



## England Hockey Schools Indoor finals decided

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### **U16 Boys Schools Final**

An action-packed final started off the National Indoor Hockey Championships (NIHC) weekend in Nottingham and saw Whitgift lift the U16 boys' schools trophy, making it two national indoor titles in a row.

The game began evenly with both sides exerting pressure early on. It was after a time-out mid way through the opening spell that Whitgift started to take the command. First to score was Harrison Sellers with great build-up by Oliver Preston and Rob Farrington. Jonty Griffiths, who was a member of the side that won last year's U16 boys final, was next up to put the ball in the goal. In response, Wycombe continued putting pressure on Whitgift but were without luck as a number of goal bound efforts were well defended.

Midway through the half Whitgift experienced something of goal scoring spurt with five goals in as many minutes. Griffiths found the net again before Luke Taylor's speed up the left side opened the space for a pass to Rob Farrington whose shot went straight in. Rounding off Whitgift's first half scoring, Harrison Sellers scored his second goal putting the team in white well in command.

Royal Grammar School High Wycombe finally got the credit their hard work deserved with two minutes until the break when Marcus Wilson passed to James Wrighton who scored an excellent goal before scoring again two minutes later. Sandwiched between Wrighton's double, Josh Mardell netted a corner to bring the Wycombe side to within two goals of Whitgift; 3-5 at the break.

Whitgift began the second half with high intensity. Harrison Sellers completed his hat-trick after a well executed three on one attack a minute into the second half. Wycombe goalkeeper, Peter Ellis Phillips, who played very skilfully, was constantly under pressure and when Jonty Griffiths showed off his skills by dribbling through the Wycombe defence Phillips could do nothing about the Whitgift boy scoring his team's seventh.

Excellent teamwork was consistently on show between Rob Farrington and Harrison Sellers and it paid off in the build-up to Sellers' fourth goal. Wycombe had clever breaks towards the end but the Whitgift defence stood solid and the game finished with Whitgift winning a well deserved victory of 8-3.

Both teams gave the Nottingham audience a entertaining and energy filled game to kick off a great weekend of hockey at the Trent FM Arena Nottingham.

### **Royal Grammar School High Wycombe 3 (3)**

James Wrightson 13,15 (F,F)  
Josh Mardell 15 (PC)

### **Whitgift School 8 (5)**

Harrison Sellers 7,11,16,25 (F,F,F,F)  
Jonty Griffiths 8,9,19 (F,F,F)  
Rob Farrington 10 (F)

