

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Premier

The Prens kick-start a busy month for the club with a home fixture vs Bracknell, they then face Widnes at home on the 18th, before finishing the month by travelling away to Widnes on the 25th.

Starting February with a home game vs Bracknell, the Prens were looking to gain valuable points. The game definitely did not start the way they'd hoped, a defensive breakdown saw Louise Beresford strike at 4.08. Thankfully the Diamonds were straight back in the game; a long shot from Reagan Downing found its way into the net at 4.25 for a tied game. It didn't last long as Samantha Phillips put the away side ahead at 7.01 before Beresford scored her second at 15.07. Not a good start. The Diamonds got one back through a powerplay goal from Carla Clark at 18.41 but Bracknell regained the two-goal cushion at 19.35 as Lucy Beal scored her first of the game. The back and forth continued as Reagan Downing scored again at 23.00 with a powerplay tally. The Diamonds thoroughly collapsed in the rest of what was a disastrous period, allowing Bracknell to score a further 3 goals without reply. Beresford got her hat-trick at 27.22 before Phillips get her second and third at 38.15 and 39.05. It's safe to say there were some fraught words to be said at the end of that period. The Diamonds did improve in the final period, starting with Beth Barwell going coast-to-coast to scrape one back for the home side at 40.51, followed by Carla Clark scoring her second of the game at 45.06. Bracknell weren't going to lose now though and Lucy Beal put the game well and truly to bed at 49.03. A hugely disappointing loss and one that could prove instrumental in the final playoff places. Every game from now is a must-win, starting with Widnes at home on the 18th.

Final Score Kingston 5-8 Bracknell

Back to the grind and it's Widnes in town for a Sunday afternoon matchup.

The Diamonds got the start they wanted, hemming Widnes in their zone. Kiana Tait made a nice skate down the wing and below the goal line where she threw the puck in front and Dannie Newlove jammed it home from close range for 1-0 at 4.41. The Diamonds kept the pressure up for long periods, but also had times when Widnes got too long in the offensive zone. They held their lead at the end of the first period. The second period was much the same as the first, the Diamonds dominating in the possession stakes but failing to convert that into shots and goals, the score remained 1-0 going into the final period.

Widnes drew the scores level at 45.54, with Ishbel Wright in the penalty box for slashing they took advantage of the powerplay, Amanda Williams scoring for the away side. The scores didn't stay tied for long as the Diamonds got to work. After a long period of Widnes pressure the 'Diamonds broke down the other end and after a scramble in front Beth Barwell managed to scoop the puck up and over Drinkwater for 2-1 at 47.09. Shortly after, the Diamonds doubled their lead. Sophie Campbell, who hadn't been able to buy a goal all game finally got one in the back of the net, Hannah Gibson rang the puck off the post and Campbell picked up to rebound for 3-1 at 48.44. This is how the score would stay, the Diamonds seeing out a hard fought and well deserved win. A vastly improved performance and one they will need to replicate in a weeks' time away at Widnes.

Thanks to Pete Cockerton for sponsoring the 'Spirit of the Game' awards in this game.

Final Score Kingston 3-1 Widnes

The last away game of the season drew a busy month to a close for the Prens and they needed two points.

The Diamonds started really strongly, hemming Widnes back into their own zone for long periods of time. The pressure finally paid off as Reagan Downing broke into the zone and put a shot on net, she followed in her own rebound and put it home to give the Diamonds the lead at 10.50. Less than three minutes later the Diamonds were on the PK but Sophie Campbell sped away from the pack on a breakaway and finished with ease to double the advantage at 13.08. The away side dominated for the remainder of the period but couldn't find another goal.

More good play to start the second period and again the hard work paid off, Sophie Campbell getting her second of the game at 27.50 for 0-3. The girls kept grinding away and it paid dividends a few minutes later as good work in the corner from Hannah Gibson sent the puck to Dannie Newlove's stick who swatted it into the net at 32.57. Some more penalty killing saw Jo Cockerton get herself a shorthanded breakaway but her shot just skipped wide of the post.

Into the third and final period and the Diamonds were on the board early, Sophie Campbell completed her hat-trick, her first for the Prens, at 42.25 to give the Diamonds a commanding 0-5 lead. Widnes got themselves a consolation goal at 43.06 as Katie Hills scored on a solo effort, breaking the shutout.

The Diamonds shut down the game from there and young netminder Chloe Rees got an opportunity to see some pucks in the final 5 minutes as she took over from Charlotte Cook, who had enjoyed a brilliant game! The Diamonds executed the game plan to perfection and ran down the clock on a decisive victory.

Probably one of the best games this team has played in the Premier league, solid from the netminder forwards and consistent throughout three periods. Sophie Campbell picked up a well-deserved 'Spirit of the Game'. The Prens know it isn't over yet though and the final two games of the season are both crucial.

