

2004 FRIAR'S CUP COMPETITION

Austin Friar's School, Carlisle, hold the Friar's Cup Competition every year in early December for teams of 4 from schools all over the area. Attracting as it does teams from the South of Scotland as well as from the North of England it provides our schools with real international competition. Greenwood Academy in Ayr have won the Senior Section on several occasions and always provide good competition.

From our area King's School and Red Rose have played in the past, but this year it was left to RGS to defend the honour of the NJCA. They did this by taking 12 teams (48 boys in all!), 5 parents and the writer across to Carlisle in a coach.

Syd Cassidy and his team organised everything splendidly – plenty of footie on an astro-turf pitch between rounds and good tuck shop with plenty of hot-dogs, pop, coffee and crisps to sustain the inner man.

Secondary Schools Section

1.	RGS Tigers	14
2.	Newman	10½
3.	RGS Lions	10
4.	Greenwood A	9½
5.	RGS Wolves	8
6=	Austin Friars A	7½
6=	Austin Friars B	7½
8.	Greenwood B	6
9=	Greenwood C	3½
9=	Austin Friars C	3½

(4 rounds - Scores out of 16)

Last years Champions, RGS Tigers had few problems this year. Tigers and Wolves each scored maxima in Round 1. Tigers beat the Wolves 3-1 in R2, despite Andrew Douglas' shock win against Sameer Ganatra. Nearest rivals, Greenwood, were then routed by 4-0 and in the final round they coasted home, conceding a couple of draws to the Lions. With the same team available for next year they must already be favourites to complete a hat trick of victories. The RGS Wolves were a year 7 team, playing against much older opponents. Their performance holds out promise for the future. The Tigers team consisted of the Lai brothers, Jonathan and Daniel who both won all their games, Theon Rogers and Sameer Ganatra.

Primary Schools Section

1.	RGS Dingos	19
2.	RGS Aardvarks	16
3.	Cummersdale	12
4.	RGS Bears	11½
5=	St Monica's	11
5=	Kingmoor	11
5=	RGS Crocodiles	11
5=	RGS Gorillas	11
9=	Scotby 'B'	10½
9=	Inglewood	10½
11.	Scotby 'A'	10
12=	RGS Eagles	9½
12=	RGS Flamingos	9½
14=	Hunter Hall	9
14=	RGS Jaguars	9
16.	Crosby-on-Eden	8½
17=	Glebe	8
17=	RGS Hawks	8
19.	Rockcliffe	4
20.	Upperby	1

(5 rounds - Scores out of 20)

Pre-tournament favourites, RGS Aardvarks, had virtually lost this competition in Round 1, dropping 2 points against St Monica's. Try as they might, they never got within striking distance of the year 5 side, the Dingos (NB. Aardvarks were missing two of the

original selection which must have made a difference.) Scotby, last years champions, had a thin side this year and were never contenders. Meanwhile the Dingos carried all before them. They were in inspired form, finishing with a magnificent 19/20 – indeed they needed only one point in the last round, but took all 4.

Congratulations for Mars Bar performances to the Dingos team - Gavin Minty, John Brooker Thomas Langley (all 3 of whom scored 5/5) and Thomas Gholkar. Also to George Bilclough in the Aardvarks for his 5/5. Many others too did well, but were too numerous for all to be named here.