

Kingston Diamonds Newsletter

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Diamonds Elite

The Elites look to start climbing the standings with two games in March and some good momentum from recent wins.

Swindon were the first to make this trip to Hull. The Diamonds dominated the possession and shot count from the outset against the TopCats, but they could not find a way past Gemma Davies in net.

The home team were finally rewarded for their work in the second period as CJ Ashton sent a shot bobbling on net and it fluttered in for 1-0 at 25.07. assisted Beth Barwell. Swindon pushed back with a shorthanded tally as the puck was given away to Katie Edgington who broke away and scored for 1-1 at 33.20.

The third period really saw the Diamonds flourish and the flood gates open as CJ Ashton scored her second of the game at 44.04. A few minutes later Beth Scoon finished a play in close for 3-1 at 51.46. Sophie Campbell then got on the board at 52.50 before Shannon Jones finished the scoring on the powerplay with a deft deflection in front of goal at 58.10.

A slow start in terms of scoring for the Diamonds but they couldn't be kept at bay as they pick up their 4th win in a row.

Final Score Kingston 5-1 Swindon

Solihull were next to visit Hull and the Diamonds were keen to keep their good record of recent. They did however have the worst possible start as Solihull scored just 7 seconds into the game through Hannah Maurice. Shannon Jones tied the game at 8.08 on a nice play down low from CJ Ashton and Kirsten Deighton, but Solihull took the lead again at 13.18 with a powerplay goal from Jodie Bloom.

Maggie Benson scored her first goal as a Diamond earl in the second, and it was a beauty as she sailed past the defender and fired home to tie the game. This goal really fired up the home side as Shannon Jones made it 3-2 at 36.12 with a powerplay goal and just 25 seconds later Anja Kadijevic scored a lovely goal, bar-down, for 4-2. Anja scored her second of the game at 50.13 as she cleared up a rebound in front of goal and Holly Cornford got in on the action as her blast from the point found the twine at 59.47. A truly dominant performance from the Diamonds against a team who have had the upper hand in recent years, and a real statement of intent coming into the final stretch of the season.

Final Score Kingston 6-2 Solihull

Diamonds Premier

A couple of game for the Prens this month as we get into the nitty gritty end of the season.

First up was a long trip to Bracknell, and with only 10 skaters it was a tough ask.

Bracknell opened the scoring early with a strike from Emily Harris at 3.06 and then doubled their lead thanks to Madalaine Remmington at 7.07. The Diamonds had a few of their own chances before the end of the period but couldn't convert. Emily Harris scored her second early in the second period to make it 3-0 before Claire Fay got on the board at 26.00 for 4-0 as the puck took a wicked bounce into the net. Martha Brown got the Diamonds into the game at 26.28 as her shot from the point found the back of the net, in part due to a great screen from Ishbel Wright. Unfortunately this would not prove to be enough to spark the Diamonds and Bracknell made it 5-1 at 33.41 with Emily Harris gaining a hat-trick and Sam Phillips closing the scoring at 38.01 for 6-1. There would be no further goals in the third period as the Diamonds got stuck in and defended well.

Overall a tough game as expected but the girls skated their backsides off and that was all that could be asked of them.

Final Score Bracknell 6-1 Kingston

The Prens had a chance against Sheffield to move back into the top 4 and put pressure on the other teams in the playoff race.

It was not a good start as Sheffield took the lead through Hazel Wilson at 5.11 and then Rachel Butler made it 2-0 at 12.15. They then made it seem even more of an impossible comeback as Hazel Wilson scored her second at 19.09 with a powerplay tally for 3-0 after the first period. The Diamonds came out racing in the second period and Martha Cornell got them on the board at 21.03 with a powerplay goal. Martha Brown then finished off a nice play down low at 27.37 assisted Sarah Rowlands for 3-2. Moments later Sheffield added another cushion as Rachel Butler made it 4-2 at 27.55. Beth Barwell then completed a manic minute as she scored a lovely solo effort at 28.12 to make it a one goal game again.

The third period started much like the second as the Diamonds scored early, this time it was Reagan Downing with a nice finish at 42.18 to tie the game and then Martha Cornell was on target for a second time 48.59 to give the Diamonds their first lead of the game. Sheffield pushed back but the Diamonds defense stood strong and Jo Cockerton put the dagger in at 56.29 with a nice deflection the powerplay for 4-6 and a huge two points.

Final Score Sheffield 4-6 Kingston



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