

# Balfour Reach Rugby Plate Final

## *Sir Graham Balfour U13s make County Plate Final*

The team: Cameron, Art, Jamie, Dylan, Peter, Owen, Josh, Rhys, Sam, Peter, Jake, Hristo, Sam, Oscar, Tim

Sir Graham Balfour under 13s have made the Staffordshire County Rugby Plate Finals. The team defeated Walton Priory Middle School in a tough semi-final contest away from home.

Despite losing their opening game of the season, the U13s were very optimistic in gaining a victory over the Priory and looked forward to the game.

Balfour started the game well with captain, Peter, running through a large number of the opposition and crossing the try line to put Balfour in front. Then Walton managed to break through Balfour's defence and score a try bringing it to a tie. After a couple of minutes Peter managed to make another run past all of Walton's defence and score another try putting Balfour back in the lead.

By now the boys seemed to be on the up and they extended their lead again, by Captain Fantastic Peter crossing over for his hat-trick.

Although Balfour were dominating the score board, the game was harder than the score reflected and the score stayed the same up until half time.

In the second half Walton made a good start and crossed the try line to bring the score to three tries to two to Sir Graham Balfour. Walton then came close again, but a good try saving tackle from Outside Centre, Art, meant that Balfour stayed in the lead. Realising how hard the game was becoming, Balfour put more pressure on the opposition, with Jake nearly crossing the line before Peter once again drove over the try line to score.

The game was like a game of ping pong, as Walton immediately scored again before a run of tries from Art, and Scrum Half Owen put Balfour firmly in the lead. Following this, Peter again crossed the line to make the final score 8 tries to 4 to Sir Graham Balfour.

Balfour now take on Oldacre, Uttoxeter in the County Plate Final for the under 13's first taste of cup success.