

U-15s make it to last 8



Two excellent straight sets wins against 19th ranked Hull Thunder and 13th ranked Wirral were enough to secure our girls U-15s a place in the tier one finals day at the National Volleyball Centre in Kettering on Saturday 16 March in our latest tournament held at Madeley.

The girls took on Hull first and made a fast start before the visitors, who had made a three-hour trip from Humberside to be at the tournament, clawed their way back. Our girls got their focus back though and closed out the first set 25-14 before getting off to a flier again in the second.

There was to be no comeback this time from Hull, and we closed out the set 25-10 to guarantee a shot at securing a tier one place.

Wirral beat a vibrant and likeable Hull side by an almost identical scoreline: 25-14, 25-9 to provide the expected final given that Urmston had pulled out of the tournament on Friday.

In a closely contested opening set, our girls kept their noses in front before closing it out 25-20 to leave the prospect of qualifying in the top tier at Kettering a tantalising prospect. And having secured the first set, we pulled away in the second with some excellent serving from Eve at the fore in a dominant showing to secure the match 25-20, 25-14.

The girls will enter the last 8s tournament in Kettering as underdogs but with no pressure on them at all after a fantastic showing this season. This is a truly outstanding achievement from a team that has grown in stature over the last year. Well done girls!

Go 'Castle!