

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

Just one game this month for the Elites as they travel down to Swindon to play the TopCats.

The Diamonds started the game in solid fashion, creating chances on the Swindon net and getting into their stride through the first period. Despite outshooting Swindon 19-4 in the first stanza they came up against an on form Amelia McGinlay who thwarted everything the Diamonds threw at the net. The second period followed much the same pattern as the first as the Diamonds created opportunities but could not finish them. At the other end of the ice Kirsten Roan also dealt with everything that Swindon gave her to worry about.

In the third period it looked like the game might well go on to finish 0-0 before Kirsten Deighton finally broke the deadlock, assisted by Holly Cornford, at 50.10 to give a narrow 0-1 lead.

Sophie Campbell added a second for the Diamonds to allow some breathing room in the final minutes with a goal at 54.55 assisted Natalie Davies and Shannon Jones.

A tense game and some excellent chances but kudos to both goaltenders for making life difficult for the forwards on either side. Ultimately an important 2 points.

Final Score Swindon 0-2 Kingston

Diamonds Premier

A quiet month for the Prens too as they just have one fixture with Whitley making the journey down to Hull.

The first period was one of chances at both ends but it was Whitley that broke the tie as Steph Towns got her first of the game on the powerplay at 10.06. Towns doubled the lead at 12.48 with a second powerplay goal. Carla Clark narrowed the gap at 16.06 assisted Dannie Newlove for 1-2.

The second period turned out to be one of the worst that the Prens have played in their Premier league history. A complete defensive breakdown almost halfway through the period saw the Squaws score SIX unanswered goals, Abbie Culshaw made it 1-3 at 28.22, Steph Towns got her hat-trick and a shorthanded tally at 29.45 followed by her fourth and another powerplay marker at 32.05, then Culshaw added her second at 34.59 for 1-6. Steph Box and Beth Milne got in on the act with a goal apiece at 36.16 and 37.42 to round off a dismal period for the Diamonds.

The third period was a case of shutting down defensively and clawing back some confidence and Sophie Campbell helped that happen as she scored with a lovely individual effort just 8 seconds into the period for 2-8. The score would not change again but there were at least positives to take from the third period with some good offensive chances created by the Diamonds.

One poor period may make it difficult for the Prens to qualify for the playoffs now but they'll put every effort into trying not to have another game like this any time soon!

Final Score Kingston 2-8 Whitley

Diamonds U16s

The u16s look to pick up two more points with a trip to Nottingham.

The game could not have started better for the Diamonds as Martha Brown scored just 14 seconds in for 0-1. Martha Cornell scored a shorthanded tally at 6.13 and then two goals in 7 second at 9.02 and 9.07 from Lydia Lutwyche and Martha Brown saw the Diamonds lead 0-4. Lydia Lutwyche scored her second goal at 10.16 before Ketz Robinson got on the score sheet at 10.31. Nottingham got themselves on the board at 12.17 through Chamonix Jackson but the Diamonds answered with goal 7 at 14.12 thanks to Phoebe Mather.

Nottingham defended well in the second period but Heather Clarkson managed her first goal as a Diamond at 23.30 with a powerplay strike for 1-8. The Vipers replied quickly, Chamonix Jackson scoring her second at 24.07.

The third period saw Martha Brown score her hat-trick and her 4th goal at 33.32 and 34.30 with two shorthanded goals. Lola Nock added the 11th and final goal for the Diamonds at 41.31 to complete a convincing victory.

Final Score Nottingham 2-1 Kingston



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