

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Premier

The Diamonds Prens got the club season underway with a trip to Chelmsford on the 9th before returning home to face Nottingham on the 15th.

A long trip to Chelmsford was on the cards with the Diamonds missing a few important players it was a tough game, and not exactly how they'd have liked to start the season. Despite not really generating scoring chances, the Diamonds managed to hold the Cobras to 1-0 after the first period, Abbie Sylvester on target at 3.28. The Cobras speed really hurt the Diamonds in the second period, and Lucy Gruber doubled their advantage at 23.30 before Lucy Jarvis made it 3-0 at 32.37. Sophie Campbell had the Diamonds only really chances on goal as she was pulled back on a breakaway, but was denied on the penalty shot.

Chelmsford really turned up the heat in the third period and scored another three unanswered goals, Tereza Plankova with a double (42.29, 52.34) before Abbie Sylvester netted another at 54.11 for 6-0. Not a good start for the Prens in their third season in the Premier league, but plenty to work on.

Final Score Chelmsford 6-0 Kingston

Next up was Nottingham, with a vastly improved team from last season they looked to be a real threat leading into this game, and the Diamonds were still without a couple of key players. The game was fast paced and physical from the outset and Nottingham put themselves in good stead as Madison Wright's shot eluded the Diamonds netminder and trickled in for 0-1 at 9.07. A much improved performance and the Diamonds were creating some really good chances, but couldn't mind to find the back of the net in the first period.

The second period started in much the same fashion as the first with the teams exchanging chances. The Vipers doubled their lead at 25.00 as Robin Mulled set off on a breakaway and made no mistake finishing for 0-2. Yet more chances followed and a Diamonds powerplay added to the pressure they were putting on the Nottingham defence. Finally the Diamonds pulled one back, Sophie Campbell was denied on her first shot but managed to corral the puck behind the net before stepping out and firing top corner from her knees at 32.19 for 1-2.

The tempo ramped up again in the third and Nottingham got into a little penalty trouble, but the Diamonds couldn't find a way on the powerplay to tie the game. Luck once again swung in the direction of the Diamonds and with just under 10 minutes left they managed to tie the game. Dannie Newlove went with speed down the left wing and slotted a nice pass over to CJ Ashton, hurtling in at the back-door, who made no mistake in putting the puck in the back of the net to tie the game at 2-2. The Diamonds came inches away from winning the game in the final seconds as, on the powerplay, Kiana Tait fired a shot just over the cross bar.

A fantastic game and an awesome advert for the Women's Premier League, both teams took home a well-deserved point.

Final Score Kingston 2-2 Nottingham

Diamonds Elite

The Elites start their season against a strong Streatham Storm team on 22nd September, both teams looking to get started with a win.

After a late start due to Streatham being late to the rink the Diamonds got straight to work and new signing Anja Kadijevic had a chance saved within the first minute. It didn't take long for her to make amends for the missed opportunity as she opened the scoring at 3.31, her first goal for the club assisted Shannon Jones. The Diamonds kept up relentless pressure and were rewarded at 5.18 as a scramble in front saw the puck fall to Beth Barwell who made no mistake firing home into a gaping net. The Diamonds made it 3-0 at 13.06, on the powerplay. Maggie Benson, another new signing this season, made a great play from behind the net to Sophie Campbell alone in front, who fired past the Streatham netminder. Less than a minute later it was 4-0 as Madison Wright got hold of a loose puck in front and jammed it home, assisted Hannah Worthington.

Into the second period and Streatham came into the game a little more as the Diamonds sat back and made some silly mistakes. Kirsten Roan, making her debut for the Diamonds, was called upon to make some good saves to keep the Storm at bay. It took the Diamonds a little longer to break through this period but when they did it was with style. Kadijevic gained the zone down the left wing and hit Kiana Tait, who was flying down the middle, with a perfect pass and Kiana sniped top shelf, popping the bottle off the net at 30.10. That would be the only scoring in a slightly less frantic period.

The third period saw the tempo upped once again by the Diamonds, Anja Kadijevic scoring her second of the game at 40.20 with a nice individual effort. Sophie Campbell scored her second of the game at 47.20, she stepped out from behind the net with the puck and was dragged to the floor, but that made no difference and she fired one home from her knees. Shannon Jones was denied only by the post a minute later but Beth Barwell was on the spot to slam home the rebound for 8-0. Shannon Jones did get one for herself on the powerplay at 59.05, Beth Scoon's shot found its way past the goalie and Shannon tucked it over the line to complete the scoring. A decisive win and a brilliant start to the season for the Elites.

Final Score Kingston 9-0 Streatham



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