the impressive history, Mr Middleton has had his share of calamities. “My most memorable running moment had to be when I was bitten by a dog”, or perhaps when he was in too much of a hurry to use the gate, so he “somersaulted over it, landing on my head”. He also confesses to hating swimming, and owning far too many pairs of running shoes. Typical of a Scotsman, his favourite drink is whisky, but regrets that the times he gets to enjoy it are few and far between. “Runners have to make some sacrifices” he chuckles.

The winner of this year’s race then, is under speculation. The New Headmaster, Mark Turner has an impressive repertoire of sporting abilities; having run a triathlon or two in his time, the Headmaster is something of a ‘dark horse’ in this competition. However, the favourite must be Mr Haworth, the new addition to the history faculty. He has already taken up the post of coaching the junior hunt squad, and “We’re hoping to win lots of trophies with them”, says Mr Middleton. Mr Middleton and Mr Haworth share a very close 10K time, and the question on many people’s minds is; ‘if Mr Middleton were running the Tucks, would he beat Mr Haworth?’ The answer is unknown, and will probably remain so. When asked the same question, Mr Middleton simply replied “Mr Haworth is a very talented runner”. Out of the pupils, Mr Middleton is unsure about who will come in the highest place. “Cal Winwood, George Mallet, Kris Blake, Guy Vernon and Simon Jones are all impressive runners”, says Mr Middleton confidently, but adds “we’ll have to wait and see”.

Gus Haynes

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Capesthorpe Hall reception

Sunday 27 September 2020

The Headmaster's reception last week at the splendid Capesthorpe Hall was a huge success. Around 55 prospective parents and prep heads from Cheshire and beyond attended the event, where they were entertained by a Salopian string quartet and waited on by some of our Sixth Formers.

In a lightning turn around from his travels in Hong Kong, our Registrar delivered a lively and penetrating presentation, which was followed by an address from the Headmaster. It is hoped that the school will arrange similar events in the future in other locations throughout the country.



Badminton: Boys fought hard to win against Wrekin College

Monday 28 September 2020

The school team played a boys' home fixture against Wrekin College on Wednesday 22nd, and were pleased to win 7-2 in the Doubles and then 6-0 in the Singles.

Nikhil Morjaria, captain for the day, partnered Jirapas Tantipiriyakij as the first pair, and they won their three games comfortably, only conceding 15 points in total. Kieran Morjaria played second pair with Nattapong Chaikul, and again they did well to win all three games. The third pair saw a 5th Form School House combination of Sam Watts and Brendan Lung, who were narrowly outplayed in their first game, but they did well to beat Wrekin's second pair by 21 points to 12. The singles games all went the way of Shrewsbury, but not always easily, and overall it was a good performance for our first match of the season.

Our return fixture after Exeat will consist of four mixed doubles pairs.

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Girls' Hockey: Lost to Kings Chester 8-2

Monday 28 September 2020

For the 2nd match of the season, Shrewsbury were up against a very strong Kings Chester side and unfortunately were out classed. We were very slow to start and Kings took full advantage of this, going 3-0 up after just 10 minutes. Shrewsbury worked hard to get back into the game, with the score in the final 20 minutes of the half ending 2-1, leaving Kings 5-1 up at half time. Shrewsbury were much stronger in the 2nd half and gave a performance to be proud of, but the forward force of Kings was still too much. Final score Kings Chester 8, Shrewsbury 2. Work to be done for next week's invitation 7's tournament at Wrekin College. Goal scorer was Becky Corkill and player of the match was Maddy Fisher.