

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

In a busy month the club the Elite kick started February with a trip to Guildford, followed by the return fixture at home a week later.

February didn't get off to a good start as a very short benched Elite team were dealt a crushing loss down in Guildford.

Guildford dominated from the outset, with Louise Adams opening the scoring at 8.44. The Lightning continued to pressure and doubled their lead at 9.39 with a goal from Emery. Two quick fire goals at 11.02 and 11.25 from Lake and Adams put paid to any Diamonds attack and Louise Adam completed her hat trick before the period was finished making it 5-0 at 15.27.

The second period started brighter for the Diamonds as Aimee Baldwin finally got them on the board at 24.18 but it would be little consolation as Guildford soon reasserted their dominance.

A powerplay strike at 27.21 gave Emery her second of the game and that was soon followed by a shorthanded tally at 31.31 from Wilshire, both goals assisted by Adams to give her a five points on the night. Another goal at 34.52 gave Guildford an 8-1 lead at the second intermission.

An even handed goal and two more powerplay goals in the third period for Guildford finished off a horrible night for the Diamonds.

Final Score Guildford 11-1 Kingston

A week later, the Guildford Lightning travelled to Hull for the return leg in what was a much closer affair.

Both teams came out fast in the opening period but it was Guildford who once again struck first, Louise Adams scored her first of the evening at 5.20. It was Adams who shone throughout the game and gained her second goal at 10.45 of the first period, giving Guildford a 2 goal lead into the break.

The Diamonds came back fighting and with an opportunity on the powerplay they made the Lightning pay. Kirsten Deighton made a great play to keep the puck in the zone before laying the puck off to Beth Scoon who fired a rocket into the Guildford net at 25.21. It was another defenseman who scored next, some good work from Deighton and Hannah Worthington in the zone saw the puck fall nicely for Holly Cornford who made no mistake in blasting it home to tie the game at 28.21.

There was rarely a dull moment in this game as Guildford soon took the lead again, Emery the scorer at 32.06. They doubled the advantage not long afterwards as Adams completed her hat-trick at 34.46. The Diamonds refused to believe they were beaten and raised a comeback once more, Kirsten Deighton scored at 38.33 with assists from Helen Emerson and Reagan Downing before Carla Clark tied the game at 49.43 with a nice shot on a 2 on 1, assisted by Downing.

The final period was fast paced once more as Guildford regained the lead at 51.48 with a Lucy Gruber goal. For the 5th time the Diamonds came back and a sweet shot from Helen Emerson tied the game at 53.38. Unfortunately the drama was not over and a powerplay for Guildford saw them take the game winner at 57.45.

Final Score Kingston 5-6 Guildford

Diamonds Premier

The Prem team get back to work this month after a lengthy break from playing. They start by facing league leaders, Chelmsford before facing Nottingham as week later.

In their first game of 2017 the Prens did not get the start to the year that they had hoped for.

The Diamonds started brightly and had two very good chances to start the game, with one puck flying off the cross bar but they couldn't find the back of the net. It was Chelmsford who capitalised first, taking a slim 1-0 lead into the first intermission.

The Diamonds started the second period on a powerplay and finally their work paid off as Jo Cockerton scored to tie the game, with an assist from Reagan Downing. The second period went downhill from there. With Captain Beth Barwell sitting out a ten minute misconduct penalty, (for requesting to speak to the referee, a right we all thought belonged to a captain?) the Diamonds lost their way and ad the league leaders made them pay. Goals from left, right and centre saw the Cobras lead 6-1 after two periods.

The Diamonds had the best of the play in the third and final period, outshooting Chelmsford, but again they failed to capitalise on their chances. Chelmsford scored another brace to finish the game with a 7-1 victory. Not a game we want to remember, but the Prens are back in action next Sunday looking to redeem themselves.

Final Score Chelmsford 7-1 Kingston

Still looking for their first win, the Prens took a short trip to Nottingham to face the Vipers.

It didn't take long for the Diamonds to get off the mark this week as they found themselves leading after just 39 seconds of the game. A long shot from the red line from Reagan Downing eluded the Nottingham goaltender to give the Diamonds a 0-1 lead early in the game. The Diamonds continued to work well and doubled their advantage 8 minutes later. A shot from above the hashmarks from Lois Tomlinson bounced off the goaltenders leg pads into a crowd in front, Jo Cockerton couldn't manage to find the finishing touch but the puck fell nicely to Downing who roofed it for her second of the night on 8:08.

The Diamonds piled on the pressure in the second period but despite long periods of zone time they couldn't find the back of the net and it was Nottingham who scored next. A powerplay opportunity for the Vipers saw the puck take an unlucky deflection off a Diamonds player and into the net for 1-2 at 24.15.

From this point on the Diamonds limited the time they gave Nottingham on the puck very effectively and despite giving up 4 more powerplays, the penalty kill remained air tight and Nottingham managed just 6 shots on goal in the third period.

Finally their hard work paid off and they finished out the game with a well-earned win!

Final Score Nottingham 1-2 Kingston

The improvement from recent games was vast, especially in the first and third periods and we hope to really kick on now, remain positive and finish the season in style. Thank goodness for 2 points!

Diamonds U16s

The U16s were due to play Scotland U16s girls on 25.02.17 but the game had to be postponed. This gives the girls a month off to focus on any areas that are in need of improvement. The U16s still sit at the top of the league but they need to gain some points in their games against Sheffield if they hope to stay at the top and gain a place in the U16s final at the Women's Trophy Weekend in June.



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Kingston Diamonds Female Ice Hockey Club

Upcoming Fixtures

11.03.17 – Elite vs Sheffield @ Sheffield

26.03.17 – Elite vs Swindon @ Swindon