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# Games Begin!

Kristen Venter and Myles Hollenberg detail the upcoming Basketball and Rugby matches



Above: Cougars Varsity Basketball Girls and Boys: Top Left (Jake Jimenez), Bottom Left (Ben Marsden), Right (Melissa Zhang)

## Varsity Basketball vs. ASP

On the 20TH and 21ST of January both of our Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball teams will be facing off against the ASP Rebels. The Girls' Varsity team is coming off a huge win; they came in first at the Moscow tournament. The Girls' Varsity team, last year, brought back gold medals from their ISST trip to Zurich. Their Captain, Scarlett Lamb, and lead scorer, Melissa Zhang, will lead the Girls in the upcoming game against ASP. The boys will be lead by their three experienced captains, Jake Jimenez, Casey Collins, and Trace Baker; hopefully, to victory against ASP.

The boys can add two trophies already to their mantle this year; they won both the Moscow tournament and the Munich Invitational. The team is off to a great start having only lost 2 of their 14 games; the losses were to ASL and Lakenheath. The coach of the Boy's team, Matt Buck, is confident in the team's talent and says they have a good mix of Guards and Forwards. His team's biggest weakness,

he believes, is the height... or lack there of. The team will have a chance to face Lakenheath again on Saturday, and will hopefully this time will emerge victorious.

The amount of seasoned veterans

Basketball team may be the authority they need to outplay the ASP Rebels this weekend. Both teams are greatly anticipating the approaching games with the confidence only winning midseason's can give you. Both teams have been training hard to prepare for the games on Friday and Saturday.



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on the team is incredible, a number of players have been on the team since their freshman year. This may give Cobham the edge they need to trump ASP over the weekend and win their third tournament of the year. A diverse mix of talented players is an important trait both of our Varsity Basketball teams possess. This year the Girls have a diverse age group on the team including two eighth graders, Noel Henry and Allie Marsden. The varied roster of the Girl's Varsity

The two-day tournament will include exciting basketball games, lots of fun, and great food, so come support our Cobham Cougars as we claw our way to the winner's circle. - Myles Hollenberg

## Varsity Rugby Play the British School of Paris

ACS Cobham's Varsity Boys Rugby team includes a group of extremely talented boys. With a total of two wins out of three games, the boys have started off the season on a very positive note. So far, they have played the American School of London, Claremont, and Charterhouse. The season commenced with an outstanding first game of the season, our Cobham Cougars

Kaars Sijpesteijn (Grade 12), Johnny Russell (Grade 12) and Patrick Soede (Grade 10).

One of our team's strongest skills is their extraordinary communication with each other on the field. They regularly use this aspect to their advantage. The Cougars will have the difficult task of playing against BSP on the 21st of January. They are one of the best trained teams in the league. The British School of Paris, the hosts of the ISST Division

include strategy, teamwork, agility, and experience.

The team's captain, Johnny Russell, is a tremendously skilled player but unfortunately this is his last year at ACS, but our school has been extremely lucky to have such an experienced player. Unluckily, as a result of the team's wins two players had a few minor injuries, Patrick Soede and Charles Gilbert. However, I am sure that with the surplus of experience and talent the Varsity team will more than be able to hold their own against any team. Our school is proud of how successful the Varsity Boys Rugby team is and we cannot wait to see how this weekend's upcoming game and the rest of the season pans out. - **Kristen Venter**

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thrashed our rivals, ASL, with the score of 32 - 0. Their teamwork led to impressive tries from Joel Maybrey (Grade 12), Kenta Mikuni (Grade 11), Alex

1 Tournament in 2010, will be no walk in the park to play. Hopefully ACS will have a victorious match and use some of the key aspects of their team, which



Above: Cougars Varsity Rugby: Top (Joel Maybrey), Bottom Left (Johnny Russel), Bottom Right (Kenta Mikuni)



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