

SPORT REPORT



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GREAT WEEK FOR YEOVIL COLLEGE SPORTS

FOOTBALL

A great week for Yeovil College sport has seen the **Men's Football 1st** team sail into the last 16 of the English Schools Football Association (ESFA) Under 18s Colleges Trophy competition and the **Ladies' Football** team qualify for the British Colleges' National Championships.

The **Men's Football** team played their fourth round game in the ESFA Under 18 Colleges Trophy on the new astro pitch at Buckler's Mead Community School. The game had previously been postponed due to a waterlogged pitch. By half time, Yeovil College were up already 5 – 0 against Paignton Community College. It was a quieter second half for the Yeovil College team. Whilst their defence remained solid, they were unable to capitalise on their huge lead. The great win will see Yeovil College meet Hartbury College in the next round. Goal scorers for Yeovil; Tom Gallagher, Kyle Ellis (2), Jack Burnett (pen) and Josh Payne.

The **Ladies Football** team competed this week at Filton College in the South West Five-a-side Football Tournament. Yeovil College started well, winning their first game against Bridgwater College 4 – 2. Their next game saw them lose narrowly to South Devon College 4 – 3. A draw 3 – 3 draw against Cornwall College followed, then the Yeovil Team finished off their pool games with wins over Truro College (6 – 2) and St Brendan's Sixth Form College, Bristol, (5 – 1). This placed the Yeovil College ladies second in their pool and in the semi-finals.

Here they faced a very strong Weston College side. Yeovil College was 2 – 1 in the lead with only 10 seconds remaining, when Weston College scored the goal that would take the game to penalties. Yeovil won the penalty shoot out to book themselves a place in the final against Bridgwater College.

Yeovil College was playing some great five-a-side football and holding Bridgwater College 2 – 1 when, in the dying seconds, Bridgwater College scored. Yet again, Yeovil had to endure another nail-biting penalty shoot out which would decide who would represent the South West team at this year's National Colleges Championships.

Yeovil College began well, firing clinically into the back of the net. At 3 – 2 up, Bridgwater College stepped up to level the score, but the penalty was saved, sending the Yeovil girls to the National Championships.

The Yeovil ladies team are: Madeleine Bradley, Emily Casey, Charlotte Hannam, Kathryn Parsons, Aimee Rowe, Heidi Silcox, Terri Trowbridge and Gemma Tewkesbury.

BADMINTON

The Yeovil College **Ladies** have topped Division One of the Somerset Schools Badminton League following the final tournament of 2009.

Students also travelled to Truro to compete in the British Colleges' **men's and ladies' singles and doubles** championships. Abi Taylor was selected for the British Colleges' South West squad after coming third overall in the ladies' singles. This means she will compete in the National Championships in 2010.

In the doubles contest, Abi and Nicki Hutchings were runners up. Pat Golden and Frank Boyce also played well, reaching the semi-finals.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

On Friday 27th November, a team of Yeovil College cross country runners made the short trip to Montacute House to compete in the Somerset Schools Cross Country Championships. Very heavy rain had made the conditions were very treacherous. Competing in the last race of the day were the Year 11 & Senior Boys. It was a muddy race, but that did not stop Yeovil College student Ollie Lead cross the line in first place, closely followed by Sam Hasleden.

The Final standings were: 1st – Ollie Lead; 2nd – Sam Hasleden; 3rd – Darren Devlin; 5th – Chris Hole; 7th – Jaz Stott; 8th – Jack Davis; 11th – Charlie Home; 12th – Craig Zimmerman; 15th – Nick Chambers; 17th – Shaun Mullins.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Yeovil College has an excellent reputation for nurturing sports performers. In recent years, students have regularly competed at regional, national and international level. Students in all subjects have access to sports enrichment and Academies. The College offers a range a Sport courses, from Level 3 A Level and vocational courses to a Foundation degree in Sports Development and Coaching. For more information, visit www.yeovil.ac.uk, call 01935 423921, or email info@yeovil.ac.uk.

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