

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Premier

The Prens have an away double-header, at Bracknell and Chelmsford on 20th/21st Jan, and they know that they have to take some points from the weekend.

The Prens began their weekend away with a game in Bracknell, and they got off to a good start, Jo Cockerton, arriving just minutes before the opening face-off put the Diamonds ahead on her first shift, deflecting a shot from Megan Harrison into the back of the net at 2.46. Reagan Downing doubled the Diamonds' advantage at 13.40 with an unassisted tally, giving the girls in blue a 0-2 lead after the first period. Holly Steeples held the home-side at bay. Into the second period and Reagan Downing added her second of the game at 20.02 after good work from Jo Cockerton to keep the puck in the zone. Bracknell hit back at 36.59 as Laffitte set off on a breakaway, with the D unable to catch her she finished with style to put the home team on the board.

The Diamonds were not finished, and Reagan Downing finished her hat-trick at 34.58 with an assist to Jemma Brown. Captain, Beth Barwell finished the scoring as she let a bomb go from the blue line, straight past the netminder for 1-5 at 36.52, Megan Harrison picking up the assist. Charlotte Cook played the third period and kept out all the attempts from Bracknell. A good two points and a nice road win. Onto to the next one.

Final Score Bracknell 1-5 Kingston

The following day the Prens travelled to Chelmsford with a short bench, missing some key players, in particular their Captain Beth Barwell. The Diamonds couldn't have wished for a better start as Reagan Downing firing them into the lead just 49 seconds into the game. Chelmsford didn't stay down for long before they tied the game at 2.57, Jennifer Bolton walked in from the corner unhindered and fired top-shelf for 1-1. The Diamonds collapsed a bit here and Chelmsford took advantage, Abbie Sylvester put the home-side ahead at 10.42 with an unassisted effort before scoring her second goal at 15.05 for 3-1 at the end of the first period.

The Diamonds continued to struggle and the Cobras extended their lead to 5-1, this time Ellie Wakeling bagged a double, scoring at 22.54 assisted by Sylvester and at 32.17 assisted by Hutcheon.

This prompted a comeback from the Diamonds, Carla Clark somehow managed to squeeze the puck into the net, from behind the goal line for a shorthanded goal at 37.41, before Dawn Dickinson got the Diamonds another before the end of the period, her shot from the blue line evaded the Cobras netminder for a powerplay goal at 39.46, assisted Cockerton.

The Diamonds had hope and Carla Clark brought them within one at 41.37, batting home a rebound after a shot from Ishbel Wright. Despite throwing everything they could at the Chelmsford defense, the Diamonds comeback fell short and the Cobras scored a brace at 48.06, Plankova sealing the deal with a powerplay goal. A vast improvement than the previous performance against this side and lots to build on going forward!

Final Score Chelmsford 6-4 Kingston



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Diamonds Elite

The Elites have a couple of games this month, starting with an away fixture at Bracknell on 20th, before finishing the month with a home fixture vs Guildford on 28th, worth double points.

The Elites were on the ice straight after the Prems in Bracknell for a tough match against the league-leaders. A fairly quiet first period saw Bracknell take the lead at 9.04 through Rachel Cartwright.

The second period momentum swung heavily in favour of Bracknell as they fired 30 shots at Sam Bolwell in the Diamonds net. Their strength showed as Cartwright doubled her teams lead at 27.07, smacking home a rebound before Chrissy Newman did the same at 32.56 for 3-0. The Diamonds couldn't find a way to create any offence and Bracknell kept their foot on the gas, extending their lead at 37.54 through Sophie Herbert.

The third period came and Holly Steeples took her place between the pipes in relief of Bolwell, and Bracknell continued their onslaught. Still the Diamonds found themselves camped in their own D-zone and the pressure showed as Cartwright finished off her hat-trick at 48.18 to finalise the scoring. A second game running where the Elites have been shutout, they realise they must be better in order to cling onto their play-off spot. Next week they face Guildford at home, this is a huge game as it is worth double points and a win is very much needed.

Final Score Bracknell 5-0 Kingston

The next game for the Elites was to be crucial, a home fixture vs Guildford with double points at stake.

The Diamonds were up for it from the off, and both teams shared chances in the opening minutes. Guildford started out stronger but the Diamonds grew into the first period, although neither side could find the opening goal inside the first 20 minutes.

