

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

A busy month of away games for the Elites, starting in Solihull as they get some miles under their belt.

Solihull started the stronger of the two teams and Saffron Allen put them ahead at 6.06 before CJ Ashton tied the game for the Diamonds at 12.33. The teams shared few chances between them as the deadlock continued into the second period. Shannon Jones put the Diamonds ahead at 39.13 with a shorthanded effort. The Diamonds hung onto their lead for the majority of the third period and looked like they might scrape a win but Solihull tied the game through Paige Dance at 57.32 and then put the dagger in at 58.13 as Saffron Allen got her second. A gutting result after the Diamonds led for large parts of the game, but they move on quickly to the rest of their games this month.

Final Score Solihull 3-2 Kingston

Next on the cards was an away trip to Bracknell, to face an ever tough Queen Bees side. Bracknell started brightly going 1-0 up at 1.53, Nicola Bicknell on target. The Diamonds tied the game at 4.45 through Anja Kadijevic but that would be all the Diamonds had to cheer for the rest of the game. Abbie Sylvester put the QB's back in the lead at 6.15 and Rachel Cartwright made it 3-1 at 19.15. The pressure eased slightly for the second period, but the Queen Bees scored again at 29.10 through Sophie Herbert for 4-1 at the end of the second. Bracknell sealed the deal in the third with two more goals, Cartwright scoring her double at 53.31 and Kimberley Lane bagging one for herself at 56.28. A tough test of character for sure as the Diamonds look to get back on track after two disappointing results.

Final Score Bracknell 6-1 Kingston

Racking up the miles even more the Elites then headed down to Swindon to face the Topcats. The Diamonds started really strongly and CJ Ashton opened the scoring at 1.53 for the away side, before Swindon tied the game at 11.14 thanks to Anne-Sheralie Chilcott. The Diamonds were completely dominant for the remainder of the first and second periods but couldn't find a way to break the deadlock until the third period. Kirsten Deighton on the board at 43.48 gave the Diamonds the lead they deserved and it seemed to light the litmus paper! Shannon Jones made it 1-3 at 45.19 with a powerplay goal and Carla Clark added another at 55.54 to put the cherry on top. A well-deserved victory after a dominant display gives them a nice two points to build on leading into the final weekend of October.

Final Score Swindon 1-4 Kingston

The game against Guildford was a strange one that was pretty much played and finished in the first period! Guildford opened the scoring early with a strike from Louisa Durnell at 2.13, before the Diamonds tied it up a few minutes later. Holly Cornford, playing her first game for a month scored at 9.20 for 1-1. Guildford retook the lead that would eventually win them the game at 14.21 as Hannah Ingledew netted passed Bolwell for 2-1. Both teams exchanged chances for the remainder of the game but despite some powerplay opportunities in the third period the diamonds couldn't find a way to tie the game.

Not the end to the month the Diamonds would have liked, but they are back in action again on the 10th November with yet another long road-trip, this time to Streatham.

Final Score Guildford 2-1 Kingston

Diamonds U16s

The U16s get their season and title defense underway with a trip to Nottingham.

The Diamonds started strongly and Inez Brannan was the first on the board for the Diamonds at 5.57 with a powerplay goal before Ketz Robinson made it 2-0 at 7.28 with a solo effort. New Captain, Phoebe Mather tallied a shorthanded goal at 10.35. Nottingham pulled one back on the powerplay at 11.54 through Chamonix Jackson and then Martha Brown scored her first at 13.26 with another shorthanded goal. Just 17 seconds later Martha Brown got her second and the third shorthanded goal to make it 1-5. Nottingham made it 2-5 at 16.02 as Chamonix Jackson scored her second of the game but 18.34 saw a natural hat-trick completed by Brown for 1-6 before Alyx De Monet scored her first Diamonds goal on her debut for the club at 23.23! Inez Brannan got her double at 24.39 for 1-8 at the end of the second period. Brannan completed her hat-trick at 31.46 with a powerplay strike and Martha Brown got her fourth at 32.45, and then scored her fifth goal at 34.39 with another shorthanded effort. Martha Cornell got in on the action at 38.48 and then got herself a second at 43.18 shorthanded. Martha Brown capped a great win and stunning individual performance with her sixth goal of the game at 44.46. A decisive victory to start the season and a great two points to build on.

Final Score Nottingham 2 – 14 Kingston

Diamonds Premier

Two games for the Prem this month as they look for their first W.

First up was a home game vs Bracknell, still missing some players the Diamonds knew it'd be a tough game but were determined to get something from it. Not an ideal start for the Diamonds as Bracknell took the lead at 8.17 with a powerplay goal from Laffitte. Reagan Downing, playing her first game this season, tied things up at 11.12 as she fired a shot in through traffic from the blue line. Bracknell regained the lead before the end of the period with a breakaway goal from Remmington at 15.23.

Bracknell extended their lead in the second period as Margeuritte Laffitte got her second of the game at 27.55. The Diamonds penalty kill got a run out a couple of times before the Dannie Newlove got one back for the home side, a rebound goal at 35.39 for 2-3. 3 minutes later and Carla Clark tied the game up with a nice effort beating the Bracknell netminder high glove-side at 38.23.

A tense third period followed and both teams got into penalty trouble but neither side could find a way through until Carla Clark gave the Diamonds their first lead of the game at 55.10, with a goal 3-on-3. The Diamonds managed to kill off a 5 on 3 penalty and grind out the win, defending some good chances in the dying moments of the game.

A good game and vital points on the board.

Final Score Kingston 4-3 Bracknell

An away trip to Whitley was next on the cards for the Prens.

The Diamonds started really slowly, struggling to get any plays together and making some daft mistakes, eventually paying the price at 7.06 when Abbie Culshaw opened the scoring for the home side. This didn't really spur the Diamonds on at all and they continued at the same pace, and were punished once again at 12.41 when Culshaw doubled the lead for the Squaws as she was wide open at the back post. Kirsten Roan in goal for the Diamonds was working hard to keep the score down as the period came to a close.

The second period did see an improvement from the Diamonds as they started to get some passes on sticks and shots on net but they were still unable to capitalise on their chances.

The final period saw the best play from the away team and several times the puck came agonisingly close to crossing the goal-line, only to bobble past the post. Despite their best efforts the Diamonds couldn't break down the Whitley defence and Whitley topped the scoring at 53.14, Steph Towns on target this time. A poor first period ultimately cost the game but it was good to see the team improve through the game, and gives them plenty to work on.

Final Score Whitley 3-0 Kingston.



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