Final Score Widnes 1-5 Kingston

Diamonds Elite

Just one game for the Elites this month, a long trek down to Streatham on the 17th; points are a must after being stung by the Storm earlier in the season.

A short-benched Elite team took the long journey down to Streatham looking for much needed points, and to rectify their loss to this team earlier in the season. The game definitely didn't start in the Diamonds favour as the home side scored just 2.52 into the first period, Whiteley capitalising for the Storm. It wasn't until the second period that the Diamonds got back into the game, Sophie Campbell tying the score at 25.14, assisted Beth Barwell and Kirsten Deighton. Then it was the Diamonds' turn to lead for a while, Kirsten Deighton this time with the goal, assisted Campbell at 29.12. The lead didn't last long, however, as the Storm got their second at 32.49. With Reagan Downing sitting for body-checking, Streatham made the most of their powerplay and it was Rosseau on the money for 2-2. The busy second period continued and the Diamonds were the next to break through, Beth Scoon with a goal at 37.51 assisted Carla Clark.

The third period was a little tense for the Diamonds, as they took multiple penalties, giving Streatham plenty of opportunity to get back in the game. Streatham pulled their keeper in the final minutes in an attempt to find the tying goal. Scoon's goal in the second period would, thankfully, become the game-winning goal as the Diamonds ground out the final minutes to take the points home.

A much needed two points and maximum effort put in, smiles all round as the girls travel back from London with the W.

Final Score Streatham 2-3 Kingston



Upcoming Fixtures

17.03.18 – Elites vs Bracknell @ Bracknell
18.03.18 – Premier vs Nottingham @ Home

Diamonds U16

The U16s look to continue their hot-streak by facing Sheffield at home on the 11th and then playing their final away fixture in Nottingham on the 18th.

All good things come to an end. The U16s winning streak came to an end vs Sheffield. Grace Garbett opened the scoring for the visitors at 4.59 with an unassisted tally, before scoring her second of the game on the powerplay at 10.10. This one-two punch seemed to wake the Diamonds up and Martha Brown soon got one back for the home team at 10.46. a goal for Ketz Robinson tied the game at 13.59 assisted Ishbel Wright for 2-2 at the end of the first period. Garbett got herself her hat-trick at 18.45 before scoring her fourth in quick succession, for 2-4 at 19.00. The Diamonds got a goal back through Kiana Tait at 24.25 but couldn't find a way to tie the game and ultimately dropped their first points of the season.

Disappointing for the U16s but they go again on the 18th with a trip to Nottingham.

Final Score Kingston 3-4 Sheffield

A week on and the U16s travel to Nottingham, looking to get back to winning ways and they did that emphatically. Sophie Campbell opened the scoring just 33 seconds into the game, and the flood gates opened and never closed! Dannie Newlove (0.54), Martha Cornell (2.25) and Meeyah Forbes (2.32) put the Diamonds up 0-4, before Ketz Robinson (4.16), Kiana Tait (6.16) and Martha Brown (7.01) scored one each. Dannie Newlove got her second at 7.29 before Kiana Tait got herself another on the powerplay at 8.45, then Newlove completed her hat-trick at 9.16 on the delayed penalty. The Diamonds led 0-10 at the end of the first period.

The second period wasn't any more pleasant for Nottingham as the Diamonds were not giving up anything. Another three quick goals from Martha Brown (15.10), Sophie Campbell (18.01) and Inez Brannon (18.35) extended the lead even further. Nottingham did manage to get one goal back through Chamonix Jackson at 19.10 but it was little consolation. Two more powerplay goals were on the cards for the Diamonds, firstly Kiana Tait at 20.54 then Sophie Campbell at 23.22, giving both girls a hat-trick each. The next minute added insult to injury as Ketz Robinson scored her second at 24.21, and Kiana Tait grabbed her fourth shortly after, at 24.33, with Martha Brown getting another at 24.52. A couple more goals before the end of the period, from Martha Brown (27.26) and Inez Brannon (29.32) gave the Diamonds a 1-20 lead after two.

The third and final period and the Diamonds slowed down ever so slightly, but Ishbel Wright got herself on the scoresheet at 31.58. Sophie Campbell added another at 34.42 and Inez Brannon completed her hat-trick 35.22 and 38.11 saw Dannie Newlove score her fourth. Sophie Campbell and Martha Brown both got their fifth goals at 39.22 and 40.38. Inez Brannon finished up the scoring in a relentless game from the Diamonds at 43.48.

A huge win for the U16s and it puts them back on track for the league title with just two games left to play.

Final Score Nottingham 1-27 Kingston



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