Into the second period and again both teams traded opportunities. Guildford got themselves a powerplay and broke the deadlock; a shot from the point was blocked but the puck fell nicely for Louise Adams who batted it home at 27.17 for 0-1. Midway through the game saw some excitement as players clashed, punches being thrown left, right and centre. Eventually Hannah Worthington for the Diamonds and Faye Andrews for Guildford were both ejected from the game, and the Diamonds came out with a powerplay. Despite strong pressure they still couldn't find a way past Barrow in the Guildford net.

The final period came and a very appreciative crowd willed the Diamonds on and they responded with long spells of pressure. After a long period of zone time the Diamonds finally levelled the score. Good work down low from Carla Clark allowed Holly Cornford to feed the puck to Shannon Jones who was lurking at the side of the goal, she picked her spot and ripped it into the back of the net at 51.18.

This proved to be all she wrote as neither side could find a winner and the points were split. The Diamonds were unlucky not to get the win but 2 points important points on the board, and their best overall performance this season.

Final Score Kingston 1-1 Guildford



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Diamonds U16

The U16s kick off the New Year with a trip to Sheffield on the 14th and then they play their first home game of the season vs Nottingham on the 27th.

After the last meeting between the Diamonds and the Shadows ended in a 13-1 blowout victory for the Diamonds, they were looking to continue that good form.

The Diamonds started well and Sophie Campbell opened the scoring at 5.19 for her first of the game, assisted Lola Nock. 5 minutes later, Sophie Campbell doubled the Diamonds' lead with an unassisted tally at 10.25. The Diamonds continued to pressure the Shadows but were held to just the two goals in the opening period.

Into the second period and Ishbel Wright was called for slashing, giving Sheffield a powerplay but it was the Diamonds who capitalised; Sophie Campbell completing her natural hat-trick at 19.19 with a short-handed, unassisted goal. Next on the board was young Lydia Lutwyche, as she put the Diamonds 4 goals ahead at 24.26 assisted Kiana Tait and Holly Johnson.

The Diamonds continue the onslaught in the final period, Campbell bagged her fourth at 36.29 with another unassisted goal, before Martha Cornell scored to make it 0-6 at 37.22. Sheffield got themselves a consolation goal at 39.45 as Grace Garbett, their captain and top-scorer broke the shutout, assisted Ella Rooke.

The Diamonds finished strongly as Kiana #Tait finished an nice individual effort at 42.38 before Campbell had her say once again, finishing the scoring and getting herself a 5th goal, at 43.17.

Another decisive victory for the U16s who continue their excellent start to the season and remain unbeaten so far. They are back in action on the 28th at home vs Nottingham.

Final Score Sheffield 1-8 Kingston

The U16s had their first home game on Saturday 27th vs Nottingham. Ishbel Wright got things started at 2.26 with her first goal of the game, assisted Abi McCourt but Chamonix Jackson tied the score at 2.52. Ketz Robinson scored two in quick succession at 6.33 and 6.43, both unassisted, before Martha Brown grabbed her first at 9.11. Inez Brannon got in on the action, scoring once at 10.15 and then again at 13.16 and the first period ended 6-1.

Chamonix Jackson got one back for the visitors at 16.02 but then Martha Brown got her second of the game at 20.12 and Abi McCourt got on the scoreboard at 22.53, unassisted. Kiana Tait turned scorer at 25.18, assisted Brannon and Ishbel Wright got her second at 27.23. The onslaught continued and Martha Brown completed her hat-trick at 28.53 with a shorthanded tally, assisted Emma Taylor-Lonsdale.

The third period began with the Diamonds leading 11-2. Jazmin Little scored her first goal for the Diamonds at 33.03 and Martha Brown bagged her fourth of the game at 36.12. Kiana Tait and Martha Cornell finished up the scoring at 40.28 and 43.26, with a powerplay goal and a shorthanded goal. The Diamonds U16s remain unbeaten with another huge victory!

Final Score Kingston 15-2 Nottingham.

Upcoming Fixtures

04.02.18 – Prem vs Bracknell @ Home

11.02.18 – U16 vs Sheffield @ Home

17.02.18 – Elite vs Streatham @ Streatham

18.02.18 – Prem vs Widnes @ Home

18.02.18 – U16 vs Nottingham @ Nottingham

25.02.18 – Prem vs Widnes @ Widnes