

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

The Elites have a tough month with a Yorkshire rivalry game with Sheffield, an away double-header vs Solihull and Guildford before a home game vs Solihull.

The month started with a home game vs Sheffield. The diamonds started the game really well and were putting together some good periods of pressure, they finally reaped the rewards at 18.28, Reagan Downing laid a pass off to Shannon Jones who went on a partial breakaway and dropped the puck back to Reagan who fired home for 1-0. The Diamonds started the second period well too and when given their opportunity on the powerplay made no mistake. Beth Scoon rifled the puck past netminder Gilbert with assists from Shannon Jones and Holly Cornford at 24.31. Sheffield made things interesting as they pulled it back to 2-1 with a lovely solo goal from Jodie Bloom but they couldn't manage to tie the game and the Diamonds ground out the win.

Final Score Kingston 2-1 Sheffield

The Elites hoped to continue picking up points on their away double-header but a clash with the Prem game and various other misfortunes meant they were very short benched for both games, only just icing two lines.

First came Solihull, a team that we've been closely matched with this season and the Diamonds kept it close after one period with Solihull leading just 2-0 with a powerplay and an even strength goal.

The Vixens capitalised just once more in the second period and led 3-0 into the third period.

A goal from Kirsten Deighton at 42.04 brought the score to 3-1 but tired legs set in and the Vixens dominated the rest of the game and finished with a 7-1 win.

The Diamonds work for revenge a week later.

Final Score Solihull 7-1 Kingston

Onto Guildford the next day and an already depleted side was dealt some more blows with several injuries but they battled on regardless.

Guildford started strongly and Louise Adams put them ahead at 6.33 before Wilshire scored her first of the game at 13.16 for 2-0 into the first break. The Diamonds continued to battle and defended desperately allowing just one more goal in the game, Wilshire getting her second at the midway point of the game. Unfortunately the Diamonds couldn't find the back of the net and the game finished 3-0. Holly Steeples saved 41 shots for a 93.2% save percentage.

Final Score Guildford 3-0 Kingston

A week later the Elites returned to home ice vs the Solihull Vixens.

Shannon Jones opened the scoring at 10.23 after a lovely pass from Holly Cornford on a 2 on 1 but Solihull levelled the game just 30 seconds later as Maurice scored her first of the game. The Diamonds never say die and Jones put them back in front with a wonderful goal on the powerplay. Netminder Franklin fumbled the puck and Shannon somehow roofed it as she was falling to her belly for 2-1.

Kingston extended their lead at 28.14 as Kiana Tait made a great play from behind the net to Kirsten Deighton who slotted home with ease from close range. Maurice for the Vixens scored her second of the game at 31.04 on a breakaway, going bar down for a lovely goal.

Solihull opened the scoring in the third period and tied the game at 3-3 as Cloe Keijzer sent an absolute rocket past Steeples in net.

Shannon Jones was not to be out done and took it upon herself to put the Diamonds back ahead. She had her chance on a breakaway at 44.03 as she sped onto a loose puck before pulling the moves on Franklin and firing home with ease. The Vixens finalised the scoring as Keijzer scored her second, another rocket from the point this time on the powerplay at 51.40.

The game was an absolute delight to watch and a real advert for women's hockey and the Diamonds picked up a huge point against one of the top teams in the country.

Final Score Kingston 4-4 Solihull

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A huge thank you to the Penalty Box Crew who sponsored both of the Elite home games this month and to Needlers who sponsored the Premier home game. We really appreciate your continued support, without sponsors the Diamonds couldn't continue to be as successful as we are



Diamonds Premier

Just one game in April for the Prens as they played Milton Keynes Falcons at home. They were looking for a strong performance in the absence of most of our young Elite players due to a clash in the fixtures.

With players missing and others playing roles they weren't used to the Prens were aiming to play well defensively and stick together as a team as they faced a very strong MK side.

The Diamonds kept the Falcons to a 0-0 scoreline after one period despite being heavily outshot and were positive about the performance; everyone was digging in and blocking shots, chasing pucks etc.

MK ramped it up a bit in the second period and the Diamonds struggled to contain them as Noble opened the scoring at 22.22 before a shorthanded goal came from Piotrowski on the breakaway at 30.37. Piotrowski scored her second of the game at 33.40 and there was no further scoring in the second period.

Unfortunately they just couldn't keep a hold on Piotrowski and she finished her hattrick at 42.16.

The rest of the period was better from a Diamonds perspective as they managed to keep the rest of the MK attacks to the outside and protected Charlotte Cook in goal a bit more. I was disappointing that they couldn't find a way to score at least one but the girls were pleased with the effort as everyone gave everything they had.

Onwards and upwards though as they face Slough in a few weeks' time looking to get some more points on the board.

Final Score Kingston 0-4 Milton Keynes



Diamonds U16

The U16s had one game this month after quite a long break from games and it was against fierce Yorkshire rivals, Sheffield.

2nd April saw the U16s take the short trip to Sheffield to face the Shadows. The game started brightly for both teams with chances coming either way and the first period ended 0-0.

Sheffield upped the tempo in the second period and as a results saw themselves 3-0 up at the end of that period, with two goals from Chloe Riley at 16.57 and 19.03 and one from Milly Such at 23.43.

The Shadows extended their lead to 4-0 in the opening minutes of the third period with a goal from Neenan but the Diamonds answered straight back with Brodie Kidd scoring an unassisted goal at 32.58.

Elizabeth Saunders scored at 34.50 to take the score to 5-1 and Riley finished her hattrick at 39.37 to finalise the scoring.

The diamonds will be looking for revenge with two more games against Sheffield in May and will need to steal some points if they hope to win the league and make it to the Women's Trophy Weekend.

Final Score Sheffield 6-1 Kingston

Upcoming Fixtures

06.05.17 – Premier vs Slough @ Slough

07.05.17 – Elite vs Swindon @ Home

13.05.17 – U16 vs Sheffield @ Home

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14.05.17 – U16 vs Sheffield @ Home

14.05.17 – Elite vs Bracknell @ Home

20.05.17 – Premier vs Nottingham @ Home

21.05.17 – Elite vs Bracknell @ Home

27.05.17 – Premier vs Widnes @ Home

28.05.17 – Elite vs Swindon @ Home



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