

NETBALLERS WANT CHANGE!

Year 10 Netball Team Want Change and Want Some Wins



Sophie Whittingham standing with the Year 10 team

Girls netball has been a part of the school for many years. Maryhill High School allows any student, from any year to take part in after school netball classes.

Every year group has the chance to play matches and tournaments against other schools in the area. However, some year groups aren't as lucky when it comes to winning the games. The Year 10 netball team play well together and put the effort into going training. However, some people in the team think there should be some kind of change to improve their winning chances.

Sophie Whittingham who is a member of the netball team, has played netball in the team

since year 9. She likes its because its fun and interesting and she says its a chance to meet new people from other schools through the matches and tournaments. It is also a good form of exercise.

Sophie started off in the team as a Goal Shooter (GS) which made her feel under pressure to score goals but since changing her position to become Wing Attack (WA) she feels happy and feels she has the chance to play at her best. Sophie also thinks that everyone's position is a major part in the game as it is a team effort, but her position helps to get the ball towards the goal.

Sophie admitted to winning zero games since the beginning of the year for the Year 10

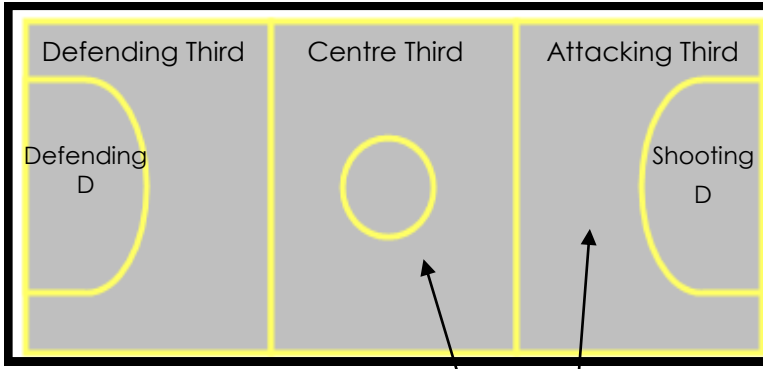


Sophie Whittingham in action

Netball team. She feels this may be due to the negative attitude and the players giving up easily when they think they have no chance of winning.

An example of this was when the year 10 Netball team played old rivals Biddulph High, 5 minutes into the game they dropped 2 goals due to laziness. After dropping the 2 goals early on, Maryhill seemed as though they had just give up so Biddulph went on to score another 6 goals and Maryhill only had 1. Due to this the teams moral has been lowered

With only having one netball practise a week and not had a practise since November due to Christmas. Sophie feels this is not enough and more needs



Sophie used to play Goal Shooter so could only go in the Attacking Third and the Shooting D. Since she changed to playing Wing Attack, she can now go in the attacking third and the centre third but not the shooting D. Which gives her a wider area to cover.



Sophie Whittingham (WA)



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to be done to ensure they have time to practise. Since September 2009 the PE department are happy to welcome a new member of staff, Miss Hambleton. This member of staff has taken over Miss Bennett and has also taken over coaching the netball teams. Sophie is happy with the new coach and feels a lot more attention is given to them as they are older now, where as Miss Lowndes focused on the older years as the current year 10 team were only in year 9. Sophie likes the team she plays with and feels comfortable playing with them as most of the team are in her BTEC PE lessons so she works with them a lot more so they work better in the team.

When asked she replied that she thinks everyone is playing in the right positions but in training people should try to play in different positions to see what they are best doing. To achieve a win Sophie thinks the improvements needed to be done to help their chance of winning should include more practise to work on creating space and the shooting.

Due to their negative attitude while playing, she said this has a big impact on the way people play because people just turn lazy and feel there is no point in trying. Although they have had no wins so far in the Year 10 netball season, Sophie still thinks they have improved a lot since year 9 thanks to Miss Hambleton, the skills shes taught the team, the chance to move around positions and trying something different.

Sophie and the rest of the team all think they have a definite chance of winning at least one game in the rest of the season. Everyone in the Year 10 Netball time expect that what has been said gets noticed and something gets done so the team feel more comfortable and hope for at least one win later in the season.



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