

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

The Elite Team started their season with a trip down to Bracknell followed by an away clash at Swindon.

Our Elite team kicked off their 2016/17 season with a trip down to reigning League and Playoff champions, the Bracknell Queen Bees on 10/09/16. The Queen Bees started strongly and saw themselves leading 3-0 at 21.19 before the Diamonds answered back with a goal from GB international, CJ Ashton, at 27.42 assisted by Hannah Worthington. Bracknell continued to assert their dominance and lead 4-1 heading into the final period. The Diamonds came out strongly into the final frame outshooting the home side 13-11 but it was the Queen Bees who found the net again, this time on the powerplay. The Diamonds rounded off the scoring with a goal from another GB player, Beth Scoon, scored at 53.47 assisted by Helen Emerson. Premier team goalie Charlotte Cook, who made the jump to Elite as cover played a superb game finishing with 29 saves.

Final Score Bracknell 5-2 Kingston

The Diamonds then travelled to Swindon on 18.09.16 to play newly promoted Swindon Topcats. The Diamonds came out strongly in the first period and found themselves up 2-0 at 15.41 thanks to two quick goals at 15.29 and 15.41 scored by Shannon Jones, both assisted by Natalie Davies. The Topcats had a response at 19.15 and we went into the first break at 2-1. A goal from Natalie Davies, assisted Jones, at 23.51 put the Diamonds 3-1 to the good and then Shannon Jones completed her hat trick at 33.51 to end the period 4-1. A scoreless third period saw the Diamonds put the game to bed. Kingston outshot Swindon 51-22 with netminder Holly Steeples, playing her first game for the Diamonds, putting up an impressive 95.45% save percentage.

Final Score Swindon 1-4 Kingston



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Diamonds Premier

Our Premier Team began their season at home vs Streatham before a late night trek to Milton Keynes.

Saturday 24th September saw our newly promoted Premier team hit the ice for the first time this season vs Streatham Storm, in a game kindly sponsored by IceOnTheHumber. The Diamonds opened the scoring at 3.46 thanks to a goal from skipper, Beth Barwell and led 1-0 heading into the first break. Streatham came out strongly in the second stanza and found the back of the net at 22.54. An instant reply from the Diamonds at 23.04 scored by Shannon Jones and Kingston led once again. The third period saw the Storm come out all guns-blazing as they scored 4 unanswered goals to tie up the game in the visitors favour. There were lots of positives to take from the game, especially with 4 U16 players making the step to Senior Women's hockey for the first time after an EIHA rule change.

Final Score Kingston 2-5 Streatham

Just a week later and the Prems were on the road to Milton Keynes to face the Falcons. A much shorter bench this week, with the late faceoff causing problems for many, guaranteed a tough game. The Diamonds started well and had a few good chances but it was the Falcons who took the lead at 14.32, with another goal at 17.17 to put them up 2-0. A beautifully worked goal from Reagan Downing put the Diamonds on the scoresheet just 40 seconds before the end of the period. The Diamonds bench was strengthened shortly after as two more girls arrived after getting caught in traffic. A second period riddled with penalties resulted in MK scoring again at 31.01. However, captain Beth Barwell brought the Diamonds back within one with a lovely slapshot at 39.22. The Falcons led 3-2 entering the final period and it was to be MK that scored again to close out the scoring at 41.09.

Final Score Milton Keynes 4-2 Kingston

Upcoming Fixtures:

Elite vs Solihull (away) 15.10.16

Premier vs Slough (home) 16.10.16

Elite vs Solihull (home) 22.10.16

Premier vs Streatham (away) 23.10.16

Premier vs Chelmsford (home) 30.10.16